



ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): NiNi/chiK

DATE (of meeting): 10/3/17

MEMBERS PRESENT: John McCombs Steve Vanek
Dave Blossom, Jess Lucas / Ron Vanek
Greg Ercelewski, Doug Blossom, Dave
Presley, Mike Schuster, Gary Deiman
ARON Berger

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
David Martin, Jeff Berger

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Jeff Salinger - F46
Kenneth Actin Trooper, Mark Eldridge - Trooper

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 PM

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary

Central Peninsula



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
1	Modify the definition of bag limit		
opposed	0	11	If you shoot it and lose it, it counts. you are done.
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		
opposed	0	11	We don't want it to be 8 years old. Keep it as is.
3	Modify the definition of regulatory year		
split	6	5	Pretty much split, some liked it and some didn't.
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
opposed	1	10	Though most of us agreed, we felt it could not be enforced.
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
support as amended	11	0	get rid of the spike-fork definition. Amended to put the word "or" between spike-fork. Passed 11-0
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
opposed	2	9	2 yeses felt that fur bearers accidentally caught should belong to the trapper
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
Support as amended	11	0	Amended to remove wolverine from the proposal. Still allow it for wolves. Passed 11-0
9	Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes		
Support	11	0	There are a lot of coyotes so allow it.
10	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game		
opposed	0	11	The proposal is too complicated as written
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game		
support	11	0	clarification is needed
16	Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons		
oppose	0	11	The reasons listed did not convince us
support	11	0	This is not archery. It is riflery.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	
24	Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting		
Support	9	1	1 abstained. we don't think a tree stand needs to be removed.
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
oppose	0	11	This would be too much paperwork for the Dept. to process for what the info would give, also bag limits vary.
27	Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits		
Support	11	0	a person should be able to apply for as many hunts as they want.
31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
Support	9	2	See # 27. If people can apply for a lot of hunts, they shouldn't have more than one hunt per species
33	Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation		
Support as amended	11	0	as amended - all drawing hunts should be 10%.
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	8	2	1 abstained. The cost to go hunt is high so that a proxy should be allowed
44	Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions		
oppose	0	11	moose are already shared by most people. This could cause less success for other hunters.
45	Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts		
Support as amended	9	2	It was amended to say that antlers should be sealed in the area they are killed so that antlers wouldn't be transported to another area - passed 10-1
49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		
Support	11	0	This would provide a record so that bears from other areas could not be sold.
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support as amended	10	0	one person left the meeting we feel that "both" conditions should be met before non-residents are allowed. Insert the word "both" after "until" and change "or" to and. passed
Support 6/7	7	3	Change to 18 yrs old is agreed to
Split 100	4	5	Those opposed said it is a privilege to hunt in unit 13 so it is ok to make a person hunt moose there also

Adjournment:

9:30 PM

Minutes Recorded By:

Steve Vanderk



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:

- a. Fish and Game Staff: Holly Carroll (CommFish), David Runfola (Sub. Division), Patrick Jones (Wildlife), Deena Jellan (CommFish), Jen Peeks (Boards)
- b. Other Agency Representatives: Ken Stahlnecker (USFWS), Sarah Mutter (AVCP), Eva Patton (USFWS)
- c. 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

- o **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.
- o **Yukon River Agenda Change Requests (ACRs)**
 - o ACR 13 – ACR 18: **Tabled until after BOF work session.**
- o **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**
 - o **PROPOSAL 4** – 5 AAC 92.990(a)(26) Change the definition of "edible meat" for large game birds.
 - o **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



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
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Support	4	0	<p>John- The purpose is to use the majority of the meat.</p> <p>Ray- we use pretty much the whole bird for eating and arts/ crafts. [This proposal] resulted from the waste of game birds.</p> <p>John- hopefully we'll see fewer birds go to waste and help educate people more on wasting of birds.</p> <p>Ray- would like to see education in the schools and communities. One way to educate the schools is to teach about wanton waste with all wild fish and game. Would like to see the ADF&G education specialist in the Lower Yukon for teaching on this.</p>
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Oppose	0	4	Stanley- would oppose because it would open the door to poaching
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
Support as amended	4	0	<p>John- may give a disadvantage to those who are trapping by foot. Would oppose as is.</p> <p>Stanley- would oppose the motion as is.</p> <p>Ray- would allow for wolf but not wolverine. Wolves need to be under control for moose and caribou populations. Not as familiar with wolverine.</p> <p>John- concerned about the wolf population.</p> <p>Amend: Include wolf but not wolverine.</p>
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game		
No Action- See comments			<p>Ray- don't have a problem with it, however people can hunt it is okay.</p> <p>David- hard to know how everyone is using the technology.</p> <p>John- would like to keep VHF for safety or for help with processing. Patrick Jones (ADFG) clarified that phones can be used for safety.</p> <p>Stan- uses a cell phone for navigation purposes, he would be concerned if that was prohibited.</p> <p>Ray- education of this would be important if it were to be enforced.</p> <p>John- as subsistence users, maybe decide by each Unit what the restrictions should be.</p> <p>David- Sometimes uses the cell phone for safety</p> <p>Ray- cell phones would help if people needed to get meat within their Unit.</p> <p>John- each unit should determine their own needs based on needs and species population.</p> <p>AC discussed that they want to be able to use cell phones for safety reasons, help with processing and navigational purposes. Some discussion that use of cell phone in hunting should depend on each Unit's needs and species. Some members felt that they were okay with using phones for hunting.</p>
24	Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting		
Oppose	0	4	<p>Stan- neutral due to no bears in his area.</p> <p>Ray- thought the sites should be cleaned up after a season of bear hunting. That would include the bear bait. Should vote on it for purposes of keeping the area clean.</p> <p>John- want to keep land pristine and not leave items out on the land.</p>



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25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	4	David- concerned about problem bears. John- will oppose Stan- will oppose.
31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
Support	3	0	John- what if I want to do a musk ox hunt? would like to have a better chance to get drawn. Ray- haven't filled out any permit hunt yet for these other animals. Stan- it looks good on the staff comments. For Nunam Iqua, it would be rare to apply for a draw hunt. He thinks they are doing alright on how it is working. Ray- May have to think about the Bison and what may happen with that herd in the future. 1 Abstain
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Support as Amended	4	0	John- if we supported this would it make it similar to the feds? Patrick Jones (ADFG)- yes. It is also hard to get stamps. Make it easier for rural residents. Exempt AK residents from April 1-Nov. 1 Stan-if it makes it easier for rural residents, I am all for this proposal Amend: Exempt AK residents from season April 1-Nov. 1
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	4	0	David- the first catch is usually shared. Hunting for the Elders has been a practice prior to the proxy system. John- this would allow people to provide for people who are unable to hunt. It is a practice that many people already do. Ray- the person that will be hunting will need a valid hunting license. Would be in favor of this proposal. David- they only harvest emperors in the spring time. In the fall time they have a stench and don't taste good.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	4	0	John- some of the bird parts are used for items such as tools, dance fans, traditional use other than food. Ray-Won't have any effect on Unit 18. Our culture and tradition go back thousands of years. Have been practicing the use of this species forever. There are positive findings for the use of these birds traditionally. Would support this. Stan- don't see anything negative with it. It is positive traditional and customary use for our area.
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches.		
Support	4	0	John- it's good to include the potlatches on there, it will clear up things and make it easier for people. David- discussed the ceremony festival for his late father Louis Bunyan. We were given the okay but then finding a hunter was difficult in the spring. I think this is a good thing. Patrick Jones (ADFG)- explained the requirements for taking game under the current regulation.



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
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.



FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (List Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
<u>WP18-21</u>	Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.		
Support	4	0	
<u>WP18-27</u>	Establish customary and traditional use determination for musk ox in Unit 18 for residents of Nunivak Island.		
Oppose	0	4	Ray- would oppose or take no action due to the potential effects it could have on the guiding service. John- would oppose in order to support the guiding families that live in Nunivak.
<u>WP18-28</u>	Addition of winter may-be-announced season for moose in Unit 18, Goodnews Bay.		
Support	4	0	Pat Jones (ADFG)- moose population is around 500. Population can support this.
<u>WP18-29</u>	Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder		
Support	4	0	Stan- spoke with local residents and Nunam Iqua planning board opposes to extend the hunt. Stocks are healthy but individuals in the community would like to oppose it. They would like to see more investment in the schools to have their youth build a camp to harvest the moose. This may bring a larger influx of outsiders coming to Unit 18. <i>There was discussion on Unit 18 Remainder boundaries and moose population.</i> Stan- Now understanding how large the Unit 18 remainder is, I may be more willing to vote for this proposal. John- Yukon people help each other out through the use of customary and ceremonial use.
<u>WP18-30</u>	Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.		
Support as amended	4	0	Ray- The RAC discussed this proposal, people were saying that there was a decrease in the willow ptarmigan and people were seeing worms in the bird's stomachs. Stan- over the last years, noticed decline in ptarmigan numbers. They were so scarce. John- would like to see a decrease in the bag limit. Ray- would like to vote in favor Amend: Leave the season the same and shorten the bag limit.
<u>WP18-31</u>	Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.		
Oppose	0	4	Ray- Accepting the proposal would bring it out of alignment with the state. Stan- is predation high or are the hunters harvesting a lot? Patrick Jones (ADF&G) - harvest is not very high, couple hundred animals per year. This year survival rate was low due to bears, golden eagles and wolves. Not sure if it is a long term pattern or not. Stan- author of proposal may not know how many newborns are lost to predators compared to hunters. Leaning towards opposing. Not sure that the hunters are making a large impact on the herd. May need to be looked at again. John- oppose, may get more confusing with the hunting regulations. Ray- leaning toward opposing. Shortening by 15 days may not have any effects. Would think people would want to focus on keeping the closing dates the same.



