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**Anchorage Advisory Committee**  
**Game Subcommittee: Bass Pro Shop 10/10/2017, 10/17/2017 Wm Hernandez Hatchery, and**  
**10/24/2017 Full Anchorage AC meeting at the Wm Hernandez Hatchery**

**October 10, 2017**

- I. Call to Order: 6:31pm by Frank Neumann
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: J.R. Gates, Neil DeWitt, Frank Neumann, Matt Moore, Willow Hetrick, Phillip Calhoun, and Tyler Loken.  
Members Absent: None  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3  
List of User Groups Present: Officer Darby from the Alaska State Troopers.  
Guests present: None  
  
At 7:30 changed from 7 voters to 6.

**October 17, 2017**

- III. Call to Order: 6:21pm by Frank Neumann
- IV. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Neil DeWitt, Frank Neumann, Matt Moore, Willow Hetrick, Phillip Calhoun, and Tyler Loken.  
Members Absent: J.R. Gates  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3  
List of User Groups Present: Dave Battle (ADFG) and Cassidy Colson (ADFG).  
Guests present: None

**October 24, 2017**

- I. Call meeting to order: Kevin Taylor, 6:33pm
- II. Invocation
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Advise Guests of Public Testimony signup sheet: Complete
- V. Establish a quorum: 9 out of 15, quorum established. Members Present: Neil DeWitt, Matt Moore, Willow Hetrick, Phillip Calhoun, Ernie Weiss, Shawna Williams, Bryce Eckroth, Kevin Taylor, and J.R. Gates. Excused Absent: Dino Sutherland, Brian Nelson, Marty Weiser, Frank Neumann, Kenny Rogers, and Tyler Loken.
- VI. Approve Agenda: Bryce Eckroth motioned to approved agenda, Neil Dewitt seconded.
- VII. Introduce Department Guests: Dave Battle (ADFG)
- VIII. Approve Minutes of prior Meeting: Neil DeWitt motioned, Phillip Calhoun seconded.
- IX. Public testimony: John Frost, MD came to discuss his proposals for this cycle (archery proposals, an improved methodology for drawing hunts based on overall hunt preferences, and same day flying/hunting). We also had David Lazer.
- X. Committee Reports: Notes: All proposals that were unanimously supported or opposed by the Game Subcommittee of the Anchorage Advisory Committee were changed to 9-0 and 0-9, respectively (the number of ACC members present).
  - Game - Matt Moore; Discussed proposals: 2, 5, 6, 24, 25, 30, 36, 37, 44, 46, 49, 52, 55, 59, 64, 69, and 164. Did not discuss 18-23 (related to falconry) as the proposers/user group did not show up as Requested and the AAC does not feel comfortable in the amount of knowledge on the subject to take action.



- Fish Chair-Kevin Taylor; Discussing proposals: 17, 22, 37, 38, 42, 42 at the November 7 meeting.
- XI. Old Business: Frank Neumann will be the AAC member present at the BOG meeting in November 10-17 in Anchorage, Alaska.
- XII. New Business: None
- XIII. Adjourn: 8:17pm.

**The next regular Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at Cabela’s conference room, located at 155 W 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 6:30 pm Agenda will include finalizing comments on the BOF PWS proposals.**

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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	9	0	This AAC supports this proposal because we believe it is better to not have as much gray area in the regulations. The statutory definition is different from the dictionary definition. The AAC supports looking for ways to clarify the regulations so that they know that they are not breaking the rules.
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	5	4	Those that support this proposal stated that the youth are going to be with the adult and under supervision which means that they are safe. Getting the youth in the field and learning is the best way to raise children. Believe that the adults should be given the chance to give their children the opportunity to learn how to hunt. Starting at 8 years of age is supported. Because this is ‘youth hunt’ (not a general hunt), youth must take a hunter education course. This can be cumbersome and a hinderance in remote areas of Alaska. Members of the AAC support this as it would fall under the general season requirement. Some support the idea that adults should be able to hunt elsewhere in the State after their youth has harvested an animal. Those opposed because of the over-allocation of resources. The adults are being given a privilege to take their children hunting in the early season, should consider that to be enough. Suggest the author rewrite and separate into 3 different proposals.
3	Modify the definition of regulatory year		
No Action	N/A	N/A	AAC thinks that the Department should discuss the idea. No AAC members felt strongly enough about this proposal to discuss.
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Opposed	0	9	Opposed, because the current law is sufficient. Hunters can always salvage as much of the bird as they like.
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
Support	8	1	Those support because they think that this proposal attempts to clarify the regulation but think that it makes it more confusing and/or difficult in the field to determine. Considers the spike within the first two inches of the head. Support the Department in this effort. This proposal is focused mainly on spike forks and think that this proposal is in



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			support of the hunters. Opposition stated that there may be times that you could not see the extra tine within 2 inches of the head after weeks of studying; this complicates hunting.
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Opposed	0	9	Opposition stated that some of the larger furbearers could be harmed by trapping and that the trappers are potentially profiting off the animal and there is no financial benefit to the State. Further, there may be people that set additional traps to 'incidentally' take more animals. Department opposes it because of the potential abuse.
7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide		
Support	9	0	Support because you can tie a string to the bow and shoot a beaver and easily retrieve it from a boat. This proposal attempts to clarify the regulations
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
No action	N/A	N/A	Supporters discussed the idea of landing, calling, and shooting an animal. Support being able to hunt animals if a lot of time and effort (i.e. flying in) was made. The differentiation between wolf and wolverine as opposed to coyotes are that wolf and wolverine are considered big game species and not furbearers. If this proposal was to pass there would have to be a predatory control program per the Alaska Statute. Suggest taking no action b/c of the changing of the Alaska Statute.
9	Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes		
Support	9	0	Support this as the coyote populations are high, support for reasons stated. Suggest there be no rules against killing coyotes.
10	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game		
No Action	N/A	N/A	This proposal requests that the State be unified as ½ of it indicates the use of aircraft is ethical and ½ indicates that it is unethical. Think that this proposal captures that if this rule happened for sheep, it should happen for all animals. Do not want proposal #207 to be pushed to other species. We took no action; understand that this proposal makes sense and support the concept but do not know how the Board of Game would handle this proposal. This AC does not support repealing same day airborne hunts for all species.
11	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
Support	9	0	Support as written. Take this to the federal definition of harassment of wildlife. Would like to clean up some of the language to make it clearer and lessen the accusations of airplanes spotting for sheep prior to harvest. This proposal would align the state language with federal language. Our problem with Proposal #207 of the unenforceability. The AAC supports this proposal to clear up the language in the regulation but are still adamantly opposed to #207 and suggest it be repealed.
12	Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
Support	9	0	AAC has a long history of and strongly opposes #207.
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game		
Support	9	0	The Troopers want clarification to regulations that help them enforce the regulation regarding the use of cellular or satellite telephone. The AAC can support the discussion to help the Troopers better enforce, but would like to see solutions to the problems.



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			Would like to urge the Board of Game to consider the use of game cameras that are communicating via satellite link not be considered or made a specific allowance for the use of this technology regarding taking bears from bait stations or from bear hunting in general.
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
Opposed	0	9	Opposed to this proposal, especially if this is in an intensive management area. This is a federal subsistence issue. Support the taking of predators. Specific traditions are being followed in specified areas and do not want to limit.
15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs		
Opposed	0	9	We support the harvest of predators, see comments above.
16	Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons		
No Action	N/A	N/A	Some opposed because believe that 100 pounds is not enough to kill a big game animal. AAC does not think that they have enough knowledge of the subject to comment. If this method of taking game has enough power to dispense an animal. Cannot support without more information.
17	Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game		
Support	9	0	(Strongly) opposed to the use or airbows.
18	Remove the West Nile Virus testing requirement for raptors		
No Action	N/A	N/A	Not enough information/knowledge from the AAC.
19	Change the nonresident season for taking passage raptors		
No Action	N/A	N/A	Not enough information/knowledge from the AAC.
20	Limit nonresident falconers to take raptors every four or five years		
No Action	N/A	N/A	Not enough information/knowledge from the AAC.
21	Require raptors taken under nonresident capture permits be implanted with microchips		
No Action	N/A	N/A	Not enough information/knowledge from the AAC.
22	Allow the take of up to five eyas goshawks by nonresidents		
No Action	N/A	N/A	Not enough information/knowledge from the AAC.
23	Update the falconry manual		
No Action	N/A	N/A	Not enough information/knowledge from the AAC.
24	Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting		
Support	7	2	Supporters discussed opposing because DNR is collecting a fee for something that they have no control over and it is not enforceable. 14 days is not enough time for a bear



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			baiting season. Opposed to the idea of leaving the equipment in the field. Also, that means that the area has been 'claimed' by another, and therefore taking away another's hunters opportunity. Would also like the DNR to identify what the 'fee' would be; the AAC believes that imposing any fee is not a good idea.
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Opposed	3	6	Those opposed state that the one negative is that this would make it more restricted to hunt brown bears. There are a lot of areas in the State where the killing of brown bears is encouraged to increase ungulate populations, think that this would be a hinderance to those hunters that may incidentally encounter a bear. All bears are required to be sealed anyways and the Department can collect data then. Supporters support for reasons stated. There would be no fees associated with the harvest ticket, this proposal would support the Department's statistical data on brown bears.
26	Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit		
Support	9	0	The raffles are fund raisers for conservation, suggest the most people bid against each other to make more money for a special conservation tag. This is for minimal animals and there is no guarantee that an animal would be harvested.
27	Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
28	Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy		
Support	9	0	This does not impact the Governor's tags. Department bases allocation on the historical data of an area. This codified that it would include the use of non-resident hunters because of the historical use. Suggest that it should be changed to favor the residents. This is for current draw hunts, statewide allocation policy.
29	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident relatives within the second degree of kindred		
No Action	N/A	N/A	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		
Opposed	0	9	This would allow a non-resident next of kin harvest a draw tag. Shifts the allocation from residents to non-residents. There would be a lot less people putting in for the non-resident tags. Also takes money away from the State. This would take the tag away from a resident and give it to a non-resident.
31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
Opposed	4	5	This suggests changing the computer program to remove an applicant from the second, third, fourth choice hunt if the first choice was won. This would eliminate those that draw numerous tags that are not being hunted and not available to other hunters. Would support this proposal if hunters could determine which hunt would be the preference. This proposal has good merit but would like more details on how the species would be selected. If this proposal were to pass, the details on how the new computer