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: _____



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Support	4	0
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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: [Signature]

Minutes Approved By: [Signature]

Date: 10/27/2017



**Craig Advisory Committee
October 19, 2017
Craig Youth Center**

- I. Call to Order: 7:05 pm by Ellen Hannan, President
- II. Roll Call: Steve Merritt, Fred Hamilton, Ellen Hannan, Kirk Agnitsch, Charles Haydu, Steve Stumpf
Members Present: 6
Members Absent: Bill Farmer, Mike Douville, Brian Castle
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: Trolling, Shrimp, Hunting, Sportfishing, Lodges and Charters
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Yes
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Reeves (ADF&G) Luke Decker (USFS)
- VI. Guests Present: None
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: 2018-2019 Game proposals due for ES Alaska by May 1, 2018. RAC meeting in Juneau the end of October.



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Prop.	Position	# Support	# Oppose	AC Comments, Discussion, Amendments, Voting Notes
4	oppose	2	4	Salvaging meat beyond the breast of a goose, Swan or Crane. Legs, thighs, heart, and gizzard
6	support	6	0	Allow 2 incidental furbearer catches during trapping season. We feel this would protect the trapper from being in violation should this instance occur.
10	Oppose as amended	1	5	(10A only) We feel it is ok to take deer same day airborne in hunting
17	support	6	0	An airbow is not a mechanical bow but an air powered weapon capable of higher arrow speeds than a traditional or compund bow. We do not feel it fits the criteria for bowhunting
25	support	6	0	We are in favor of a harvest tag for brown bear.
28	support	6	0	We are in favor of giving Alaska residents preference for draw permits.
31	support	6	0	Establish a preference point system for draw hunts.



Denali Advisory Committee
October 12, 2017
Cantwell School

- I. The meeting was Called to Order at 7:03 pm by Don Holum, Chair
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Lance Williams, Harold Mowery, Don Holum, Ray Atkins, Gordon Carlson, Bruce Gore, Justin Mason, Marie Gore
Members Absent Excused: Caleb Holum, Jeff Burney
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:6
List of User Groups Present: 1 – 4, 6 – 10, 12
- III. Approval of Agenda: unanimous
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: approved by committee
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Scott Sands, AST
- VI. Guests Present: None
- VII. Public Testimony: None
- VIII. Old Business: None
- IX. New Business: When the time comes for new proposals for unit 13, Ray Atkins would like to revisit the non-resident caribou tags allotment. He was advised by Don Holum that this will not be for another couple of years. Discussed statewide proposal 64, 60, 45, 39, and 13. There was a discussion for meeting dates for AC meeting for the Central Southwest Region proposals in early December and late January. Don Holum felt that this will take a few meetings due to the number of proposals for Unit 13 up for discussion.

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13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game		
Support	8	0	Moved to adopt proposal 13 by Gordon Carlson seconded By Lance Williams. The committee felt that this would add more clarification, helps promote fair chase and strong hunting ethics, and continued support for our Alaska Wildlife Troopers for ethical harvesting and fair chase enforcement.
39	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents		
Tabled			At this time, members felt that the regulation is too complicated for implementation. Members are in support of encouraging older rams being harvested and population growth of sheep, and with clarification of proposal, members could possibly support in the future. Members were unclear of the enforcement of this proposal and were unwilling to vote for or against, due to



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			unclear description.
45	Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts		
Oppose	0	8	Moved to adopt proposal 45 by Lance Williams seconded Don Holum. Main concern of committee members was the physical location of these animals to be checked in and sealed. Members felt that the increase workload and cost would burden the state government. There was discussion that check stations would help this issue if they were placed on either side of the Denali Highway, however, some members felt that legally at this time, check stations are not an option.
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	5	Moved to adopt proposal 60 by Don Holum seconded by Marie Gore. There was much discussion by the committee on this proposal. Marie Gore felt that educating and orienting new hunters is important to ensure safe and ethical hunting. Gordon Carlson was concerned due to access issues for residents in rural villages in the state. Lance Williams pointed out that the current requirement will achieve this proposal's purpose as times goes on, meaning eventually everyone will need to take hunters education. Justin Mason felt that this will affect a small number of individuals and supports proposal.
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		
Oppose	0	8	Moved to adopt proposal 64 by Lance Williams seconded by Gordon Carlson. Committee as a whole felt that there was very little risk of disease transmission. If there are documented cases of disease being transmitted between sheep or goats to dall sheep, then the committee said we could visit the proposal. Some of the concerns were that this could cause an unnecessary increase in costs to citizens.

Ray Atkins motioned and seconded By Harold Mowery to send Don Holum to statewide Regulations meeting in Anchorage and Central/Southwest Region meeting in Dillingham.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Justin Mason
Minutes Approved By: Lance Williams, Gordon Carlson, Don Holum
Date: 10/12/2017



**Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
10/11/2017
Pioneer Park, Fairbanks, AK**

- I. Call to Order: 1833 by Chair Umphenour
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Kirk Schwalm, Mike Tinker, Virgil Umphenour (Chair), Mike Kramer, Bill Larry, Warren Giuchici, Lyle Shelnut, Al Barrette, Chuck Derrick, Valerie Baxter (Vice-Chair), Jeff Lucas, Vince Holton
Members Absent: Lee Hazen, Larry Morris, Andrew Glasgow
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Quorum Achieved
List of User Groups Present: Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK)
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved with no amendments
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from April meeting not available but will have for November meeting.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Division of Wildlife Conservation: GMU 20 Area Biologist Tony Hollis, GMU 20 Assistant Area Biologist, Mark Nelson. Division of Sport Fish: Tim Viavant, James Savereide
- VI. Guests Present: Board of Fish member Reed Morisky, Board of Game member Tom Lamal (only present briefly).
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. Elections for open AC seats
 - i. Nominations for the vacant seats were: John Wisniewski, Mark Richards, Mike Quinn, Mike Tinker, and Kirk Schwalm. As there were only the number of nominees as there were seats available, no vote was taken and all nominees were designated new AC members and were seated for the remainder of the meeting.
 - ii. Kirk Schwalm volunteered to be the AC Secretary.
 - b. ADF&G Staff Reports
 - i. Tony Hollis – Area Biologist
 1. There is a new assistant AB for GMU 20, Mark Nelson, who has previously worked in marine mammals section of ADF&G.



2. Drawing permit hunts report
 - a. 20A antlerless hunts have harvested 55 cows with 70% reporting so far.
 - b. 20A any bull permits have harvested 243 bulls with 75% reporting (1000 permits were awarded).
 - c. 20A Delta caribou permits have harvested 67 bulls
 3. 20A Dall Sheep survey – sheep numbers remain good, lots of legal rams were observed, and there are good lamb numbers this year.
 4. The Minto registration moose hunt was closed in a part of the hunt area – the area closed is the most easily accessed and the closure was implemented to try and spread the harvest out more.
- ii. Tim Viavant – Sport Fish
1. Yukon River king salmon had a decent year – 263,000 fish passed the lower sonar and 73,000 passed Eagle, AK.
 2. Escapement goals were likely met for kings in the Chena and Salcha rivers
 3. No final numbers yet for kings salmon in the Copper River, around 31-34,000 passed the Miles Lake sonar, probably met escapement goal of 24,000.
 4. For sockeye, estimated 723,000 went past Miles Lake and the commercial harvest was 500,000+.
- c. New Fairbanks AC meeting locations discussed, the AC settled on having meetings at one of the smaller rooms at Pike’s Waterfront Lodge.
 - d. A fish subcommittee meeting was scheduled for October 24th, 5:30pm, in the Ptarmigan Conference Room at the College Road ADF&G office.
 - e. Next up we started in on review, discussion and votes on the proposals that the Game Subcommittee decided should be considered by the whole AC. Those proposals were: 5, 12, 13, 16, 17, 24, 26, 28, 31, 32, 42, 48, 49, 52, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 64, 65, 66, 67, & 164
 - f. All the rest of the proposals were discussed and had unanimous agreement at the Game Subcommittee meeting that was held on October 5th at the ADF&G Indoor Shooting Range. The whole AC approved the actions of the Game Subcommittee on all of the proposals not listed above.