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			program would work would be worked out in later working group meetings/discussions.
32	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
Support	9	0	If a resident is putting in for that tag year-after-year, there would be a resident preference. This may remove the capability of non-residents of the opportunity to hunt, removing potential monies to the guides. Support this proposal because this would allow residents a greater opportunity to hunt the bison and muskox permits.
33	Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation		
Support	9	0	Currently, draw hunts for moose can be up to 50% for non-residents in certain areas. Moose are not 'must be guided' species and this proposal does not address these areas. Suggest that it should be no more than 10%. Support for reasons stated.
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	Support for reasons stated. Takes second degree of kin out non-resident pool. A non-resident is a non-resident, even if it is a youth.
35	Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents		
Oppose	2	7	This would allow for a combo resident/non-resident party hunts only if there is a tag available in both pools. The non-resident would have to hire a guide for a must be guided species. This is not an allocation shift so it is not an issue. Opposed because this proposal complicates the 'hand-shake' agreement with the guide.
36	Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap		
Support	9	0	Putting the non-residents on a draw tag which can be changed from year to year. Favor Alaskan's having increased opportunity. The quality of the sheep is going down (the sheep aren't as big). Opposed, there is not a biological concern. Opposed to putting non-resident on a Statewide Draw at this time.
37	Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit		
Support	7	2	Supported for reasons stated. This would require that the hunt go to a draw. This proposal asks if 10% is a fair number. Opposed to putting non-resident on a Statewide Draw at this time and support the guiding industry as a necessary component of the Alaska economy. Think that 10% is a very tight number, suggest raising the number to 20 or 30%.
38	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents		
Opposed	0	9	Opposed. More restrictive to resident hunters.
39	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents		
Opposed	0	9	See comments from Proposal #38.
40	Allow nonresidents that have successfully harvested a Dall sheep in the last three years to apply for Dall sheep permits annually		
Opposed	0	9	Lessens the chance of non-resident hunters to pull a draw tag. AAC doesn't see the monetary suggestion of this proposal as a major consideration. Please see the ADFG





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			comments.
41 Opposed	0	9	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag All residents should be treated the same in terms of tags/stamps to be obtained to hunt.
42 Support	9	0	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts This AAC believed that people should not have to be guided to hunt moose and black bear in Alaska. AAC does not support the Board of Game making/helping business decisions for the guiding community. Support the proposal for reasons stated.
43 Opposed	0	9	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting If it took 30 years to get the population back to being able to hunt so should allow the population to recoup more prior to additional hunting.
44 Opposed	2	7	Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions AAC would like more background on why proxy hunting is not allowed for antler restricted moose hunts and when the Board passed this regulation. The taking of more moose in areas such as in GMU 13 may harm the population. Proxy hunting tends to get abused. If there is an antler restriction, we can assume that there are less animals to be taken and this should be honored. Those that support the proposal are for the basic idea of 'proxy' – helping others that cannot hunt themselves but would appreciate the animal.
45 Opposed	0	9	Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts Would add additional burden to the hunter and additional costs to the Department. This is already happening on the Kenai Peninsula where there are significant poaching concerns. Think that on the Kenai Peninsula they should continue to do so and see how it goes and reassess.
46 Opposed	0	9	Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters Opposed because think that it an attempt to remove the responsibility from guides/transporters. Is not a lot of paperwork, doesn't take a long time. The Board cannot regulate guides, this is up to the Big Game Commercial Services Board.
47 Opposed	0	9	Modify the transfer of possession regulations The AAC support/second the State Trooper's comments on this proposal (also opposed; enforcement is efficient and reduces the illegal take.
48 Support	9	0	Modify the transfer of possession regulations to include reporting requirements See Note: Board does not have the authority to impose regulations on guides. The AAC is also interested in the data that could come from the implementation of this proposal. IF the Board of Game does not have this authority, this AAC wants to know who would and have that organization product records.
49 Support	6	3	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold State Troopers believe that this would help with enforcement, the AAC supports/seconds the Troopers comments. The AAC supports the Department's endeavors to help with use tracking. Opposed because there is no thought to secondary or tertiary sales of said skins, skulls, and trophies.



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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	N/A	N/A	See note at the beginning of the Proposal in the 2017/2018 Proposed Changes to Regulations.
51	Change the implementation date for removing additional guide use areas under intensive management		
No Action	N/A	N/A	See Note at the beginning of the Proposal in the 2017/2018 Proposed Changes to Regulations.
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	8	1	Oppose because this is an allocation issue and there are a lot of IM areas which restrict use by non-residents. Non-resident fees and licenses paid for a major portion of the current IM programs around the State. Support because this would allow for more residents to be able to be successful in IM areas and the residents typically need the meat for the rest of the year.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
Support	9	0	Supported for reasons stated. There is a current bias in the formula and currently there is a rural preference. State Troopers suggest better enforceability (question modification) to the current (regulation) system.
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
Opposed	3	5	Support for reasons stated; clarifies regulations and gives the Department ability to regulate what animal can be taken (by sex, females with offspring, time frame, amount, etc.) and must have a valid hunting license. 1 abstain due to lack of knowledge on the subject. Opposed because there is racial preference.
56	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose because there is a member of Ahtna Tene Nene' on the Board of Game which is thought to be a conflict of interest. This proposal is asking for racial and rural priority. The AAC has been opposed to the Community Subsistence Harvest hunt since its inception and will continue to oppose any and all proposals regarding community subsistence hunt. ANSCA was passed in the 1970's to treat all Alaskans equally, this reverts the law. The AAC is opposed to rural or racial allocation priority.
57	Change the definition of "community" or "group" for community subsistence harvest hunts		
Oppose	0	9	Opposed because thought as a backdoor attempt to make it more difficult for urban hunters to form a community to participated in the CSH. See comments on Proposal #56 regarding the removal of CSH in general.
58	Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. If hunters under the general season have salvage



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			requirements, then this hunt (should it continue) should as well and should be required to leave mean on the bone until out of the field.
59	Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and community subsistence harvest hunts		
Opposed	4	4	Those that supported the proposal were for reasons stated. Those oppose were because all residents should be alike and that there the following is too broad of statement: "customary and traditional uses...". 1 abstain due to lack of knowledge.
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	This would add additional costs to the ADFG. Would require all ages above 12 to have hunter education. Hunter education classes are potentially restrictive in rural areas and would limit the ability for those youth to hunt. Think that this is not necessary.
61	Add Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit		
No Action	N/A	N/A	N/A
62	Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild		
Oppose	0	9	Cats are not endemic to Alaska and are harmful, sterilized or not, to other species, namely migratory birds. The AAC is strongly opposed to this.
63	Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild		
Support	9	0	See comments on Proposal #63. Support for reasons stated.
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	1	Those that opposed think that this puts an unnecessary burden on the farmers who want domestic sheep and goats. Those opposed don't think that there is an instance where disease could get out of hand. Those that support this proposal are for reasons stated. The sheep population is an invaluable resource to the State. It has impacted sheep populations in other states, cannot happen here.
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	9	Opposed because you cannot fire from the road under law already. Things that are being done on the Taylor highway (excessive speeding on ATVs, etc.) are already illegal. This is an enforcement issue.
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	9	0	Support for reasons stated. This would clean up regulations and process.
67	To comply with recent statutory changes, review and update regulations with minimum hunting age requirements		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. This regulation was implemented by the Legislature. The Department wants to clean up the regulation and the AAC supports this.



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68	Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order		
No Action	N/A	N/A	ADFG feels like they have this authority already, the AAC agrees.
69	For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose		
Oppose	1	8	This is already happening on the Kenai Peninsula where there is significant taking of sub-legal bulls. This AAC thinks that on the Kenai Peninsula they should continue to do so, and see how it goes and reassess. Supported for reasons stated. Those that supported AAC likes the idea of more hunter education and the video/quiz is beneficial. Those opposed because they don't want to see this made mandatory State-wide. Would add additional burden to the hunter and additional costs to the Department.
164	Allow use of crossbows in archery hunts for hunters 60 years of age and older		
Opposed	1	8	Support of those that have a physical disability or injury would be able to participate in an archery hunt. Can already apply for a medical permit to shoot a cross bow if disabled. Opposed, the fact that hunting with a cross bow is not the same as hunting with a Bow.

Adjournment:

**October 10, 2017 – 9:00pm**

**October 17, 2017 – 8:40pm**

**October 24, 2017 – 8:17pm**

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick

Minutes Approved By: Kevin Taylor

Date: October 25, 2017



# BETHEL Fish and Game Advisory Committee

October 3, 2017  
ADF&G Office, Bethel

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM**

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

**Robert Lekander**

**Thad Tikiun**

**Jaimie Kassman**

**Henry Hunter**

**Jon Lavalle**

**Henry Kohl**

**Alissa Rogers**

**Mike Riley**

**Hunter excused at 7:30pm**

**ELECT OFFICERS:**

**Chair: Jamie Kassman**

**Vice Chair:**

**Secretary: Jon LaValle**

**INVOCATION:**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE:** *In honor of Greg Roczicka*

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** *(List)*

**Sara Mutter resource specialist AVCP**

**Ken Stahlnecker; USFWS Manager**

**Jennifer Hooper; AVCP**

**Patrick Jones; area biologist**

**Tim Andrew ONC**

**Dave Runfola Subsistence**



## COMMENTS:

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

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Henry Hunter motion to approve agenda 2<sup>nd</sup> Jon LaValle Motion carries

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 24, 2017

**Tikiun Motion to approve  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kohl  
motion carries**

### NEW BUSINESS:

- BOARD OF GAME STATEWIDE PROPOSALS *(Comments due October 27, 2017)*
  - **PROPOSAL 4** – 5 AAC 92.990(a)(26) Change the definition of “edible meat” for large game birds.
  - **PROPOSAL 6** – 5 AAC 92.095: Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers.
  - **PROPOSAL 8** – 5 AAC 92.095: Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license.
  - **PROPOSAL 13** – 5 AAC 92.080(7): Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game.
  - **Proposal 24** – 5 AAC 92.044(10): Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting.
  - **PROPOSAL 25** – 5 AAC 92.010: Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide.
  - **PROPOSAL 31** – 5 AAC 92.050: Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts.
  - **PROPOSAL 41** – 5 AAC 92.012: Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag.
  - **PROPOSAL 43** – 5 AAC 92.011: Allow the taking of emperor geese by proxy hunting.
  - **PROPOSAL 53** – 5 AAC 99.025(a)(12): Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide.
  - **PROPOSAL 55** – 5 AAC 92.019: Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches.
  - **PROPOSAL 62** – 5 AAC 92.029: Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild.
  - **PROPOSAL 63** – 5 AAC 92.029: Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild.
  - **PROPOSAL 64** – 5 AAC 92.029: Eliminate domestic sheep (*Ovis aries*) and goats (*Capra hircus*) from the “Clean List” and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat.



- **PROPOSAL 157** – 5 AAC 85.045(16): Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose the Remainder of Unit 18.
- **PROPOSAL 163** – 5 AAC 92.015(a)(4): Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
- **PROPOSAL 164** – 5 AAC 92.080: Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts for hunters 60 years of age and older.
- BOARD OF GAME (BOG) **ACR 1**: Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A.
- FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD WILDLIFE PROPOSALS  
*Regional Proposals:*
  - **WP18-27** – Establish customary and traditional use determination for musk ox in Unit 18 for residents of Nunivak Island.
  - **WP18-28** – Addition of winter may-be-announced season for moose in Unit 18, Goodnews Bay.
  - **WP18-29** – Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder
  - **WP18-30** – Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.
  - **WP18-31** – Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.*Crossover Proposals:*
  - **WP18-21** – Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.
  - **WP18-23** – Add residents of Units 9C and 9E to customary and traditional use determination for caribou in Units 17A and 17C.
  - **WP18-25/26** – Establish new hunt area and may-be-announced season for moose in Unit 17C.
  - **WP18-33/36** – Shorten season to align with State and require state registration permit for moose in Unit 21E.*Statewide Proposals:*
  - **WP18-51** – Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.

**OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

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

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

**ADJOURN:** (TIME) 10:30



# Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

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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
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
Oppose	0	8	Tikiun motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kohl. We don't believe we should be over regulated for the sport bird hunting season, if someone wishes to save those items, they may Over regulation is a concern Tikiun calls the question 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rodgers
5			Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine
6			Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers
Oppose	0	8	Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> LaValle Kassman-would lead to abuse.
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	8	Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tikiun Tikiun would lead to abuse LaValle could lead to overharvest
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
			LaValle Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tikiun Kohl Motion to Table 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tikiun
14			Prohibit the taking of bears in dens
15			Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs





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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
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 eyes goshawks by nonresidents
23			Update the falconry manual
24			Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting
Support	6	2	Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tikun Kohl/Rogers oppose they would like bear baiters to remove all equipment from the field
25			Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide
Oppose	0	8	LaValle motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tikun LaValle a harvest ticket requirement could lead to less harvest
26			Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit
27			Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits
28			Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy
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
31			Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts
Support	8	0	Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tikun



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
32			Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts LaValle Motion to support.
33			Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation
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
36			Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap
37			Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit
38			Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents
39			Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents
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 Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Hunter Riley Motion to amend Riley, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kohl Amendment: Change the dates of proposal from spring and summer, to April 1 <sup>st</sup> -Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> .
	7	0	
42			Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts
43			Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tiklun
	7	0	
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



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
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
Support	7	0	Tikiun motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Riley
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
Support	7	0	Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> LaValle important proposal, there has been increase in take due to potlatches and ceremonies. The 1-5 items listed are important to our AC.
56			Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions
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
61			Add Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit
62			Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild
Oppose	0	7	Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rogers



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
63 Oppose	7	0	Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild LaValle Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kohl
64 No Action			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 Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tikiun Kohl rescinds motion We recognize that it is potentially dangerous to our wild sheep due to disease, and would like this proposal addressed in the proper venue.
65			Close an area 1/2 mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits
66			Update the Board of Game's policy for accepting agenda change requests to make it more consistent with the Joint Board Petition Policy
67			To comply with recent statutory changes, review and update regulations with minimum hunting age requirements
68			Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order
69			For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose

## 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	
157 Support	7	0	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18 LaValle motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kohl
158			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
159			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B



160	Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
161	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A		
162	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska		
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	7	0	LaValle motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tiklun
164	Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts for hunters 60 years of age and older.		
NO ACTION			Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tiklun Kohl rescinds motion Kohl motion to take no action
ACR 1	Open a registration hunt for moose in 19a		
Support as Ammended	6	0	Kohl Motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tiklun LaValle motion to amend, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kohl Ammend to say: Registraion permits should be made available at all license vendors in the Kuskokwim drainage.  We want them available at all vendors in the Kuskokwim drainage because of the long history of tradition use from downriver villages hunting in this area.

### FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (List Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
<b>WP18-27</b>	Establish customary and traditional use determination for musk ox in Unit 18 for residents of Nunivak Island.		
Support as ammended	5	2	Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tiklun Jones background on muskox on the island and harvest history  Riley Motion to amend, amend to add all federally qualified subsistence users of unit 18. Amendment passes LaValle, Kassman oppose, could really hurt the income of many residents of Nunivak Island if the guide industry goes away. Motion passes
<b>WP18-28</b>	Addition of winter may-be-announced season for moose in Unit 18, Goodnews Bay.		
Support	7	0	Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tiklun
<b>WP18-29</b>	Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder		
support	7	0	Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> LaValle
<b>WP18-30</b>	Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.		



Support	4	0	Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Riley Discussed populations, heard of declining populations. Rodgers, Tikiun, Lekander abstain We would like the dates to remain the same, so that coastal villages get an opportunity to hunt.
<b>WP18-31</b>	Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.		
	3	2	Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Riley LaValle and Kassman would like the season to stay aligned with the state.
<b>WP18-21</b>	Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.		
Support	7	0	LaValle motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tikiun We want it aligned
<b>WP18-23</b>	Add residents of Units 9C and 9E to customary and traditional use determination for caribou in Units 17A and 17C.		
No Action	7	0	Motion to take no action Kohl, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tikiun
<b>WP18-25/26</b>	Establish new hunt area and may-be-announced season for moose in Unit 17C.		
No Action	7	0	Motion to take no action Kohl, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Riley
<b>WP18-33/36</b>	Shorten season to align with State and require state registration permit for moose in Unit 21E.		
	6	1	Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lavalle Oppose Kohl, he likes the longer season.
<b>WP18-51</b>	Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.		
Support	7	0	Kohl motion to support, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Riley

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: [Signature]

Minutes Approved By: [Signature]

Date: 10/24/17

# Bethel Advisory Committee Meeting

October 24, 2017

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



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**Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709**

**CALL TO ORDER: 7:02**

**ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISH QUORUM: Quorum established: Yes**

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

**INVOCATION:** Robert Lekandar

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Patrick Jones Area Biologist, Dave Renfola subsistence division

**MEMBER ELECTIONS:**

Jaimie Kassman re-elected

Thad Tikiun re-elected

Leaving two empty seats

Alissa Rogers is the new subsistence seat on the board

Jerry White, clarification for title: Guides

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

Secretary- Alissa Nadine Rogers M- John Lavallve 2<sup>nd</sup>-Thad Tikiun , Unanimous Decision

Chairman- Jamie Motion- Mike Riley 2<sup>nd</sup>- Henry Kohl, Unanimous Decision

Vice Chairman- Henry Kohl M- 2<sup>nd</sup>-Thad Tikiun, Unanimous 5- vote

**COMMENTS:**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** M/M-Jerry 2<sup>nd</sup>- Thad

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

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Lavallve- I don't see anything wrong with calling a buddy to plan a hunt. I have a problem with someone being airborne on a commercial flight then calling a buddy detailing the location of it for a kill. Currently there is already two-way radios.

Hunter- My concern is when you have a group of hunters and drive the caribou to a bunch of hunters by using a spotter on a hill.

Kassman- Clarification: One person said that they don't think that they should use them to aid when in airplanes not to use communication devices to locate wildlife. No hunting while hunting or flying or using by 2am the next day. No use of cellphone or satellite phone to contact someone else to use by 2am the next day. Not using the final stock for taking of any game.

**Recommendation to clarify the regulation as is:** Prohibit the use of cellphone and satellite technology in pursuit, in aid, during hunting, and/or taking of any game. Cellphone and satellites are to use any forms of any communication shall not be used to aid in of taking of any game. You can't use any communication device to assist in while actively taking of game in the field. You can take your cellphone into the field in use of non-hunting communication is allowed. No form of any communication shall be used at all times in the aid of taking any game.

Tikiun- **We are just getting down to the nitty gritty and we are starting to over regulate ourselves. Communication devises we are always going to be around.**

- **PROPOSAL 16** – 5 AAC 92.085: Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons as follows

**M/M Support-** White 2<sup>nd</sup>- Rogers

**Discussion/ Question:**

Introduction and Neutral recommendation by ADFG for proposal given by Jones, ADFG.

There was a discussion of air gun, description of caliber, history of air gun, and exposure of air guns such as television shows.

Reason for Opposition: There needs to be more research done before we can get into this.

**Opposed, 1-White in Support (because of his seat.)**

- **PROPOSAL 32** – 5 AAC 92.050: Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts.



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**M/M Support-** Kohl 2<sup>nd</sup>-

Introduced by Jones, ADFG with department recommendation. I don't think we have the money to pay for this or it is practical for our states capabilities. Kassaman said, I don't think we have enough programmers for this type of technology.

**Hunter-** Residents have a priority 1 every 10 years? If you live in Nunivak island and you want to hunt a muskox? It wasn't clearly defined for bison or muskox? I would like to see the residence to have preference over non residence?

**Opposed-** There isn't enough resources and money to pay for the practical use for our states capabilities.

- **PROPOSAL 147** – 5 AAC 85.025: Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19

**M/M to Support:** Kohl 2<sup>nd</sup>- Lavallve

**Discussion:**

In that proposal, there is not enough for subsistence. Yet, he wants to open for nonresident.

Pat- Opposed, the herds are hovering right around 300 or take. It just has been in access. We are still trying to grown that herd. It's just not a right time to open it.

Lavallve- Have an increase of the population before we open it up to non-residence.

Kohl- Entertain the idea to charge a drawing ticket price of 2,500.00 a piece.

**Oppose,** 1-White in Support, because it opens up the possibility for tourist hunter to harvest caribou.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- BOARD OF FISH ACR UPDATE- Against all fishery proposals for this cycle. Proposals did not meet the criteria, but will be taken up as fish proposals.

2019 Fish Proposal due April 2017

Hunter- Discuss the disaster fishing that we had this last summer. Come up with solutions with ADFG Board. Why wont they take discussion for amendments before the fishing season starts. They should tae them in beginning of the winter and have meetings when they are open.

Jen- Clarifies Cycles of Board of Fish & Game for Western Region Cycle.

- FISHING PERMIT UPDATE (above Aniak)

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

Write the permit. 2 decide how and where 3.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Needs to have a 24 hour reporting system.

ADFG Dave- 907-322-8737

**OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tentative: Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**ADJOURN m- Thad 2<sup>nd</sup> –kohl**

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

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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
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game		
Take Action by giving Recommendation To The Board Not in support or oppose or no action	Kassman Hunter, Lavallve Rogers White Riley	Tikiun Lekander Kohl	<p><b><u>Recommendation to clarify the regulation as is:</u></b> Prohibit the use of cellphone and satellite technology in pursuit, in aid, during hunting, and/or taking of any game. Cellphone and satellites are to use any forms of any communication shall not be used to aid in of taking of any game. You can't use any communication device to assist in while actively taking of game in the field. You can take your cellphone and satellite into the field for non-hunting communication to be allowed. <u>No form of any communication shall be used at all times in the aid of taking any game.</u></p> <p>Tikiun- <b>We are just getting down to the nitty gritty and we are starting to over regulate ourselves. Communication devises we are always going to be around.</b></p>
16	Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons		
Oppose	8	White	There needs to be more research conducted before these items can be used in taking of big game.
35	Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents		
Oppose	6	3	There isn't enough resources to carry out such a demanding technology system.
147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose			There isn't enough resources to open up a nonresidential draw hunt for Caribou in Unit 8.