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1	Modify the definition of bag limit		
Oppose	0	15	Do not agree with agree with this method for changing the definition – if you want to redefine “take,” than do so via legislation.
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	0	15	We would support this proposal with the following: 1.a. Keep the change of minimum age to 8 years of age but this would ONLY apply to those special designated “youth,” hunts (not to any general hunts), and in 2.b., we do not want the hunter education requirement to be removed.
3	Modify the definition of regulatory year		
Oppose	0	15	Leave the regulatory year the same.
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Oppose	0	15	We do not think the parts mentioned in the proposal should be required to be salvaged.
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
Support as Amended	2	13	We do not support the addition of the new language to the definition of brow tine but we do support the addition of the language listed in (B) and (D) that clarifies spike-fork.
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Oppose	0	15	We prefer that seasons be aligned more, and the tracking of the allowable incidental takes would be problematic.
7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide		
Support	15	0	We think this should be an allowable method for the taking of beaver.
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
Oppose	0	15	Can't support this proposal as it not allowed in AK Statute.
9	Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes		
Support	15	0	We support an increase in the harvest of coyotes statewide and this should be an allowable method.
10	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game		
Oppose	0	15	We support Proposal 12 related to this issue.
11	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
Oppose	3	11	1 abstain vote. The three members in support of this proposal do not want the full repeal of the old Proposal 207. This clarification language seems to address a few of the issues that many have complained about in the existing language. The majority of members oppose this proposal because they prefer full repeal of 5 AAC 92.085(8).
12	Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
Support	12	3	3 members do not support repeal of this regulation because they feel it is necessary and has not caused any undue burdens on hunters. The majority of members support repeal



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			because they do not think this regulation is necessary and do not think the Board should generate its own proposals.
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game		
Oppose	0	15	We don’t think that an attempt should be made to try and keep regulations up to speed with technology; the changes in technology are too fast and we don’t agree with trying to change regulations as many times as technology advances.
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
Oppose	0	15	When predator control has been implemented for an area, this method and means should be allowable.
15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs		
Oppose	0	15	We believe this should be allowable and the current regulations should remain.
16	Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons		
Support as Amended	11	4	We passed two amendments to this proposal, the first was: Delete the language that these air guns are allowable during muzzleloader seasons. These are not muzzleloaders and should not be allowed in those seasons. Second: Remove the minimum caliber and foot lbs requirements. The amended proposal was support by the majority because they feel these guns should be allowed. The members who oppose the proposal did so because they felt there was not enough data on the efficacy of these guns in Alaska and on big game species here.
17	Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game		
Support	13	2	The majority of the members do not think that these air bows should be considered archery equipment. The members who supported the proposal feel that these air bows are not much different than crossbows, which are legal, and should be allowed in any general, non-weapon specific hunt.
18	Remove the West Nile Virus testing requirement for raptors		
Support	15	0	We support this as long as the risk for West Nile is low.
19	Change the nonresident season for taking passage raptors		
Support	15	0	We agree with the rationale in the proposal.
20	Limit nonresident falconers to take raptors every four or five years		
Support	15	0	We support the reasoning of the Alaska Falconers Association.
21	Require raptors taken under nonresident capture permits be implanted with microchips		
Support	15	0	These birds are very valuable and the use of the microchips seems a reasonable way to try and prevent illegal actions and sales and will provide the ability to track the bird through its lifetime.
22	Allow the take of up to five eyas goshawks by nonresidents		
Oppose	0	15	We do not support this proposal, the administration of the proposed system would be a burden on the department.
23	Update the falconry manual		
Support	15	0	We support the updating of the manual.



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24	Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting		
Support as Amended	15	0	We support adding tree stands and game cameras to the list of "equipment," used for bear baiting. We do not think that DNR should try and burden hunters with additional requirements such as permits to conduct bear baiting.
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	15	We feel that the sealing process is enough for the gathering of data related to brown bears. We also feel that the harvest tickets that have been implemented for black bears have produced very unreliable hunter effort estimates. Every caribou and moose hunter gets a black bear harvest ticket on the off chance they may see one or may need to kill one in an adverse situation. Then they report their days hunted the same as the days hunted for their main target – moose or caribou. The hunting of bears is incidental to the hunting of other species.
26	Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit		
No Action			We discussed this proposal in detail and could come to no real resolution though there were concerns expressed that the way the proposal is written a person may be able to take more than one animal of a species under certain circumstances. For a resident hunter who buys the governor's tag AND draws a Tok drawing permit for Dall sheep, would they be able to take two sheep in the same year? Or two bison? This would not be acceptable to many on the committee.
27	Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits		
Support	15	0	YES YES YES! There is a great deal of support for this proposal.
28	Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy		
Oppose	5	8	2 abstain votes. There was a lot of discussion and division on this proposal to amend the case by case policy. Those in support of the proposal agree with the author of the proposal that using historical data when determining the number of permits in a new draw area may lead to residents having a minority share of the # of permits in an area. The majority of 8 members opposed changing the policy because they think that a case by case approach is appropriate and that using historical harvest data to inform allocations decisions makes sense. In areas where there is very little resident harvest and where there is an interested guide or transporter, it is fine to allocate more permits to the user group who will actually use the permits.
29	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident relatives within the second degree of kindred		
No Action			This restriction has already been repealed.
30	Allow nonresident hunters to harvest brown bear, sheep or goat on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative's permit		
Oppose	0	15	This creates a complicated and difficult to track system and would be hard to enforce.



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31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
Oppose	0	15	We do not feel that we need a preference point system.
32	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
Oppose	0	15	We do not want a bonus point system here.
33	Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation		
Oppose	0	15	We have not supported any allocations of permits by percentages, as many times as they have been submitted as proposals.
34	In drawing hunts with a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents, all nonresident permits will be issued from the nonresident allocation		
Support	15	0	We support this proposal.
35	Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents		
Oppose	0	15	We do not support this proposal because we feel it would be difficult to administer and is not necessary.
36	Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap		
Oppose	0	15	We do not agree with putting all non-resident sheep hunting into a drawing permit system.
37	Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit		
Oppose	0	15	We do not believe that this is an acceptable method for managing non-resident sheep hunting.
38	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents		
Oppose	0	15	This proposal would create a complicated, unnecessary system for resident sheep hunters and would be burdensome to ADF&G in trying to track every individual sheep hunter, their harvest, and what they would be allowed to hunt every year.
39	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents		
Oppose	0	15	Same comments as for Proposal 38.
40	Allow nonresidents that have successfully harvested a Dall sheep in the last three years to apply for Dall sheep permits annually		
Oppose	0	15	We do not agree with this approach to Dall sheep drawing permits. Many permits have low percentages of success for the draw, such as bison and some brown bear hunts, this does not solve this issue.
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Oppose	0	15	We do not agree with the rationale of this proposal, the state definition of subsistence differs from the federal one and exempting federally defined subsistence users from a state requirement would be an unwelcome precedent.
	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts		



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42			
Oppose	5	8	2 abstention votes. The members in support agree with the authors of the proposal that certain drawing hunts in SE Alaska and moose hunts in the Interior have created de facto must be guided hunts. The majority of the AC members believe that this is not true, that those hunts were created to address very specific issues in those areas, namely black bear conservation in SE Alaska and non-use of drawing permits for moose in two other specific areas in the Interior. The majority agree that these specific types of solutions should be explored and implemented where appropriate, regardless if the beneficiaries are more residents or non-residents.
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	15	0	We support this proposal as long as it does not lead to overharvest or create conservation concerns. We also support ADF&G's comments in that the heads of proxy birds be removed to destroy the trophy value of the birds.
44	Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions		
Support	15	0	We support this proposal because we do not see why antler restrictions should prevent proxy hunting. Many areas of the state now have antler restrictions, even in higher density moose populations (GMU 20A) and we feel this restriction is unnecessary.
45	Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts		
Oppose	0	15	If passed this proposal would create a huge burden on ADF&G as there are thousands of moose hunters participating in these hunts, in GMU 20A alone, there are hundreds of successful moose hunters in the antler restricted portion of the hunt. We also do agree with requiring hunters to get their antlers sealed, it is unnecessarily burdensome.
46	Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters		
Oppose	0	15	We think the current system works fine and is more enforceable than this proposal.
47	Modify the transfer of possession regulations		
Oppose	0	15	We have the same comments for this proposal as we did with 46. The current system creates a clear chain of custody of meat; hunters need to be prepared for this in the field if they know they will not always be in direct possession of their meat (ex, when using a transporter).
48	Modify the transfer of possession regulations to include reporting requirements		
Oppose	3	12	We are aware of the amendment to this proposal that changes the language to make the hunter be responsible for tracking the meat and for turning in a report after the season. The majority of the AC members think this is too much of a burden on hunters and that requiring this of non-resident guided hunters would be very difficult to enforce. If the intent is to track meat that is given away by non-resident guided hunters, a better solution would be to approach the Big Game Commercial Services Board with a proposal to add meat given in lbs and where it was delivered to the Hunt Records.