# CENTRAL BERING SEA

## Fish and Game Advisory Committee



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October 10-11, 2017

ADF&G Office, 9:00am

570 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bethel, AK

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

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### CALL TO ORDER: 1:15pm

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

### INVOCATION: Annie Cleveland

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

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

### INTRODUCTIONS:

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

### PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY:

### OLD BUSINESS:

### NEW BUSINESS:

- **2017/18 Board of Game (BOG) Proposals:**
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  - **PROPOSAL 6** – 5 AAC 92.095: Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers.
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- **PROPOSAL 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.**

- **Musk Oxen:** Hunt opportunities for ceremonial purposes, proxy hunts and for widows/widowers. – *David Bill Sr.*

Patrick Jones, ADF&G report: On the island counted by Patrick Jones with 755 musk ox. Wants to keep them at 500 and there is enough food. 2014 was the last year they've been giving lots of permits to lower the population. Try to do 3 surveys Nunivak, Nelson Is.

Musk ox are spreading out all over the area. On Nelson Island, 300 total permits: 44% in Cheforvak, 44% in Bethel, the rest in Bethel.

David Carl noted that there are lots of musk ox and want to let Fish & Game issue more permits.

Reindeer and musk ox are afraid of open water. Patrick Jones said if you see musk ox on the open water they could take a picture and it is legal to kill it.

For funeral/mortuary harvest it has to be moose, caribou, and deer. Patrick Jones said someone could make a proposal to let musk ox be on the list.

Proxy regulations are available to hunt for other people only for moose, caribou, and deer.

Have to be in person to get musk ox permit. Whoever gets the permit has to hunt it.

Permits rotate between the villages, Nelson Is. cooperative with the five villages.

Only Alaskan residents can have the permits for the musk ox.

**Option to add musk ox to the proxy form or mortuary for funerals or celebrations through a proposal.** ADF&G can help with this.

Florence from Toksook Bay asked about the number of permits.

For the proxy or mortuary could be rough drafted in the villages or Advisory Comm.

And Fish and Game could help to fix the draft.

Florence from Toksook Bay stated they don't see caribou and deer and wanted to change it to musk ox for proxy.

Add musk ox to proxy and mortuary request.

No amount to the population to the musk ox

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- **Board of Fish (BOF) Agenda Change Requests (ACRs).**

Aaron Tiernan F&G – Allow the F&G to allow with set net with 5.5 mesh sizes. Raise the mesh size from 4 inch to 5.5 on the Kuskokwim river. Annie Cleveland makes a motion for **no action for ARC 03-07**, seconded by Benjamin Lozano, question called. Motion passed for no action proposals ARC 03-07.

- **House Bill (HB) 199: Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection.** – *Melanie Brown*

Melanie Brown- Tribal person with the Bristol Bay area

HB199 to strengthen the salmon run.

Emily Anderson director of the salmon runs.

Explanation of HB 199

Training in law in Alaska and fish habitat.

HB199 put together

1. Expands fish and game habitat. To develop a fish habitat they don't need a permit. Navigable waters for the fish habitat
2. Habitat protection waters for the salmon fish.
3. Create II tier permit tracks.
4. Creates a way to say no if it's going to harm the salmon permits.

David Carl stated that there are animals hunting the salmon habitat and there are the Sportsman. They are the ones to look at that ruins the salmon habitat.

This law is only aimed at developers.

To get a permits if you are going to develop sometime that will damage the salmon habitat, like building a something along the salmon habitat.

David Bill, Sr. stated that the bottom fisheries are not hurting anything when the fish on the bottom. David has seen floating halibuts and other fish damaged by the bottom fishermen. The Eltion Strait is the trail for the fish and sea mammals and we used to fish halibut and get lots and now a days we don't get much fish. Walrus too have disappeared from that area. It is not only the Sports Fishermen that are damaging the fish habitat it is the Bottom Fishermen.

It's time to fix this problem before it is too late to the Bottom Fishermen.

Tommy K. there are lots of seals and fish on the sea. The elders said that if the bottom food is gone so will the fish. This summer there are not much for the families. These were cleaned by the Bottom Fish Trawlers. When the bottom fish net goes down to fish they really clean the bottom. When it is clean then there are no fish available for us.

You as F&G should somehow help us to get rid of the bottom trawlers who are damaging the habitat.

Evan Anderson with Alaska Center supports the salmon habitat the HB 199. Better protection the salmon habitat for all user groups to increase the number of fish in Alaska.

Need letters from support from our organizations to Juneau to the lawmakers.

- **Elect AC representative and alternate to attend 2017/ 2018 BOG/ BOF Meetings.** David Bill,  
David Carl alternate

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**ADJOURNMENT:** Annie Cleveland made a motion to close the CBSA, seconded by Stanley Anthony  
All in favor of the motion.

CBSA meeting formally close 12:20pm.

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
4			Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds Jennifer Hooper Regional Reps from Most of the areas of Alaska. A group of people that made this proposal. Andrew – History is that they have seen good edible meat in the dumps and want to make a law to change all this. To include leg and thighs of the big animal. On the birds to take the edible meat. He is with QNC and supports this proposal. Annie Cleveland makes a motion to the proposal 4 to support it. Seconded by David Carl. All in motion of the proposal. Passed.
	8	0	
6			Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers F&G is opposed to this proposal. Would not affect this area but the other ones. Like Lynx close early and will be a loop hole for them. Stanley Tom makes a motion to oppose. Seconded by Annie Cleveland. Discussion: Interior trappers like for lynx closes early for the trappers would catch a lynx and want to keep it and not to give to F&G. David Carl asks why the prices of the licenses are getting high and F&G stated that the law makers are the ones that sets the prices. Willie Atti – Asks about this proposal and wouldn't affect this area on the YK delta. Wants to be neutral on this proposal. Question by Tommy K. Roll call by Jenn. Opposed final.
8			Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license Unlawful methods for taking furbearers: Exceptions remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license. Be able to shoot wolves and wolverines and F&G is neutral on this proposal. Peter Julius made a motion to accept the proposal. Seconded by Annie Cleveland. Could amend just to include wolves.
	8	0	

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			Mr. Andrews said that wolverines are slow runners and wolves go fast. Too much wolverines would be taken if this proposal passes. F&G said wolverines and wolves live along where caribou and moose live and during the spring the ski planes could land anywhere. Amendment just to include the wolves. Amended by Annie Cleveland seconded by Stanley Tom. All in favor of the motion. Motion passed. Unanimous.
13			Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game On texting or emailing for the game. Tommy K. sort of don't like using walkie talkies or cellphones for hunting. Annie C. stated that to let the use of cell phones for the locals for the subsistence hunting and not the sports hunters with commercial services. AC agreed that they were okay with the use of cell phone for emergencies and when subsistence hunting, but not for guided sport hunts.
24			Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting To define the equipment use for bear hunting like barrets, cameras, or tree stands. F&G is neutral on this proposal. No action on this proposal recommended by the AC boards.
25			Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide Require harvest tickets all brown bears. Most of the state don't require that. September-May opened for now. And needs to be sealed and F&G is neutral on this. Tommy Kusaiaak makes a motion to oppose the motion, seconded by Stanley Tom. Question called. Roll call vote. Motion failed.
31	0	8	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts. Would only affect musk ox on Nunivak Island. Many people apply to get musk ox and this proposal wants a point system. Merkoyuk resident says it might be ok like for the other people that have been applying for the draw permits and never gets it and some people have applied gets it. They said they don't support the proposal. Stanley Tom make a motion accept seconded by Annie Cleveland. Roll call vote



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			by Jenn. Motion failed.
41	9	0	<p>Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag</p> <p>Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag. Rural residents don't need federal stamps now. ONC opposes all duck stamps and with the egg gathering. They don't want duck stamps. F&amp;G is neutral on this. , seconded by Stanley Tom. Roll call vote. All in favor of the motion passed as amended. <b>Peter Julius made a motion with amendment exempt from April 1- Nov. 1</b></p>
43	10	0	<p>Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting</p> <p>Allow the taking of emperor geese by proxy hunt. F&amp;G neutral on this proposal. Bethel AC supported as the way it is. This would apply statewide. Stanley Tom make a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by David Carl. Next year sports hunters will be allowed to hunt emperor geese. This only apply to Sept. to December not during the subsistence spring hunt. Question called. 10 yes to the motion.</p>
53	10	0	<p>Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide</p> <p>Customary and traditional uses of game population want to include the waterfowl. Bethel AC supported this proposal. State wants to recognize the customary and traditional use on the waterfowl. Annie C. makes a motion to approve, seconded by Benjamin Lozano. All in favor of the motion, motion passed. How many subsistence information on bird harvest on the books. This information will be given to the Board of Game and next step is to develop ANS.</p>
55	10	0	<p>Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches</p> <p>Taking of big game for religious ceremonies and potlatches when the season is closed. Stanley Tom makes a motion to accept proposal 55, seconded by seconded by Annie Cleveland. Question called.</p>

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

## FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE BOARD

### WILDLIFE PROPOSALS

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
18-21	To decrease the caribou to 2.		Stanley Tom made a motion to support, seconded by Annie Cleveland. Question called. Roll call vote with 10 yes, and 1 abstained. Motion passed.
Support	10	0	

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Support Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action			
18-21			
Support	10	0	To decrease the caribou to 2. Stanley Tom made a motion to support, seconded by Annie Cleveland. Question called. Roll call vote with 10 yes, and 1 abstained. Motion passed.
18-23			
No Action			
18-25			
No Action			Stanley Tom made a motion for no action. Seconded by Edward Lozano. Roll call vote with 11 yes votes, motion passed.
18-27			
No Action			Establish a customary and traditional use for muskox on Nunivak Island for the residents of Nunivak Island. Annie Cleveland makes a motion for no action on this proposal, seconded by Stanley Tom. Question called. Motion for no action passed by roll call vote.
18-28			
Support	10	0	Add winter moose hunt in and Platinum. Peter Julius states that he supports this proposal. Annie Cleveland made a motion to support the proposal seconded by Stanley Tom. Roll call vote, motion passed.
18-29			
Support	10	0	Annie moves to support this proposal, seconded by Peter Julius. Question called. Motion passed with 10 roll call votes.
18-30			
Support	11	0	To decrease the open season for caribou by 15 days for Unit 18.
18-31			
Support	10	0	To decrease the open season for caribou by 15 days for Unit 18. Annie Cleveland make a motion to support, seconded by Stanley Tom. Question called. Roll call vote with 10 yes & 1 abstained. Motion passed.