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49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		
Oppose	0	15	We don't support burdening hunters with more unnecessary permits. We suggest that ADF&G use the sealing process to address this issue.
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			The Board cannot adopt a regulation in consistent with Alaska statutes.
51	Change the implementation date for removing additional guide use areas under intensive management		
No Action			Authority to do this already exists.
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
Oppose	5	8	2 abstention votes. The supporting AC members agree with the author of the proposal that game populations with current and active predator control programs should not allow non-resident harvest on a resident preference philosophy. The majority of the AC members do not agree with this and see no biological reasons for not allowing some non-resident harvest. It is also important to note that in some cases reaching the harvest and/or population objectives can be problematic. Though not a currently active predator control area, GMU 20A has never met the harvest objectives in the IM finding. There may be cases where meeting harvest objectives by resident only effort will never be attainable.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	15	0	We support this re-evaluation for migratory game birds.
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
No Action			
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
Support	15	0	This is a proposal from our AC and its purpose is to simplify the regulations by combining the ceremonial and potlatch regulations and also seeks to allow for a management system for potlatch moose. It would allow ADF&G to directly manage potlatch take and track harvest. Potlatch take has been an unknowable and unregulated source of harvest that has resulted in less opportunity for all users.
56	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
Oppose	0	15	We support abolishing the community subsistence harvest system.



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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.
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	15	This would require many adults with children who are currently exempt from hunter education requirements to have to take the class in order to take their children hunting. We do not think we should be putting any barriers in front of parents wanting to take their children hunting.
61	Add Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit		
No Action			We have no comments and received no public testimony on this proposal.
62	Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild		
Oppose	0	15	Domestic cats are the source of a large number of deaths of migratory birds and allowing them to be released is ludicrous, regardless of whether or not they are neutered, this should not be allowed.
63	Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild		
Support	15	0	We agree completely with the author’s rationale.
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		
Support	8	3	4 abstention votes. This was a very controversial proposal for the AC. The majority of members in support of the proposal believe there is a real and direct danger to Alaska Dall sheep populations from domestic sheep and goats and that this proposal is a reasonable solution. The members in opposition disagree about the danger and would like to see more data on where in Alaska there is the chance for Dall sheep to cross paths with domestic sheep and goats. The members in opposition also believe that this is not a



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			reasonable solution for the owners of domestic sheep and goats statewide. Due to the level of controversy when this was first proposed, and the potential impacts to livestock and private property owners, it seems that those areas where a real danger may exist should be considered first. It would also seem that the efforts at testing domestic herds for diseases should be given more time and resources. The abstaining members did not feel that a clear solution was achievable or did not have an opinion on the issue.
65	Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits		
Oppose	0	15	There is biological reason to limit the number of permits and adding a no shoot buffer simply shifts the problems to an area ¼ mile out from the road. The AC remains engaged in the Fortymile Harvest Management Coalition and will review the findings from their October meeting and add to our comments at the Anchorage meeting.
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 as amended	12	1	2 abstention votes. We support this proposal with this change: We want the language in (4) to remain – “...AT least 60 days before the first regularly scheduled meeting.” We do not feel that setting a date of November 1 st will work for many ACs that may only meet once a year and cannot make that date. More flexibility is needed.
67	To comply with recent statutory changes, review and update regulations with minimum hunting age requirements		
No Action			Bookkeeping proposal
68	Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order		
No Action			This authority already exists.
69	For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose		
Oppose	0	15	These videos already exist and making them mandatory is not necessary and burdens hunters. It also creates another issue of having to carry a card or identification in the field proving that the class has been taken.
164	Allow use of crossbows by hunters over 60 years of age.		
No Action			We ran out of time in our meeting to discuss this proposal.

Adjournment: 22:32

Minutes Recorded By: VBaxter
 Minutes Approved By: AC
 Date: 10-18-2017



**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Oct. 10, 2017
NERRS Building**

Call to Order: 6:05 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, Gary Sinnhuber, Dan Anderson, Dennis Wade.

Members Absent: Ty Gates, Lee Martin, Doug Malone, Wes Humbyrd, Joey Alred, Phillip Jones

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

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First Name	Last Name	Profile	Interests
Dan	Anderson	Alternate	4-5
Michael	Craig		2, 4, 6, 9-10, 12
Thomas	Hagberg		2-5, 9, 12
Dave	Lyon	Chair	2, 4, 6-7, 9-10,12
George	Matz	Secretary	2, 4, 6, 9-10, 12
James	Meesis		2-6, 8-10, 12
Marvin	Peters		2, 4-5, 9
Gary	Sinnhuber		2, 7-8, 10, 12
Dennis	Wade		1-6
Tom	Young	Vice Chair	1-4, 6-7, 9-10,12

INTERESTS REPRESENTED

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

Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Selinger, Jason Herreman

Guests Present: Camron Hagen

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussion on Kodiak intercept issue and upcoming BOF work session. Dan reviewed the recent genetic studies for Kodiak area commercial fisheries. It appears as if the interception of migrating salmon is much larger than anticipated. The AC agreed with Dan’s assessment that this would



not have been the case if the management plan had been followed and agreed that he should present this case at the Oct 17 BOF work session, requesting an ACR to address issue more thoroughly. The vote on this was 10-0-0.

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1	Modify the definition of bag limit		
Support as Amended	8	2	It is apparent that the purpose of this proposal is to NOT include wounded animals in an individual's bag limit. In the AC's discussion of this proposal, there was disagreement with this but concern that the current definition of "take" was too broad and included nonfatal situations. An opposing argument was that "take" is a well-established term that doesn't, in practice, include situations such as merely "disturbance". The result was an amendment that included "or wound" to the proposal that states only "kill or harvest". The amendment was approved 9,1,0. The amended version was approved with 8 in favor and 2 opposed.
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		
Oppose	0	10	There was unanimous disapproval of exempting hunter education as a requirement. Concern was also expressed that changing the age limit from 10 to 8 was questionable based on youth development.
3	Modify the definition of regulatory year		
Support	9	1	In discussion with ADF&G staff at the meeting it was felt that this change would eliminate some existing confusion with hunters, though the conversion might have some one-time costs and adjustments.
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
Support	10	0	Lack of proper definition is a problem, which this proposal corrects.
15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs		
Oppose	2	3,5 A	Having this regulation of the books is obviously a flashpoint that creates perhaps more controversy than is commensurate with the actual amount of taking of female bears with cubs. While this may be a traditional method, how well that applies with the use of modern technologies may be questionable. However, given the abstentions, most AC members were uncertain about this issue.
16	Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons		
Oppose	1	9	Too many exemptions. This would require added effort in terms of new regs, training, etc.
17	Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game		
Support	10	0	Agree that this isn't archery.
26	Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit		
Oppose	0	10	This proposal creates a loophole that gives special privilege to those who can afford to bid in these raffles and an opportunity to take more game than anyone else. It also



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			encourages harvesting of game animals for monetary purposes not directly related to hunting. It could create overharvest issues in situations where a limited number of tags are available.
27	Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits		
Support	10	0	Allows a more fair permitting system.
30	Allow nonresident hunters to harvest brown bear, sheep or goat on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative's permit		
Oppose	0	10	The main discussion centered on disagreeing that a permit for a resident be allowed to transfer to a nonresident, thereby bypassing the normal permitting process and essentially allowing the nonresident proxy rights. It opens a loophole subject to abuse, especially given the nebulous definition of relative.
31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
No action			There was some discussion about the merits of preference points and how well it might apply to longstanding hunting experience. Nothing certain was reached.
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Oppose	0	9,1	The cost of a waterfowl tag is not that onerous to create exemptions and to contribute to waterfowl conservation. The one abstention was based on whether there would be problems in rural areas not only with affording a tag, but obtaining it.
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Oppose	0	10	
45	Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts		
Support	9	0,1	This proposal was submitted by the Homer AC. We feel that if it works on the Kenai Peninsula, it should work elsewhere in the state. The one abstention was based on doubts as to the ability to get a seal in some remote area of the state. If it can be demonstrated that this could be an issue in some areas, the alternative is to have the proposal apply to just the road system.
49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		
Support	9	1	The objection was based on the difficulty that some rural areas may have in getting a permit.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Oppose	3	6,1	
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	9,1	The objection was based on requiring hunter education for "all hunters".
62	Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild		
Oppose	0	10	The AC took issue with the term "community cats." Feral cats are an invasive species and are extremely effective predators that have serious ecological impacts, such as birds (cats are the leading cause of songbird mortality) and small mammals (that provide an important food source for some furbearers). It has also been well documented that feral cats can transmit numerous diseases to wildlife as well as humans. The Trap-Neuter-



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			Return concept does nothing to diminish these impacts. The proposal does not objectively address these issues.
63	Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild		
Support	10	0	This proposal describes the liabilities of fostering feral cats that the previous proposal ignores.
68	Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order		
Support	10	0	This proposal gives local biologist more authority to manage wildlife populations based on their assessment of local conditions.
69	For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose		
Support	10	0	This proposal was submitted by the Homer AC. The identification of a legal-sized bull moose is not a problem limited to just the Kenai Peninsula. While the jury may be out as to how effective this educational effort was last hunting season, it points the emphasis in the right place, which should help reduce illegally harvested moose.

The Homer AC will meet again on Tues. Oct. 24 at 6:00 to finish our review of BOG proposals.

Adjournment: 8:45

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



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

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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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			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



Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee
Oct 26, 2017
University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau Campus Room 218.
Excerpt for BOG Statewide Regulations Meeting

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



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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			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
3			Modify the definition of regulatory year
4			Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds
Support 5			Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine
	14	0	Ryan Scott clarifies state position.
Oppose 6			Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers
	0	14	Kris speaks in opposition to the proposal—this opens the door to targeting out-of-season animals. Jesse Ross speaks against the proposal.
Oppose 7			Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide
	0	14	Unsure if we should be allowing bow and arrow under a trapping license
Oppose (3 abstentions) 8			Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license
	3	11	Ryan Scott clarifies state position.
9			Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes
10			Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game
11			Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
12			Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
13			Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game
Oppose (4 abstentions) 14			Prohibit the taking of bears in dens
	1	9	
No action 15			Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs



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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	6	
Oppose (1 abstention) 16			Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons
17			Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game
18			Remove the West Nile Virus testing requirement for raptors
19			Change the nonresident season for taking passage raptors
20			Limit nonresident falconers to take raptors every four or five years
21			Require raptors taken under nonresident capture permits be implanted with microchips
22			Allow the take of up to five eyas goshawks by nonresidents
23			Update the falconry manual
24			Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting
25			Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide
Oppose (5 abstentions) 26			Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit
	0	9	
27			Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits
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
30			Allow nonresident hunters to harvest brown bear, sheep or goat on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative's permit



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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 31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
	0	14	
Oppose 32	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
	0	14	
Oppose (3 abstentions) 33	Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation		
	0	11	
34	In drawing hunts with a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents, all nonresident permits will be issued from the nonresident allocation		
35	Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents		
Oppose (3 abstentions) 36	Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap		
	0	11	
Oppose (3 abstentions) 37	Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit		
	0	11	
Oppose (3 abstentions) 38	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents		
	0	11	
Oppose (3 abstentions) 39	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents		
	0	11	



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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
41				Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag
42				Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts
43				Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting
44				Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions
45				Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts
46				Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters
47				Modify the transfer of possession regulations
48				Modify the transfer of possession regulations to include reporting requirements
49				Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold
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
51				Change the implementation date for removing additional guide use areas under intensive management
52				Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met
53				Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide
54				Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system
55				Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches
56				Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions



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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
58			Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts
59			Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and 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
	6	5	
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
	0	14	
63			Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild
	14	3	
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
	3	1	We support the ADFG finding a solution to this problem.
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



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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 Commity

Date: 10/18/2017

Location of Meeting: Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

- I. Call to Order: at 6:30 pm by Mike Crawford, Chair
- II. 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		x	
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	x		
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: Ted Spraker BOG, Jeff Selinger F&G

- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
- VI. Guests Present: 2
- 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
1				Modify the definition of bag limit
Support	5	2		The word "take" needs to be adjusted as it is very broad. Changing the wording to "kill or Harvest" may not be sufficient, but the statue of Take is very broad and should be redefined. 1 abstain
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
Oppose	0	8		10 years of age is okay, hunter education is a necessary class for all hunters and should not be removed from requirements.
3				Modify the definition of regulatory year
Oppose	2	6		This would cause more issues and confusion than correct any current issues.
4				Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds
Oppose	1	7		Parts that they want include as "Edible" meat are not generally considered edible meat, though there might be some waste happening this would not decrease the actual waste. The actual action of taking the new "edible" parts could make people take more out of the field.
5				Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine
Support	7	1		1 against – is not necessary, could increase illegal harvest.
7				Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide
Oppose	0	8		Areas that already have this legal is fine, the areas that don't have this legal must have reason for the closure. Shooting beavers makes recovery more difficult and allowing shooting does not necessarily increase harvest.
8				Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license
Support	8	0		AC would like to see the removing same day airborne for taking of wolf and wolverine. 1 abstain.
9				Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes
Support	7	0		This would allow hunter and or trappers to harvest c
12				Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
Oppose	0	8		Like having proposal 207 in place, but would like to see some work to modify proposal 207.
13				Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game
Support	6	2		Technology is changing and the use of smartphones offers other applications other than communication. Opposed, due to the unknown clarification that could take place. The use of "real time" or "live" communication to take game should continue to be illegal.
14				Prohibit the taking of bears in dens
Oppose	0	8		Some of the proposal is already illegal and is not in practice. It is a seldom used practice only practiced by some traditional native cultures.
15				Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs
Oppose	0	8		
16				Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons
Oppose	0	8		No muzzleloader, no archery, general season okay, comparable lethal loads to centerfire firearms.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
17	Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game		
Support	8	0	Not in any archery season, must find minimum lethal loads and requirements. Okay in general season would be okay. Some committee members would like to see the technology improved before they are allowed in general season.
23	Update the falconry manual		
Support	8	0	
24	Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting		
Support	8	0	Equipment needs defining. Would like to see both Stand and Cameras in place and have to remove them.
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Support	8	0	Would help fish and game collect resident data, making them printable harvest tickets makes this a very easy to implement.
26	Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit		
Oppose	0	8	No need for extra animals to be taken by auction hunters.
27	Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits		
Support	8	0	Simplifies the drawing for moose
28	Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy		
No action			No Action as the BOG is already looking at the existing policy.
29	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident relatives within the second degree of kindred		
No action			No Action based on previous cycle.
30	Allow nonresident hunters to harvest brown bear, sheep or goat on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative's permit		
Oppose	0	8	Hunting is about family and taking away opportunity for family to hunt together. This could also decrease revenue through the draw process. This would also give the draw for non-residents completely to guides.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee

Minutes Approved By: Chair

Date: 10/27/2017



**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



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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:

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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: *[Signature]*
Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*
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.



Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting

February 16 – 23, 2018 | Dillingham

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
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

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Excerpt from the Lower Kuskokwim AC

minutes. For full meeting minutes please

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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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- **Recognition:** Phillip Peter Sr and Henry Parks- Years of Service on AC; James Charles AFN recognition. AC recognized James Charles for his service and commitment.

Reps for BOG meeting in November: James will attend, Phillip Peter Sr. alternate

NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD

ADJOURN: 12:35 pm , Oct. 26

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
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Support	8	0	Sandra- Customarily we eat everything. Charlie- AS children we were to eat all the meat, whether fish, bird, game. Leftovers were fed to the dogs John Twitchell- On TV we see that only breasts were taken. As Yupiaqs we eat all the meat. Tim Andrew (ONC)- Villages eat most of the bird, but in Bethel they eat mainly the breasts.
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
No Action			John Andrew suggested No Action.
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
Support	8	0	Henry Parks- regarding the wolves, they are getting high in number. They are eating the moose and caribou calves. Do like an amendment to take wolves the same day, but restrict the wolverines. Phillip- the wolverine are stronger and more vicious than the wolf. Whatever they grab they will kill. They can follow any game until they tire them out and kill them. Charlie- in my area where caribou come, when the wolves come up to the caribou and only eat the testical part and leave the other meat. Always worried that people will think that Eek people are killing the caribou and leaving meat, but it is wolves. Agree with taking the wolves for same day. Wolves can send runners from the pack- hunting is second to none. Want the caribou to increase. Supporting bc want the caribou population to increase.
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game		
Support See	8	0	John W. Andrew- In Kwethluk area after an aircraft surveys the area then jet boats come by and bring cell phones. They are being told by the aircraft where to 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
Comments			<p>Some people did not like it because planes may spot animals and tell the hunters. Not fair for hunters that do not have spotters in the field. Be good to take away the use of cell phone. Non-local hunters can afford spotters, gas, jet boats...its hard for us.</p> <p>James- the satellite phones you can use anywhere. The technology is everywhere. Cell phones are mostly for safety reasons.</p> <p>Charlie- only the rich people use these methods to hunt game. The VHF radios are used mostly for when you need help. In the wilderness there is no use for cell phones except to take a picture or play games.</p> <p>John Andrew makes a motion ban satellite phones except for emergencies, but not for hunting game.</p>
24	Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting		
No Action			<p>John Twitchell- we opposed this proposal last year. Even at fish camp we opposed the bear baiting.</p> <p>Henry Parks- In spring the black bear meat is good. If he ate trash that can be an issue health wise. My tundra village is on swamp and they eat good food up there. We don't hesitate eating the tundra bears, I don't want to be eating a baited bear.</p> <p>John Twitchell- some of the people bait and some don't bait. I do not like the bear baiting.</p> <p>John Twitchell- this doesn't pertain to use, I don't know how to bait.</p> <p>Henry Parks- motion for no action.</p>
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	8	<p>James- If this goes through they would need a harvest ticket and license.</p> <p>James- all the other AC opposed this because they did not want additional paper</p>
31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Phillip Peter moved to adopt, John Twitchell, 2nd.</p>
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Support as amended	8	0	<p>Phillip Peter- wanted to make a motion to exempt us from the stamp. Some of the people do purchase this. The state legislature can decide, but the BOG can't make this regulation. I like this the way it is written bc we are exempted in the rural areas. I do like that.</p> <p>John Twitchell- when did the duck stamp begin? I do a survey in our village, but I stopped surveying bc I thought there were negative implications.</p> <p>Amendment: AK residents from April 1- November 1</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
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			
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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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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>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>



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Proposal Number	Support	Amended	Oppose	No Action	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
					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: *[Signature]*
Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*
Date: 10.27.17



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee minutes for Monday October 9th, 2017 at the MTA building large meeting room Palmer, Alaska 7pm

Meeting called to order at 7:14 pm by Herb Mansavage

Members present: Steve Bartelli, Bob Cassell, Herb Mansavage, Hans Nordstrom, David Young, Birch Yuknis, Mel Grove and Austin Manelick.