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10	to decrease the caribou to 2 Stanley 10m made a motion to support, seconded by White Cleveland. Question called. Roll call vote with 10 yes and 1 abstained. Motion passed.	10	0	
9	Bear bait on Federal la 85 Peter Willis made a motion to support, seconded by Benjamin Lozano. Question called. Roll call vote with 10 yes votes and 1 abstained.	10	0	

Minutes Recorded By: *St. M. [Signature]*

Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*

Date: 10/27/17



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

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Invocation:**

**Introduction of Guests:** Josh Peirce (ADF&G Wildlife), Jon Barton (ADF&G Wildlife), Eddie Hoeldt (secretary), Jeremy Havener (Galena), David Runfola (ADF&G Subsistence Division), Dan Gillikin,

Elections: Expired Terms/Vacant Seats, Officers: Secretary

**Approval of Minutes: February 8, 2017**

**Comments:**

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

**New Business:**

- **Moose Survey Update** – Josh Peirce, ADF&G (see presentation slides at <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=187306>)  
Josh Peirce: Provided a presentation of the moose count survey. Last survey in Aniak was 2010. Unit 18 population is "booming." Survey results TM680: Harvest surplus is 165 (4% of total population) moose. 19A total surplus is 252 moose. TM 680: Most radical increase from 0.5 moose/mi<sup>2</sup> in 2006 to 0.7 moose/mi<sup>2</sup> in 2017. Unit 18 now has good moose establishment. 2017 great sample size. Calve to cow size is really good (objective is 30-40 calves per 100 cows, current is 52). Discussion of Proposal 165. SHAC did not want to support this this early: Sleetmute and SHAC want to wait one more year (2019). SHAC came up with several ways to limit the hunt. Suggest that the CK AC start thinking about their Tier II area moose hunt for the 2020 meeting cycle. Discussion on what to suggest to the Board of Game.
- **Board of Game Proposals (Comments October 27, 2017)**  
*Motions need to be stated to "adopt" or "accept" Proposal X. If you agree with the proposal vote "yea," if you disagree you vote "nay"*
  - **PROPOSAL 4** – 5 AAC 92.990(a)(26): Change the definition of "edible meat" for large game birds.
  - **PROPOSAL 5**– 5 AAC 92.990: Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine.
  - **PROPOSAL 6** – 5 AAC 92.095: Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers.
  - **PROPOSAL 8** – 5 AAC92.095: Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license
  - **PROPOSAL 10** –5 AAC 92.085(8): Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game.
  - **PROPOSAL 11**–5 AAC 92.085(8): Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
  - **PROPOSAL 12** –5 AAC 92.085(8). Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting
  - **PROPOSAL 13** – 5 AAC92.080(7): Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game.



- **PROPOSAL 14** – 5 AAC 92.080(7): Prohibit the taking of bears in dens.
- **PROPOSAL 15** – 5 AAC 92.260: Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs
- **PROPOSAL 24** – 5 AAC 92.044(10): Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting.
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- **PROPSAL 42** – 5 AAC 92.069: Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts
- **PROPOSAL 52** – 5 AAC 92.106: Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met
- **PROPOSAL 53** – 5 AAC 99.025(a)(12): Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide.
- **PROPOSAL 54** – 5 AAC 92.070: Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system.
- **PROPOSAL 55** – 5 AAC 92.019: Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches.
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- **PROPOSAL 162** – 5 AAC 92.015(a)(4): Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.
- **PROPOSAL 163** – 5 AAC 92.015(a)(4): Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
- **PROPOSAL 165** – 5 AAC 85.045: Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A
- **Federal Subsistence Board Wildlife Proposals**
  - **WP18-21** – Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.
  - **WP18-29** – Lengthen moose season by one month in Unit 18 Remainder
  - **WP18-30** – Shorten season and decrease harvest limit and possession limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18.
  - **WP18-31** – Shorten caribou season in portions of Unit 18 by 15 days.
  - **WP18-33/36**: Shorten season date to align with State and require State registration permit for moose in Unit 21E
  - **WP18-51**: Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.
- **Kuskokwim River Fisheries Permit Discussion**

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

## Old Business

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



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

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

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

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

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

**Other/Miscellaneous Business:**

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

**Next Meeting Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adjourn2**

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



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





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

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



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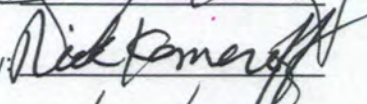
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action			
Oppose	0	8	
157	Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Support	8	0	
162	Reauthorize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



## Federal Subsistence Board Wildlife April 2018

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

Minutes Recorded By: 

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 10/27/2017



### 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:  
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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



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
<del>support</del>	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 dont 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 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**



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Support	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&amp;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><b>Amend: Include wolf but not wolverine.</b></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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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
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. <b>1 Abstain</b>
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 <b>Amend: Exempt AK residents from season April 1-Nov. 1</b>
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.



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<b>Proposal Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>		
<b>Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments, Discussion (List Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal</b>
<b>147</b>	<b>Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19.</b>		
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.
<b>157</b>	<b>Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18</b>		
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
<b>163</b>	<b>Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A</b>		
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
<b><u>WP18-21</u></b>	Change harvest limit to 2 caribou throughout Mulchatna caribou herd range and consolidate hunt.		
Support	4	0	
<b><u>WP18-27</u></b>	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.
<b><u>WP18-28</u></b>	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.
<b><u>WP18-29</u></b>	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.
<b><u>WP18-30</u></b>	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 <b>Amend: Leave the season the same and shorten the bag limit.</b>
<b><u>WP18-31</u></b>	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.



<b>WP18-51</b>	<b>Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.</b>		
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: \_\_\_\_\_



<b>WP18-51</b>	<b>Modify bear baiting restrictions to align with State regulations.</b>	
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: [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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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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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		
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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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
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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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
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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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
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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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
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 <sup>st</sup> 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:**

Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee			
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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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 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)				Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license
ns) 8	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)				Prohibit the taking of bears in dens
ns) 14	1	9		
No action 15				Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs



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	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
No action 60			Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course
	6	5	
61			Add Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit
Oppose 62			Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild
	0	14	
Support 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
Opposed (10 abstentions) 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Member Present</b>	<b>Member Absent</b>	<b>Member Excused</b>
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, thought 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





# Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

November 10-17, 2017 - Anchorage

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



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

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

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

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

11. Adjournment: 8:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By: *[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 10-17<sup>th</sup> Oct 27 deadline for commenting. Central/Southwest Board of Game Feb 16-23<sup>rd</sup>, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

# Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee Meeting



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**Excerpt from the Lower Kuskokwim AC**

**minutes.** For full meeting minutes please

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Draft Agenda

October 25-26, 2017

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

**Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709**

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

**ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISH QUORUM: 8 members, quorum established**

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

**INVOCATION: William Brown**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**

Tim Andrew, ONC

Patrick Jones, ADF&G

Jen Peeks, ADF&G

Pat Samson, Translator

Dave Runfola, ADF&G (teleconference)

Alex Nick, Bethel

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

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

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

**COMMENTS:**

● **CONCERNS/COMMENTS OF PUBLIC:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Draft Agenda

October 25-26, 2017

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

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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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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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><b>John Andrew makes a motion ban satellite phones except for emergencies, but not for hunting game.</b></p>
<b>24</b>	<b>Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting</b>		
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>
<b>25</b>	<b>Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide</b>		
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>
<b>31</b>	<b>Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts</b>		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Phillip Peter moved to adopt, John Twitchell, 2<sup>nd</sup>.</p>
<b>41</b>	<b>Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag</b>		
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><b>Amendment: AK residents from April 1- November 1</b></p>



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Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting			
November 10 - 17, 2017   Anchorage			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
No Action			<p>Tim Andrew and Dave Runfola explained.</p> <p>Charlie- Sometimes we see emperor geese [by Eek], but it's not their normal path.</p> <p>Henry Parks- no emperor geese by the tundra villages.</p> <p>James- no one is targeting emperor geese by Tuntutuliak.</p> <p>John Andrew- no action bc this does not affect us. The coastal villages may go hunt, but not in the fall time</p>
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	8	0	<p>Charlie Brown- We use to use birds in parkas and other clothes when stores were not plentiful. We utilized everything including migratory birds. That is customary and traditional. In the spring time we use to use the salmon skin as clothing too.</p>
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
Support	8	0	<p>John Twitchell- Suggested adding elders who are unable to go hunting. The meat is needed by the widowers and elders. Patrick Jones (ADFG) responded that there is another regulation to help Elders hunt.</p> <p>Charlie- There was an elder and orphan who died recent- does this mean I could have gotten a moose for them? It does help us for these feeds. It is important to us. If it includes religious and funeral I like this.</p> <p>Sandra- potlatches are in the interior. They don't pertain to us.</p>
64	Eliminate domestic sheep ( <i>Ovis aries</i> ) and goats ( <i>Capra hircus</i> ) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat		
No Action			
Alaska Board of Game Central/ Southwest Region Meeting			
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	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>
<b>157</b>	<b>Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18</b>		
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>
<b>163</b>	<b>Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A</b>		
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>
<b>165</b>	<b>Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A</b>		
Support	8	0	<p>Charlie Brown- make motion to accept, seconded by Phillip Peter. Patrick Jones (ADF&amp;G) and Dave Runfola (ADF&amp;G) summarized.</p> <p>John Andrew- Local residents know where to go hunt moose even in bad weather.</p> <p>Patrick explained Tier I and Tier II.</p>



# Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee Meeting

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

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## Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting November 10 - 17, 2017 | Anchorage

Proposal Number	Proposed Date	Number	Number	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support		Support	Oppose	
Support as Amended				
Oppose				
No Action				
				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), Kassidy 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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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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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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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	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.
17	Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game		
Support	8	0	Steve supports, see comments on proposal #16. Herb calls the question.
24	Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting		
Oppose	0	7	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  During the debate on Prop #24 member of the public Mr. O'Connor spoke



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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. <b>Motion fails 7-2-0.</b> One member mentioned liking intent of this proposal but preferred the solution of proposal 36. <b>A failed vote would be 2 in favor, 7 oppose</b>
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





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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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Runkle. 8 in favor, 0 opposed

**Approval of Minutes: Moved** by Runkle, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

McGrath AC



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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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
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 <sup>nd</sup> . 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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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
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.

## Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.*

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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
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.
<b>3 Modify the definition of regulatory year</b>			
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.
<b>4 Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds</b>			
<b>5 Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine</b>			
			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.
<b>6 Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers</b>			
<b>7 Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide</b>			
<b>8 Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license</b>			
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.
<b>9 Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes</b>			
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.
<b>10 Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game</b>			
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.
<b>11 Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting</b>			
Oppose	0	9	See above
<b>12 Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting</b>			
Oppose	0	9	See above
<b>24 Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting</b>			
Support	8	0	Alan opened discussion on 24. F&G stated DNR has regulation that bear baiters can only leave a stand or equipment in the field for 14 days, then after that a fee is required. DNR states a bear hunter that wants to leave a stand will have to move every 14 days and pay a fee. Coke stated the DNR is inept and they do not enforce evenly. Tony mentioned that DNR has regs but no enforcement capability. Coke stated bear baiting management should be left to F&G, and if any fees are collected, it should to F&G to support management. Coke makes a motion, Coke seconds. Nan abstained.



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



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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



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

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

[record minutes]



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
support as Amended	8	0	Joe moves, Richard 2nd with an amendment to the proposal to remove heart and gizzards from the proposal. State regulation already requires wings to be left on birds.
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Oppose	0	8	We felt that this proposal would extend and possible target certain species out of season to trap after the season for them have closed.
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
Oppose	0	8	Richard moves, John 2nd.
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
Oppose	0	8	Richard moves, John 2nd. Everyone on the AC and general public all felt education of hunters is vital to ethical hunting and general safety of hunts in Alaska, but that It is just not feasible to require it everywhere.

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



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



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

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

Adjournment: 10:45pm

Minutes Recorded By: George Wilson Jr Secretary

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Alaska Department of Fish & Game  
**Noatak/Kivalina Advisory Committee**

Agenda

October 23, 2017 – 1 p.m.

Noatak IRA Conference room – Noatak, Alaska

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

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





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

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

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

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

No action because we do not harvest octopus.

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

No action because we do not have scallop dredges.

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

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

11. Adjourn: 2:35 p.m.

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

Minutes Reviewed by: Enoch Mitchell, Chair

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



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

October 19, 2017 – 3 p.m.

Northwest Campus Nagozruk Conference Room – Nome, Alaska

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



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

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

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



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



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



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



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



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40	Allow nonresidents that have successfully harvested a Dall sheep in the last three years to apply for Dall sheep permits annually		
N/A			
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Lucas Frost, Second by Tom Gray
42	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts		
N/A			
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost.
44	Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Brandon Ahmasuk.
45	Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts		
N/A			
46	Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Ed Stang.
47	Modify the transfer of possession regulations		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Lucas Frost, Second by Ed Stang
48	Modify the transfer of possession regulations to include reporting requirements		
N/A			
49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		





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



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58	Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts		
N/A			
59	Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and community subsistence harvest hunts		
N/A			
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
O	1	7	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost. Admirable intent, not practical in remote communities.
61	Add Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit		
N/A			
62	Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild		
N/A			
63	Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Charlie Lean, Second by Lucas Frost.
64	Eliminate domestic sheep ( <i>Ovis aries</i> ) and goats ( <i>Capra hircus</i> ) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat		
N/A			
65	Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits		
N/A			



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66	Update the Board of Game’s policy for accepting agenda change requests to make it more consistent with the Joint Board Petition Policy		
N/A			
67	To comply with recent statutory changes, review and update regulations with minimum hunting age requirements		
N/A			
68	Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost. Like in 22A moose.
69	For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose		
N/A			

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

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

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

No Action

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

No Action

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Comment Deadline: February 23, 2018

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

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



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

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

II. Roll Call:

**Members Present:**

Frank Woods – Chair, Dillingham

Glen Wysoki - Koliganek

Todd Fritze- Dillingham

Dan Dunaway- secretary, at large Dillingham

Travis Ball- Aleknagik

Mariano Floresta- Clarks Pt.

Susie Brito- Alt, Dillingham

Walter Kanulie- Alt, Togiak by phone

Joe Chythlook - Dillingham

Richard King- Ekwok by phone

James Woolington- Dillingham by phone

Tom O'Connor- Dillingham - by phone

Curt Armstrong - Dillingham

**Members Absent:**

Gayla Hoseth- Dillingham, excused

Chris Carr- Portage Creek

Diana Gamechuk- Manokotak, excused

Peter Christopher- New Stuyahok

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8**

**List of User Groups Present:**

Subsistence fishing and hunting.

Commercial Fishing drift and set

Trapping

Guiding

III. **Approval of Agenda:**

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

IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

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

V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Tim Sands Commercial Fish

Gabriella Halas Subsistence by phone

Jason Dye, Lee Borden Sport Fish

Neil Barten Wildlife



Taryn Brito Board Support

Joe Wittkop **State Troopers Wildlife**

VI. **Guests Present:**

Catherine Carscallen public

Ted Krieg public

Gene Sandone - consultant BBEDC - phone

Gary Cline BBEDC

Cody Larson BBNA

Patrick Walsh, Allen Miller, Andy Aderman USFWS Togiak Refuge

Dave Bendinger KDLG News

VII. **Elections for AC Members:**

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

At Large undesignated seat open: Dan Dunaway

Chair turned gavel to Board support for nominations:

Todd Fritze nominated Dunaway for undesignated seat.

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

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

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

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

Catherine Carscallen nominated Susie Brito.

Travis moved, Joe 2nd to close nominations.

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

Gavel returned to Chair Woods.

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

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

**Elect Alternate:**

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

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



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

#### VIII. **ADF&G Staff Updates:**

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

BREAK 10:12 TO 10:25

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

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

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

AC member Glen says maybe something else is going on.

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

IX. New Business:

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

12:17 to 13:07 Lunch Break

14:45 Susie Brito departs quorum remains.

14:55 Curt Armstrong departs still have quorum

15:05 -15:18 break

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

16:10 Curt Armstrong returns to meeting.



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



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November 10 - 17, 2017 | Anchorage

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



## Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting

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



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



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



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



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





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

### 3. Comment on proposals for the Federal Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council

**WP 18-21: Simplify Caribou regulations and align with current State regulations:**

Travis move Joe 2nd

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

**SUPPORT    8 yes 0 no**

**WP 18-22: Rescind Federal public lands closure for Nushagak Peninsula Caribou:**

Travis moved Dan 2nd

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

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

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

Herd is oversized now and could over graze.

Likely to open opportunities to more communities in the area.

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

OSM supports this action.

**SUPPORT    8 yes 0 no**



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

Travis move, Joe 2nd

Submitted by Gayla Hoseth of Dillingham.

Nushagak Caribou popular appears to remain above desired levels.

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

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

OSM supports this with some wording modifications recommended.

**SUPPORT 8 yes 0 no**

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

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

Adjournment: 17:03

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



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

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

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

**INTERESTS REPRESENTED**

- 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

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Not applicable
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frank Robbins
- VI. Guests Present: Bryan Aber
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: BOG Statewide Proposal recommendations



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5				Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine
Oppose	0	4		The regulations are complicated enough, this makes it harder and the potential for more sublegal takes 1 abstain
6				Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers
Support	4	0		1 abstain
7				Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide
Support	5	0		Potential for abuse
10				Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game
				tabled
44				Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions
Oppose	0	5		There is plenty of opportunity for this hunt in the federal & state areas, potential for abuse
56				Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions
Oppose	0	5		Dose not work for the good of the community
57				Change the definition of “community” or “group” for community subsistence harvest hunts
Oppose	0	5		By changing the definition we still have a community hunt, which we do not support
58				Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts
Oppose	0	5		Do not support the community hunts in any form
59				Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and community subsistence harvest hunts
Oppose	0	5		Not necessary if there is no community 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
Oppose	0	3		Oppose as this won’t allow elders to hunt unless they complete the course 2 abstain

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11 pm.

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



**Sitka Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, October 25, 2017  
Sitka Sound Science Center**

- I. **Call to Order:** [610pm] by [Jon Martin/Chair]
  
- II. **Roll Call:** Jeffrey Feldpausch, Joel Markis, Luke Bastian, Tad Fujioka, Randy Gluth, Eric Jordan, Bradley Scheaffer, Dick Curran, Karen Johnson, Moses Johnson, John Murray, Jon Martin  
**Members Present:** 12  
**Members Absent:** 5  
Brian Massey, Floyd Tomkins, Wayne Unger, Chris Whitehead, Andrew Thoms  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:  
List of User Groups Present:
  
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Randy Gluth, Jeff Feldpausch second
  
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Randy Gluth, Jeff Feldpausch second
  
- V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Steve Bethune AK ADF&G, Kyle Ferguson Alaska Wildlife Trooper
  
- VI. **Guests Present:** Heather Bauscher, Fran Johnson, Kenyatta Bradley, Mike Coleman, Carina Nichols, Stacy Meyers, Burt Meyers, Chris Kolms, Calvin Pfeiffer, Pat Alexander, Spike Arnold, Gene Arnold
  
- VII. **Old Business:**  
  
**Elections:**  
  
**Trapping Seat:** Tad Fujioka nominated for reelection by Randy Gluth,  
Second by Brad Schaeffer  
Eric Jordan motion to close nominations, second by Joel Markis  
Eric Jordan motion to select Tad by acclimation, second Dick Curran  
**Tad Fujioka reelected to Trapping Seat**  
  
**Resident Sport Fish:** Brian Massey nominated for reelection by Randy Gluth,  
Second by Tad Fujioka  
Tad Fujioka motion to close nominations and elect Brian Massey,  
Second by Jon Martin  
**Brian Massey reelected to Resident Sport Fish Seat**



**At Large Seat:** Brad Schaeffer nominated for reelection by Brad Schaeffer,  
Second by Jon Martin  
Randy Gluth motion to close nominations and elect Brad Schaeffer,  
Seconded by Jon Martin  
**Brad Schaeffer reelected to At Large Seat**

**Processor Seat:** Wayne Unger nominated for reelection by Randy Gluth,  
Second by Brad Schaeffer  
Randy Gluth motion to close nominations and elect Wayne Unger,  
Second by Jon Martin  
**Wayne Unger reelected to Processor Seat**

**Alternate Seat:** Joel Markis nominated for reelection by Jon Martin,  
Second by Brad Schaeffer  
Tad Fujioka motion to close nominations and elect Joel Markis,  
Second by Jon Martin  
**Joel Markis reelected to Alternate Seat**

**SE BOG Proposal Cycle 2018- 2019:**

Reminder to get the word out to get proposals drawn up, or provide help and support

**Alaska State Board of Fish Annual Meeting in Sitka January 11<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

Jon Martin & John Murray- Point people on this event

**Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation:**

**Recipients:**

Dick Curran  
Randy Gluth  
Karen Johnson  
John Murray  
Moses Johnson  
Tad Fujioka  
Eric Jordan  
Bradley Scheaffer  
Jerry Barber

**Thank you for all that you do!**



VIII. New Business:

**BOG Proposals:**

i. **Definitions:**

**Proposal 1.** Intending to change language “take”, to language “kill” or “harvest”

**Support:** User Concern that “take” is too broad and given that it applies to any harassment of wildlife could implicate a “take” occurring even during pursuit of an animal in a hunt. Or spooking an animal without firing or harvesting. Null and voids wounding loss language, serious issue.

**Oppose:** Enforcement Concern that a person couldn’t be held accountable for criminal action unless they have animal in hand.