Members absent: Andy Couch, Jehn Ehmann, Mike Buirge, Chris Watchus, Dan Montgomery, Bob Marshall, Terry Nininger, Chad Lipse, Herman Greise. All Excused

Public present: Tim Peltier with ADF&G (Wildlife Bio III), Joel Holyoak with ADF&G (Project Assistant), Cassidy Colson with ADF&G (Wildlife Biologist II), Patrick O'Connor member of the public, Neil DeWitt Anchorage AC member and William Schenk member of the public

Public comment: Patrick O'Connor stated that the regulations should not be that complicated. That the regulation book should be thinner not thicker and that if a page is added a page should be removed.

Motion to accept the Agenda by Bartelli, 2nd by Nordstrom Passed 8-0-0

Advisory Committee discussed BOG Statewide proposals 1 – 26 at this meeting.

Prop #18-Prop #23 All deal with Falconry. AC wanted to table those for a later meeting when Herman was present.

Herb confirmed the next few meeting dates, times and locations. Herb stated that the comments for the BOG are due October 29th. Herb mentioned that Bob Cassell, Mike Buirge, Jehn Ehmann, Herman Griese, Dave Young and Chris Watchus are up for election November 1st, 2017 at the Moose Lodge in Palmer (behind the MVFC). Herb stated that Chris Watchus will not be running. Dave is trying to convince Mike and himself to run again.

Dave stated it was good to be back. Herb gave thanks to everyone for showing up and helping him with his first meeting as Chair and that he couldn't get a Wednesday this week and thank you to everyone for showing up on a Monday.

Mel wanted to follow up with what Mr. O'Connor had mentioned earlier on the Federal take-over of Alaskan waters. Specifically, the Klutina road access and the Sturgeon case. Mel wanted everyone to know that letters help but it ultimately takes money. Also, that the Sturgeon case will probably be headed back to the SCOTUS.

Austin offered thanks for his first meeting.

Next meeting October 18, 2017 MTA large meeting room

Mat Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes of October 18, 2017 at MTA building in Palmer

Meeting called to order by Chair Herb Mansavage at 7 pm



Members present: Andy Couch, Herb Mansavage, Stephen Bartelli, Birch Yuknis , Bob Marshall, Bob Cassell, Mike Buirge, Hans Nordstrom, Austin Manelick

Members absent: Terry Nininger - excused, Dan Montgomery - excused, Jehnifer Ehmann - excused, Chris Watchus excused, Chad Lipps - excused, Herman Griese - excused, Mel Grove, Dave Young

Motion to approve the minutes: Minutes approved with no objections.

Motion to approve the agenda: Andy requested to report from the board of fisheries, agenda approved as amended.

Andy Couch reported on the Board of Fisheries work session — no significant agenda changes considering Upper Cook Inlet issues were scheduled by the Board of Fisheries. The location for the next Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting (2 years from this meeting cycle) was set as Anchorage.

Public Present: HIT instructor is Stacey Bradley, Neil DeWitt

Persons to be heard: None

Advisory Committee discussed BOG Statewide proposals 27 – 56 at this meeting. Next meeting is Wednesday October 25 to begin with proposal 50. Two meetings from now will be the Advisory Committee election meeting — November 1.

Member comments: Andy Couch will be late for the next meeting Oct. 25.

Mat Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes October 25, 2017 MTA building in Palmer

I. **Call to Order:** 7:00 PM, Herman Griese, Acting Chair

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Steve Bartelli, Bob Cassell, Herman Griese, Mel Grove, Austin Manelick, Bob Marshal, Terry Nininger, Hans Nordstrom, Chris Watchus, Birch Yuknis
Andy Couch arrived at 8:00 PM

Members Absent: Mike Buirge, Jehnifer Ehmann, Dan Montgomery, Dave Young

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 needed for quorum: ten then 11 members present

III. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved

IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** No previous minutes available for approval

V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Tim Peltier, ADFG: Tim said that the Department (ADFG) was going to be neutral on most proposals, He also said that allowing for snow



cover, the Department would conduct moose surveys this winter on units 16A, 16 B-middle, 16 B-south and 14A.

VI. Guests Present: Israel Payton, Alaska Board of Fisheries, Tim Stevens, Neil DeWitt. Israel said that he encouraged AC members to suggest to BOG members to start implementing ‘Committees As A Whole’, given the issues last year with sheep hunters and proposal 207, this is a much better process. He also commented while advocating for proposals, he encouraged AC members to build relationships with BOG members and ADFG staff. He also noted that when testifying regarding proposals, don’t just read off the proposals you support or don’t support, speak specifically to the merits of problems with a proposal.

VII. Old Business: none

VIII. New Business: Discussion of BOG proposals #18-23, Falconry: Steve noted that the previous falconry proposals were tabled at the last meeting because Herman was not there, and he was the “bird guy”. Hans also said there had not been a lot of interest on the AC. Herman said that this didn’t seem to be a high priority, so all AC members agreed to take no action on proposals 18-23.

It was then moved to start review of BOG proposals #57-69.

It was agreed that Herb will determine when it is time to submit. Proposals need to be submitted by October 27.

Next meeting is election meeting to be held at the Palmer moose lodge. Herman mentioned that he will not be around enough to be a good AC member and will likely not run for re-election. Chris Watchus mentioned that he will also have a conflict with work schedule and will likely drop off.

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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
1	Modify the definition of bag limit		
No action			ADF&G is neutral. Due to recent BOG vote in 2016 AC chose NA with no objections
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		
Oppose	0	8	Mel felt there was no problem now with the current system. Steve felt hunter's ed was important.
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Oppose	0	8	Hans stated it was difficult to remove any more meat from the birds than is already required.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
Oppose	0	7	ADF&G stated that this is already in regulations in parts of the State. Steve stated that it is hard to see a 2" projection at 100yds. Steve opposes based on complexity. Austin felt this should be added to the moose hunter orientation video rather than a regulation. Mel asked ADF&G if there was a biological concern for this proposal? ADF&G stated that there was not, that it was more of a Law Enforcement concern. Hans Called the question. 1 abstained
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Oppose	0	8	Steve asked ADF&G what they felt, ADF&G is opposed. ADF&G said currently there is not a lot of incidental take. Birch asked if ADF&G was oppose in part because they do make some money off of these incidental takes and this proposition would probably reduce the amount they would receive, ADF&G stated they don't receive much money from it and not sure if it goes to general fund or not. Dave could see some abuse happening if this regulation is passed. Bob stated that if money is involved there is going to be abuse. Herb called for the question.
7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide		
Support	8	0	Steve was concerned that there was no mention of limits or retrieval methods. ADF&G is neutral, no biological concern. Mel asked the department why there were so many different rules for different parts of the State? ADF&G stated that different Units have different rules. Mel asked ADF&G if this was currently legal in Unit 14? ADF&G said no, as it has never been proposed. Steve now likes this proposal for the added opportunity. Herb calls the question
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
No action			Birch read the department of Law comments and asked for NA due to them. (This proposal can't be done in regulation has to legislative) No objections
9	Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes		
Support	8	0	Steve sees allot more coyotes when he is flying in the winter, so he will support. Hans concurs with Steve. Herb called the question
10	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game		
Oppose	0	7	Steve stated that the author of this proposal is a non-consumptive user. That the author has been removed from an AC meeting (Not sure which AC) and that Steve will strongly oppose this proposal. Herb calls the question. 1 Abstain (Bob)



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
11	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
Oppose	0	8	Steve opposes based on that this is just a modification of Prop 207 and how does one prove intent. Birch feels this regulation adds more complexity, wants to simplify the regulations, plus who is going to measure 1000 feet. Bob concurs with Steve. Bob also brought up the Unit 23 caribou airplane permit that one needs to hunt caribou in that unit. Feels something like that may be better but would rather have a full repeal of Prop 207. Herb called the question.
12	Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
Support	8	0	Dave feels that this is a repeal of Prop 207 and concurs with the authors reasoning. Hans concurs. AC stated to see the previous testimony from the last two years concerning prop 207. Herb called the question.
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game		
Oppose	1	7	Steve felt it was time for regulations to catch up with technology and not be so subjective. Dave is skeptical of Law Enforcement adding another layer, but would like clarification and he wants to support this proposal. Birch brought up from the ADF&G comments that email currently is not covered. Austin brought up the cellphone game cameras people are using for moose and bear (especially at bait stations). Birch asked the ADF&G why cell phones were ok for Bison in 20D? Department stated that the Farmers were calling the hunters when the bison were damaging their fields. Herb is opposed, there could be some overreach by the BOG. Birch concurs with Herb, Birch does not trust this BOG to make the right choice. Hans concurs with Birch. Steve has trouble with people who use technology when he doesn't as it gives them an unfair advantage. Dave feels this could be abused either way. Dave would support if there was more direction in the proposal.
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
Oppose	0	8	Hans feels the language in the proposal is offensive, specifically slaughter. Herb called the question.
15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs		
Oppose	0	8	Herb was not familiar with the author. ADF&G is neutral. Steve opposes. Mel asked ADF&G if this was traditional use only? ADF&G stated that there can be no discrimination on ethnicity or residency. Birch pointed out in the ADF&G comments that ADF&G felt it would be hard for hunters to differentiate male and female bears in the den. Hans called the question.
16	Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting		



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	seasons		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Birch feels there are enough avenues for harvest that the State does not need more regulations on new methods. ADF&G was concerned about wounding loss and that they would have to adopt standards. Bob stated that you need at least 700 foot pounds for big game, that 100 foot pounds is not enough. Dave compared the ballistics for muzzleloaders and how one had to use very heavy loads to meet ADGF&G standards for foot pounds. Herb asked ADF&G if they get many questions on air guns? ADF&G said they do not and that this proposal was more driven by a company that has invented this new technology. Steve is opposed. Austin stated there would have to be new education classes. Young felt that air guns are ok for small game but not big game, that there is just not enough energy. Herb calls the question.</p>
17	Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game		
Support	8	0	<p>Steve supports, see comments on proposal #16. Herb calls the question.</p>
24	Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting		
Oppose	0	7	<p>Birch felt this was a proposal so that the author would not have to remove his bait stand. ADF&G stated that the land managers decide what can be left in the field. Mel has run into issues with people who leave their stands out illegally over the winter. First to show up claims the stand. Mel felt it was the public's tree and the hunter could keep his stand but Mel was taking the tree. Birch is opposed as 14 days allows for others to access an area if a stand cannot stay more than 14 days. Bob stated that the author is a commercial operator. Mel has seen where someone puts up a large camp for more than 14 days and one has to really push DNR or the troopers to get the big camp to move after 14 days. Herb wanted to know what constituted the "Field?" Dave was not sure this issue could be solved with this proposal. Austin has seen people put up a blue tarp at every corner of a river and claim them as camps, attempting to reserve a large area. Steve is now opposed. Steve sees a stand and moves on. Mel stated that one has to complain to DNR. Bob said that DNR just sends a strongly worded letter. Bob stated that people, mainly commercial operators, are getting ticketed and that is the reason for the proposal. Bob has had to deal with DNR personally at great expense to try and get someone to move. Steve calls the question. 1 Abstain</p> <p>During the debate on Prop #24 member of the public Mr. O'Connor spoke</p>



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			about how he is opposed to the Federal takeover of Alaska waterways and that he wants this committee to send a letter to the appropriate people stating that.
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	8	Steve stated this proposal would reduce incidental take where harvest tickets are currently not needed. ADF&G is neutral. Mel is opposed as he was not pleased when the State required black bear harvest tickets. Herb asked ADF&G if they have gotten better data since the black bear harvest ticket requirement? ADF&G said yes and gave a specific example of 14B, as this is the only data they get for that unit as sealing is not required. Birch asked why ADF&G was neutral on this proposal when it was ADF&G who proposed the black bear harvest ticket requirement in 2008/2009? ADF&G stated different times. Mel stated that if he forgets his black bear harvest ticket he can't hunt a black bear now and he doesn't like that. Mel would rather require sealing Statewide over a harvest ticket. Herb stated that if black bear harvest tickets are not required Statewide then no need for brown bear to be required. Dave concurs with Herb.
26	Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit		
Oppose	0	7	Birch felt this only concerns a handful of people. Dave stated that if someone wins a governor's tag they can gift it to someone else within seven days, not sell. Hans is against as it only concerns a few people. Herb concurs with Hans. Birch asked ADF&G if a governor's tag meant someone could then get a double bag limit? ADF&G said yes. Dave is familiar with the process as he is involved with a nonprofit. The nonprofit asks ADF&G for a tag and the nonprofit can auction the tag off. Birch asked Dave if he felt that his nonprofit would see less money if this was not passed? Dave said "no." ADF&G stated that there are less than 50 permits awarded per year currently. Bob stated that some of these tags bring in a lot of money. Herb called the question. 1 Abstain
27	Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits		
Support	8	1	Tim Peltier with ADF&G mentioned that there was a problem with hunters being put in for an antler less hunt (413) and then being disqualified from the entire moose drawing hunts if they put in for 3 other bull hunts as they department considers 413 a hunt for antler less bulls or cows and therefore a bull hunt. Andy Couch offered an amendment that all antler-less hunts be considered as non-bull hunts. Amendment died with no second.
28	Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy		



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Support	8	0	This provides the board an opportunity to reconsider allocation— with a priority to resident hunters. 1 - Abstain was not keeping up with the discussion.
29	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident relatives within the second degree of kindred		
No action			using note in the book as reason for 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		
Oppose	0	9	ADF&G neutral as is allocative.
31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
Support	5	4	Birch wanted to oppose — thinks state needs money from permit hunts. Stephen Bartelli supports for bison and muskox but thinks this might be too far. Herb supports this concept for all species. ADF&G does drawings in house. Andy supports the concept and believes that those who have been putting into the drawing for many years should eventually get drawn. This proposal does not talk about resident preference.
32	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
Support	8	1	Stephen felt that these two species were so hard to get drawn on that there should be preference points. Mike opposed to the concept of preference points even in this situation.
33	Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation		
Support	8	1	opposed is not ready for a blanket only up to 10* for nonresident moose hunters under a drawing situation. Has voted that way on specific hunts.
34	In drawing hunts with a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents, all nonresident permits will be issued from the nonresident allocation		
Support	9	0	COMMENTS??
35	Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents		
Support	5	4	Andy likes the idea. Department's comments seem inaccurate — according to the proposal there would have to be both a nonresident and resident permit for this to occur.
36	Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap		
Support	9	0	What would happen with an under-used area? One committee member had a personal phone call from a hunting guide attempting to keep him out of the area he had been hunting. Another member mentioned being



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			threatened by a guide when he was hunting a specific area.
37			Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit
			Andy believes this would create a management can of worms — as each year’s harvest percentage would likely differ. Motion fails 7-2-0. One member mentioned liking intent of this proposal but preferred the solution of proposal 36. A failed vote would be 2 in favor, 7 oppose
38			Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents
Oppose	0	9	too complex. ADF&G can manage either way. Birch felt that even the department staff may age a ram differently. Legal is legal, even if some would like some reward for harvesting a larger sheep.
39			Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents
Oppose	0	9	See proposal 38 discussion.
40			Allow nonresidents that have successfully harvested a Dall sheep in the last three years to apply for Dall sheep permits annually
Oppose	0	8	1 - Abstained did not have a strong position.
41			Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag
Oppose	0	9	
42			Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts
Support	9	0	Hans would like to be remove all species from the must be guided for permits.
43			Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting
Oppose	0	9	the limit is one per person because there is very limited amount of geese an conservation is important.
44			Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions
Oppose	0	9	There is a limited number of legal moose in antler restricted hunts and 0more hunters who would also like an opportunity to harvest a moose.
			Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts
Oppose	1	7	Andy feels there are a lot of illegal moose harvested in the Mat-Su Valley every year. The comment was made that troopers could check moose. would take manpower. Stephen wonders how this would make for less harvest of illegal moose. 1 Abstain
46			Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters
Oppose	0	9	all should have the same requirements.
47			Modify the transfer of possession regulations
Oppose	1	8	point d used to be legal.
49			Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold



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Support	9	0	Would permit need to be purchased — no would be given. current regulation is unenforceable.
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	7	3	Steve makes a motion to adopt, Mel seconded. Tim said the Dept. was neutral on proposals; there was no biological concerns. Steve asked if there were any areas in the state where it was mandatory to have a guide? Tim believed there were one or two areas in the northern interior. Steve supports, Mel: if not a biological concern there is no reason that non-residents shouldn't hunt. He said the non-residents are paying a lot of money to the state; Mel opposes. Herman was concerned the Dept. doesn't weigh in on intensive management issues.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Oppose	0	8	Tim says the Dept. supports, and has no comments beyond what is referenced in the proposal and this is not an allocation issue. Mel moved to adopt, Steve seconds. Herman says that he believes this is an allocation issue. Why did it take to Dept. to get this out? 2 abstentions because of the lack of information.
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
Support	10	0	Birch moves to adopt, Mel seconds. Tim says the Dept. is neutral because it's an allocation issue. He also notes a number of issues raised by the State Dept. of Law and that the Alaska Supreme Court says it violates equal access to provisions of the Constitution. Steve: nearly impossible to understand the intent. Hans supports; Mel notes that the author is trying to get back to what Tier #2 used to be. Herman comments that this AC has long been opposed to subsistence priority.
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
Support	10	0	Mel moves to adopt, Steve seconds. Tim says the Dept. is neutral, although he comments in an un-official capacity that this proposal expands the ability for out of season hunts. Hans asks Tim how many requests does he get a month. Tim says he gets a couple a month for the Valley area and about 3/4 of applications take an animal. Mel asks if there is any time restriction, Tim says 12 months. Birch notes that this would be difficult to enforce. Herman supports: saying originally this process was wide open but this proposal puts restrictions and specifications in place. Herman says there needs to be some control on this process.