Motion to adopt Proposal 1 by Eric Jordan, Tad Fujioka second; Brad Schaeffer call question, John Murray second

**Vote:** 2- support, 10- oppose

**Motion Fails**

**Proposal 2:** Definition of a youth hunt to allow 8yr- 17yr and remove Hunter Ed Requirement

**Support:** Allows advantage for early season hunts, and inclusion of younger kids. Hunter Education requirement could be difficult to meet in rural communities, should already be taught by family/mentors.

**Oppose:** Seems like contradictory language, and not successful in combining the two stipulations to one proposal. Hunter Education is important but not required everywhere. Maybe an urban vs. rural perspective issue.

Motion to adopt Proposal 2 and call the question to vote by Randy Gluth

**Vote:** 0- support, 11- oppose, 1- abstain

**Motion Fails**

**Proposal 4:** Change definition of edible meat required for harvest on Large Game Birds to include gizzards and heart in addition to back, breasts, and wings.

**Support:** Support full utilization of the resource and discourage waste.



**Oppose:** Not a reasonable expectation of Bird Hunters when users are not required to keep heart and liver in big game harvest. Also enforcement concern. Due to the wide geographic range of game birds it is unknown where a bird may have been feeding which contributes to potential lack of desire to harvest the gizzard.

Motion to adopt Proposal 4 and call to question by Randy Gluth

**Vote:** 1- support, 11- oppose

**Motion Fails**

**Proposal 5:** Clarification on limits for take on Moose regarding brow tines.

**Support:** Intent of proposal to make it easier on users in following hunting guidelines. Anytime L.E. seeking clarification usually to help create additional harvest opportunity regarding various antler configurations.

**Oppose:** Concerns with enforceability, and becomes difficult for hunters to keep track of what can be taken legally and what cannot. Not fair to hunters, too much variety in Antler types and regulations based on varied antler types.

Motion to adopt Proposal 5 and call to question by Eric Jordan.

**Vote:** 11- support, 1- oppose

**Motion Passes**

## ii. Unlawful Methods:

### Proposals 10-15: Discussion

- Impacts areas other than Southeast but local people that live here do go to other units to hunt Sheep
- Contention seems to grow over Sheep issues every year "Sheep Wars"
- Three main issues in all sheep proposals:
  - o Aircraft use
  - o Allocation of state resources (res. Vs non res.)





- Point systems and tags- how opportunities are offered for residents, youth, and non-residents
- Maybe easier to draft a response collectively to the multiple proposals related to sheep.

**Proposal 13:** New technology, use of Cell Phones to take game i.e. real time trail cam video streaming to phone, streaming video from a drone to cell phone, etc...

**Support:** Technology should not be allowed in any capacity to assist in the take of an animal. Clarification of specific technology will aid in enforcement in attempts to allow regulations to keep up with advances in technology.

**Oppose:** Concerns with limiting users' ability to use phones or sat phones for safety communications. Concerns of government oversight going too far.

Motion to adopt Proposal 13 and call to question by Jeff Feldpausch

**Vote:** support- 10, oppose- 1, abstain- 1

**Motion Passes**

### iii. Hunting Permits & Harvest Tickets

**Proposal 26:** Allowing the sale of Governor's tags to be bought through auction or raffle.

**Support:** Intent is to raise money for conservation organizations, and non-profits, as well as to help fund the Department of Fish and Game. Generates large amounts of money that can be put toward conservation. Does not change number of animals taken and therefore does not pose a biological issue.

**Oppose:** The idea of buying a tag outside of bag limits is found to be offensive. The idea "capitalization of wild game" also not supported. Caters to trophy takers.

Motion to adopt Proposal 26 and call it to question by Jeff Feldpausch

**Vote:** support- 2, oppose- 8, abstain-2

**Motion Fails**



**Proposal 31:** Asking for effort to be put into considering a points system to be put in place rather than a random drawing

**Support:** Interested in finding a way to distribute tags that is more fair and equitable than random drawing system. Should find ways to mitigate concerns like commercial issues.

**Oppose:** This would be a huge burden on staff, administratively difficult, and require large allocation of resources. Opportunity for commercialization puts the youngest and oldest Alaskans potentially at a disadvantage. Feelings that the current system is working so why change it.

Motion to adopt Proposal 31 and call to question by Joel Markis, second Jon Martin

**Vote:** support-0, oppose- 9, abstain- 3

**Motion Fails**

#### iv. Hunter Education

**Proposal 60:** Hunter Education Requirement

**Support:** Hunter Education is very important for safety in the field and for learning ethical take of wild game.

**Oppose:** There would be potential difficulty for remote users to have access to an approved and accredited Hunter Education course. This is an “urban solution” the rural solution is family based, or often linked to cultural education and traditional subsistence practices within a community. There are plenty of options and resources available to get the Hunter Education certification if one so chooses, but it should not be required as that would be burdensome. Established users who have spent their lives hunting do not want to be required to take a Hunter Education course in order to continue hunting.

Motion to adopt Proposal 60 and call to question by Eric Jordan, Randy Gluth second



**Vote:** support- 1, oppose- 11

**Motion Fails**

**v. Possessing Live Game**

**Proposal 62:** Allow for release of sterilized feral cats into the wild

**Support:** Collars now exist to reduce success of feral cats in hunting wild birds.

**Oppose:** Feral cats have significant negative impacts on wild bird populations and have been attributed to the cause of extinction of certain species. This is obviously a terrible idea.

**Vote:** support- 0, oppose- 12

**Motion Fails**

**vi. Misc. Topic**

**Proposal 64:** Wild Sheep Foundation Proposal

**Support:** The spread of disease from domestic sheep and goats to the wild population is the greatest threat to our wild populations of sheep and goats

**Oppose:** It is not within the Board's power to regulate domestic animals

Motion to adopt Proposal 64 and call to question by Jeff Feldpausch

**Vote:** support-10, oppose- 2, abstain- 2

**Motion Passes**

**Proposal 69:** Requirement to watch a video for access to harvest Moose

**Discussion:** Classic example of a proposal put in "because we have to.... so should everyone else"



**Future Meeting Dates:**

- **November 1<sup>st</sup> – (Groundfish) Herring Proposals, 6pm Centennial Hall**
- **November 8<sup>th</sup> - (Shellfish proposals and Shellfish seat election) 6pm Centennial Hall**
- **November 15<sup>th</sup> - (Finfish excluding Herring) 6pm Centennial Hall**
- **November 29<sup>th</sup> - (Finfish/Herring Proposals) 6pm Centennial Hall**

Motion to Adjourn by Jon Martin at 8:13pm

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Heather Bauscher

Minutes Approved By: Jon Martin

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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

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

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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		
No Action			
2	Modify the definition of youth hunt, allow youth hunters to obtain their own harvest ticket, and remove the hunter education requirement for youth hunters		
No Action			
3	Modify the definition of regulatory year		
Opposed	0	6	Wes made motion Jacob seconded to approve. Wes said due to the complexity of the



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



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



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





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

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



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

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

10. Adjourn at 3:21 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Jacob Ivanoff, Secretary

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Signature Date

Minutes reviewed/approved by: Wade Ryan, Chair

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Signature Date



## Minutes

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

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

#### **The Roll Call & Quorum**

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

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

#### **Others Attending -**

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

#### **Members' Concerns - Chair**

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

#### **Approval of Agenda –Approved**

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

#### **Fred Bobby** - Bear control program needed in Lime Village area

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

#### **Chair –**

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

#### **Josh -**

- *Had some handouts, including printed versions of his power point presentation.*



- Josh gave a short history of the moose closure.

**Josh Peirce** – Nov. & Feb Moose counts moose surveys

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

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

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

### **BOG Statewide Meeting / Nov. 10-17 / ACR1 Discussion, proposals & comments**

Discussion was led by the Chair-

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

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

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

The next Region 3 meeting is in 2020.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

**Using the list of options for a hunt, the latest survey information, and through discussion of this list and other issues, SHAC agreed on a list of conditions for a registration hunt. SHAC believes these conditions would offer a hunt in the area that would still allow the herd to continue to grow, as well as limit the ability of some to abuse and possibly over harvest moose in the area. The list follows –**

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

#### **Considerations -**

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

#### **Conditions -**

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



- **Hunt reporting must be done within 15 days of hunt closure.** Failure to turn in a report will result in no permit eligibility for the next season.
- **It is understood that if or when moose #s in 19A East become low – the area will return to a closure, rather than going into Tier II.**
- **The trigger for return to a closure, is if/when the bull:cow ratio goes down to 35 bulls : 100 cows, the area returns to a closure.**
- Composition counts should be done each year to see how population is doing –(Bull:cow/ calf:cow)
- Law enforcement is low in the area –have it increased during the reg. hunt and during the 19B season.

#### **Other conditions considered**

- No commercial services allowed – no guiding, outfitting, transporting services to be used
- Access for hunt only by scheduled commercial aircraft to publicly maintained strips in one of the villages, (SLQ, Stony, RD)
- A checkpoint @ mouth of Holitna.
- Make this hunt a winter subsistence hunt – open in Nov. or Feb.
- Cap on the number of moose taken (20), with 1 or 2 days to report success.

#### **There was a half hour break for dinner at 6pm.**

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

#### **Comments for the statewide BOG meeting are on the appropriate form, and are attached to these minutes.**

##### **Barb Carlson - Fisheries update**

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

##### **BOF ACRs Discussed & voted on -**

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

**Other Business - none**

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3	Modify the definition of regulatory year		
Support	5		This would simplify regulation and avoid confusion.
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Oppose		5	This change is unneeded, and virtually unenforceable. Could lead to intrusive, abusive enforcement.
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
Oppose		5	This is a customary & traditional practice. It is also limited in its practice, due to its difficulty and the time of year it is done – so there is scarcely any impact on population.
15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs		
Oppose		5	This is a customary & traditional practice. It is also limited in its practice, due to its difficulty and the time of year it is done – so there is scarcely any impact on population
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Support	5		Excepting the Hub villages, there is usually no place to obtain a duck stamp in rural Alaska.
42	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts		
Oppose		5	The example given in this proposal is in regard to federal land. This regulation does conserve the resource by preventing transporters from dropping off non-resident hunters for both species.
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and		



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			population objectives are met
No Action			The committee discussed this proposal. While this might be a good regulation to apply in some areas, the committee did not think it would be appropriate statewide.
54			<b>Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system</b>
Oppose		5	Due to the present Tier II point system, <u>young rural Alaskans can scarcely get enough points for a permit.</u> This proposal would <u>further undercut locals' ability to obtain a Tier II permit.</u> There are few or no grocery stores in most rural areas to buy meat. Rural folks are directly dependent on wild animal prey species. Committee members would prefer a <u>local</u> preference statewide. Alaska residents living in any location, (near Fairbanks, Juneau, Barrow, Bethel), should have a preference in getting hunt permits
60			<b>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</b>
Oppose		5	Although this is a good idea, this would be impossible to obtain in rural areas. Also, all state agencies are having their budgets cut. Who would be responsible for administrating this program - The Dept. of Education, ADF&G? –Who?