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56	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
Oppose	0	10	<p>Birch moves to adopt, Steve seconds. Herman comments that this whole issue was discussed last fall. Tim notes that the Dept. is neutral. Steve references paragraph #2 on page 63: says that this is Ahtna's continued efforts take control of this hunting area. Bob C does not support. Birch does not think the proposal would pass the Dept. of Law language. Herman comments that this whole CHS program is going down the wrong road.</p> <p>8: PM: Andy Couch arrives at the meeting. This now changes the voting members from 10 to 11.</p>
57	Change the definition of "community" or "group" for community subsistence harvest hunts		
Oppose	1	10	<p>Hans moves to adopt, Birch seconds. Tim notes that the Dept. is neutral. Steve suggests that the AC TNA: noting that the BOG will do whatever they want anyway. Mel says that it is important for the AC to comment on the record for this.</p> <p>Birch did not support this proposal as it seemed to him that the Board of Game seems to be making a definition that might appear to limit community or group to a specific 8 communities. Herman believes this may be a way to focus on specific groups, by does not see how this criteria helps clarify anything. How for instance can the board or department objectively differentiate between communities or groups using these definitions.</p>
58	Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts		
Support	10	1	<p>One member cuts ribs and always bones out the neck before packing. If hunters bag their meat and get their meat out quickly the quality is fine with the current regulation. Herman mentioned that the current regulation may have been partly an attempt to get some hunters to take better care of their meat and better salvage meat — Herman felt most people who want to hunt this area will continue to hunt this area. At least one member felt that regulations should be more difficult for community subsistence hunters that can harvest any bull.</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	8	<p>Birch mentioned Department said it would cost additional money. One AC</p>



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			member who is also an instructor said that the state flies instructors out to remote areas. Terry opposed to proposal finds it an affront to something he has master of already. Bob mentioned teaching a course to an individual who was 80 years old and also several other hunters. Bob will support. Stephens likes the courses, but feels that mandating in remote areas will be difficult. Bob Cassel supports hunter safety, but does not support this for whole state. Bob said cost is \$10 per person. Herman believes there is a large number of hunters in the state who have not taken hunter safety — he also believes it is needed in the villages and that a number of accidents happen in the villages. Bob said some of the old timers who are excluded at times pose some significant safety hazards.
61	Add Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit		
Oppose	0	8	Some members do not want to introduce new species to Alaska. 3 abstain one just does not care.
62	Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild		
Oppose	0	10	Members feel cats significantly harm bird populations and are not natural to Alaska.
63	Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild		
Support	10	0	The department calls animal control about stray cats rather than dealing with the issue currently. Herman feels in the Mat-Su Valley most residents have some type of control of their dogs — but that many cats are simply let out to run at night, and they catch and kill.
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			Bob has several patients who own sheep and goats and are greatly offended by this type proposal.
65	Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits		
Support	7	4	How does someone enforce 1/4 mile? Bob said in his experience there were lots of gut piles along the road. He feels that some people may be hunting and / or shooting from the highway. Austin mentioned possible allowing archery only in the 1/4 mile corridor. A member of the public mentioned that both moose and caribou hunting are currently allowed in this area at the same time. This is the area where he moose hunts and he would not want to see moose hunting closed near the highway. Mel mentioned that there are gut piles and it may be ugly along the road — but does not know what the safety really is. Concerning violations that



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			occurred — lots of people are in the area with a lot of animals if this hunt was further from the highway would violations be reduced? It can open and close quickly because animals may be harvested quickly if they are along the highway.
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	10	1	
68	Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order		
Support	11	0	ADF&G feels they already have the authority. Members talked about when there are situations — mostly big game — but could also be used during large population of small game like snowshoe hares.
69	For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose		
Oppose	0	11	How would legality be satisfied? Bob mentioned that aircraft use in a specific area of the state is now required. To be legal a person has to watch a video, take a test, and print out a card. Mel does not see how this would reduce number of illegal kills. Bob does not believe there is any video out there that would keep people from making a mistake. Herman mentioned that even after watching a video hunters still have to make a judgement call as to whether a moose is legal or not.
164	Allow use of crossbows in archery hunts for hunters 60 years of age and older.		
Oppose	0	10	Does not feel that crossbows should be considered as bows. Ups the ante. good aspects were that more clean efficient kills could occur with less wounding loss. Another member mentioned that for archery only crossbow should not be allowed. 1 Abstained - Older folks use a crossbow in other states where they are allowed in archery hunts

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm

Minutes of October 9, 2017 taken by Birch Yuknis

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Minutes of October 18, 2017 taken by Andy Couch

Meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Minutes of October 25, 2017 taken by Terry Nininger and Andy Couch

Minutes Approved By: Chair

Date: 10/27/2017



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 ‘undesignated’ 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,

Old Business; the board received a response from USF&WS Greg Siekaniec re; staffing of Innoko office in McGrath. Bob Rebarchick on the phone, interjected that USF&WS intends to staff the McGrath office with a “Park Ranger” as soon as the hiring freeze is lifted.

Bob Rebarchick said the position will be filled by a non-pilot but will have access to the refuge via agency pilot in Galena.

Collins & Esai asked if USF&WS could provide Hunter Ed classes in local villages. Jeremy Havener said USF&WS “would be interested in doing that.”

Seavoy continued to the board: Roger proposed he write another letter encouraging USF&WS to fill the vacancy here ASAP and hopefully additional positions in the future. It is seen as vital that these positions be filled in order to have federal resources onsite for federal educational and administrative procedures without unduly burdening state personnel with small staff and budget.

All board members agreed that Seavoy write the letter and Deardorff will review before sending on to Pilcher for dissemination. No formal vote was taken.

New Business;

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. The SHAC committee added stipulations that the season be a very limited registration hunt with no more than 30 permits offered.

It was moved that this committee support the SHAC’s concerns addressed in their minutes if the ACR becomes a proposal. Moved by Egrass 2nd by Runkle. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion passed.

Draft Proposal Suggestions;

Based on Peirce’s report, the following items were discussed:

1. Seavoy suggested that Peirce draft a proposal to limit the Farewell moose hunt to a registration hunt in an attempt to gather accurate data, not only about harvest but also about methods of transport within the area.

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2. Black bears. Seavoy will write a proposal to allow trapping/snaring of black bears
3. Black Bear harvest ticket or sealing. No action taken
4. Lynx; Seavoy volunteered to write a proposal to extend the season on lynx to March 31 to align it with wolverine trapping in the same area. This is at least the second time this change has been requested.
5. Caribou; Seavoy also volunteered to write a proposal to allow a winter caribou hunt that includes unit 21A. The proposal will include, quotas. Season dates, bulls only, registration only, no use of aircraft.
6. Peirce asked about establishing a winter caribou hunt in 19C. The board felt that since there was inadequate data from that area it would not be prudent to suggest a winter hunt.

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6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
TNA			Although there was discussion and mixed opinions on this issue, it was felt that the BOG would not pass it. How is AWT supposed to track the 'get out of jail free' animals?
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
TNA			This proposal seemed oddly worded and vague.
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	9	The committee felt that the current sealing system is adequate. Collins moved, Esai 2 nd . 0 in favor 9 opposed. Motion failed.
36	Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap		
TNA			There could potentially be negative impact on our economy
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Oppose	0	9	The committee felt that the proposal is trying to address something that is already addressed in current regulation; those that cannot afford it already don't have to purchase one when they qualify for the \$5 license. Members felt that it was a small price to pay for management of the migratory animals, and that game should not be managed via zip code.



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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	The discussion on this proposal focused on the difficulty of implementation and logistics. The program would have to be ongoing everywhere, and forever to be certain that all those who want to hunt, have received training.

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162	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska		
Support	9	0	The committee supports the current regulations

Other Comments;

The board authorized Seavoy to write a letter to AWT supporting the current enforcement officer in McGrath and asking for additional funding and support for Trooper Gibbens, especially during hunting season.

Moved by Collins, 2nd by Egrass. Motion passed unanimously.

Board members Esai 7 Runkle expressed concern about the numbers of rafters on Big River and the difficulty of knowing where they are located within the GMU or the boundary of GMU 19C/19D. They asked that GPS co-ordinates be published on maps included in the game regulation booklets. They also expressed concern about sub-legal moose being taken because of confusion about where hunters actual harvest moose.



They also suggested check stations manned either by ADF&G or volunteers.

Peirce, ADF&G said they would include coordinates on future maps.

Medfra Airport; Egrass commented that he has been approached wanting to know exactly what the situation is with the Medfra airport relative to moose hunters and aircraft. 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



**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.



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	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