Adjournment: 10am, Sept. 20

Minutes Recorded By: Barb Carlson  
Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney  
Date: 10/16/2017





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

- I. Call to Order: [10:30am] by [Moses Kritz]
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Moses Kritz , Roger Wassillie, Peter Lockuk, Joe Alexie, Walter Kanulie, Mickey Sharp, Kenneth Nukwak, Tessa Nikerson-until 4:45, Frank Logusak-until11:55, Norman Gloko-11:10-4:45, Bill Sanchez-Alternate, Thomas Dock-Alternate  
Members Absent: Gust Bartman-Excused, Julius Henry, Darren Byayuk, Lester Moore  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7  
Frank moves to seat the alternates, Peter 2nds, Unanimous approval
- III. Approval of Agenda: Frank Moves open Agenda, Tessa 2nds, Unanimous Approval
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 4/10/2017 meeting, Frank move to approve, Walter 2nds, Unanimous approval
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Joe Witkopp (AWT), Taryn O'Conner-Brito (Boards), Neil Barten (Wildlife), Jason Dye (Sports Fish), Tim Sands (Com Fish), James Van Lannen (Subsistence)
- VI. Guests Present: Jimmy Coopchiak (Togiak Traditional Council), Theo Pauk (Togiak), Bob Dubey (TogiFisheries), Susanna Henry(TNWR), Andy Aderman (TNWR), Pat Walsh (TNWR)
- VII. TEK Mulchatna Caribou Project Presentation: Jamie Vanlannen-
  - Participatory GIS (local people mapping traditional knowledge)
  - 13 communities involved
  - Draft report due by November 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Jamie got weathered out of meeting and would like to re schedule a time to meet face to face with members of the Togiak community. Hard to explain report over phone.
  - Maybe end of October or beginning of November. Gayla will coordinate with Jimmy Coopchiak.



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

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

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

IX. Staff Updates:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tim Sands-

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

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



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

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

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

Bill S. believes they are Togiak fish being intercepted

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

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

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

Moses Calls 10 min break 10:55

Frank L. signed off 10:55

Staff Updates Continued:

Neil Barten-

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

Andy Aderman-

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



Moses- Wonders if the AC should propose to extend the fall and winter seasons by a week.

Thomas- Is concerned that wolf control could wipe out wolves needed to cull the sick and weak from the moose herd.

Neil says wolves targeted are primarily working the caribou calving grounds.

Kenneth would like to know if 17a survey included Tuklung mountains.

Andy says Tuklungs are mostly 17c

Kenneth says hunters often ask where 17a starts on the river

Andy says it is about drainage directions, and it can be difficult down on peninsula but the moose aren't really down there.

X. New Business:

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



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4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Support	11	0	<p>Neil- Proposal would change the definition of edible meat for large game birds</p> <p>Gayla- YKC Council to AMBCC made proposal. Trying to keep people from wasting edible portions. Was submitted once before but included Ptarmigan, and there was push back.</p> <p>Moses K.- real good proposal. Would support.</p> <p>Thomas D. moves to support Roger W. 2nds <b>AC supports unanimously</b></p>
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Neil- proposal would require harvest tickets for brown bear</p> <p>Peter L. moves to <b>oppose</b> proposal 25 Roger W. 2nds Motion passes unanimously <b>(AC unanimously opposes proposal 25)</b></p>
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Support	9	0	<p>Gayla H- proposal would remove the necessity for someone to by the \$10 state duck stamp for the spring subsistence season. This would not apply to the fall season. You would still need to get a stamp for that.</p> <p>Moses K.- would support. Local people fall on hardship quite a bit.</p> <p>Thomas D. moves to support proposal 41 Kenneth 2nds <b>AC unanimously supports proposal 41</b></p>
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	9	0	<p>Neil- would allow proxy hunting for Emperor geese.</p> <p>Thomas moves to support proposal 43 Walter 2nds <b>AC unanimously supports proposal 43</b></p>



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



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



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			<p>day.</p> <p>Neil B.- there are about 12 instructors in Dillingham. If a community wants to set up a class they can call Neil.</p> <p>Moses calls for roll call vote:</p> <p>Moses- no            Roger- yes            Peter- no            Bill- no            Joe- yes            Walter- no            Kenneth- yes            Thomas- no            Mickey- no  <b>(Proposal 60 Fails 3-6)</b></p> <p>Tessa and Norman are no longer on line.</p>

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72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
oppose	0	9	<p>Neil- proposal seeks to allow a 7 day archery hunt following the regular season in 17b, and 17c. 50" antler restriction would remain. This wouldn't apply to 17a.</p> <p>Bill S. (jokingly) only has one question... if you wound it with an arrow can you shoot it?</p> <p>Joe W. says only if it is running at you... then it is a DLP, and would need to be turned over to the state.</p>





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



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



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



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



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



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



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			<p>hunt, and restrict the hunter to one or the other.</p> <p>Neil B. – Notes that it is possible that it is possible more hunters would opt of the area with the floating season, but with amendments restrictions could be placed.</p> <p>Moses K- maybe KMO could wait until they meet with ADF&amp;G and AWT, and until moose build up. If we want to conserve moose we should not do this, because it provides too much access.</p> <p>Gayla H- frustrated with population numbers. It is a good food source. We need to work on the issue. Maybe next cycle we should restrict this to watershed residents only.</p> <p>Tessa N.- it should be shut down to nonresidents too.</p> <p>Moses K.- When Togiak was in trouble ADF&amp;G sat down with Togiak VC to come up with a plan. It is time to do this with KMO.</p> <p>Tessa would support prop 143</p> <p>Moses K.- would need hard justification to support this. No motion has been made on this proposal. Does the AC want to take action?</p> <p><b>No one wants to move proposal. No action.</b></p>
144	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Neil- proposal would allow the use of motorized vehicles in upper Mulchatna controlled use area (17b) which has been closed since about 1990.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADF&amp;G doesn't have a position yet</li> <li>• Neil hasn't dealt with changing controlled use areas before.</li> <li>• He spoke with others who had been involved in the process when the area was created. They said the reason it was put in place was to protect habitat.</li> </ul> <p>Teo P.- 4 wheelers and ATVs destroy habitat. It is an issue in Togiak, and we are trying to provide trails and maps. It's something Togiak village council has been worried about locally. Could be a headache for corporation lands.</p> <p>Moses K.- This may get more support if the tribe proposed it.</p> <p>Teo P- wants to know if Neil has seen trails during aerial surveys.</p> <p>Neil B.- has seen a few, but the area is pretty pristine.</p> <p>Joe W.- isn't aware of any existing trails. There are trails near New Stuyahok, and Ekwok, but not further up river. He also notes it is easy to put an ATV in a skiff, and anyone could use this, not just locals.</p> <p>Moses K.- will not support proposal 144.</p> <p>Peter L. moves to <b>oppose</b> prop 144</p> <p>Walter K. seconds</p>



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			AC unanimously supports motion <b>(AC unanimously opposes proposal 144)</b>
148	Allow the use of a snowmachine for harvesting caribou, wolf, or wolverine in Unit 17		
No Action			<p>Neil- proposal seeks to allow the use of a snow machine to position caribou, wolf, and wolverine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caribou are pretty group oriented, this could stress out the herd. The department hasn't really discussed implications for wolf or wolverine.</li> </ul> <p>Moses K.- if there is a law against herding how can we do this?            Gayla H.- it is allowed in unit 22, 23, and 26a. The FSB is considering a similar proposal.            Teo P.- Positioning is not necessarily herding.            Pat W.- The refuge opposes this. it is harmful to caribou. Caribou already lose 30-40% of their body weight in the winter. It is currently unlawful to do this on refuge land.            Kenneth N.- Hunters are doing this already. Hunters could be cited if changes are not made.            Moses K.- Maybe for wolves and wolverine, maybe not caribou. On the east side people have chased caribou, and they have learned. They will run from a mile away. In the past we stocked them, we didn't chase them. We caught them without a snogo, on foot.            Pat W. has had success without chasing them.            Bill S. Suggests the ac doesn't take action. There is no motion on the table.  <b>No one wants to make a motion. No Action</b></p>
149	Liberalize the season and methods and means for trapping beaver in Units 9 and 17		
Support	11	0	<p>Neil- Proposal seeks to liberalize the season for trapping beaver in unit 9 and 17.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would allow you to destroy a dam</li> <li>There would be no closed season</li> <li>There would be no sealing requirement, so ADF&amp;G wouldn't know how many were taken.</li> <li>Last year at the Nushagak AC meeting there was concern raised by at least one person on the lower Nushagak about beaver populations on the Lower Nushagak.</li> </ul> <p>Moses K.- there are blocked up streams. This is not good for salmon habitat.            There is not much trapping now. Could be liberalized in the Togiak Area. There</p>





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Adjournment: 6:00pm



Minutes Recorded By: Walter Kanulie  
Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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

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

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



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



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



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

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Amanda Abraham  
 Minutes Approved By: Ernie Charley  
 Date: 10/27/2017



## Tyonek Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes 10.26.2017

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

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

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

### Proposal #2

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

### Proposal #14

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

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

### Proposal #7

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

### Proposal #8

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

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

### Proposal #5

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

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



Proposal #45

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

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

Proposal #41

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #54

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #69

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

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

Proposal #84

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

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

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

Proposal #86

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #87

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain





Proposal #88

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #89

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #90

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

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

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



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

**Call to Order** at 5:00 pm by Tim McDonough

**Roll Call:**

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

Members Present: 8

Members Absent: 3

Number Needed for Quorum: 6

Quorum Present: Yes

**Fish and Game Staff Present**

Commercial Fish: Wyatt Fournier, Mark Sogge

Sport Fish: Rich Chapell

Wildlife:

**Others Present**

Emily Files - KHNS

**Agenda**

Agenda approved unanimously.



### Previous Meeting Minutes

17 AUG minutes approved unanimously.

### Officer Elections

KK nominates TM for Chair.  
 TM nominates RC for Vice-chair.  
 WP nominates DP for Secretary.  
 All approved unanimously.

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



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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
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
14			Prohibit the taking of bears in dens
15			Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs
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 eyes 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
Support	8	0	PRO: Would provide more information for F&G management.
26			Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit
27			Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits
28			Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy



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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
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
31			Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts
Support	8	0	
32			Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts
Support	8	0	
33			Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation
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
36			Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap
37			Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit
38			Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents
39			Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents
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



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
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
Support	8	0	
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
Oppose	0	8	Tier II should be for local residents only.
55			Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches
56			Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions
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



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

Adjournment: 720pm

Minutes Recorded By: DP  
 Minutes Approved By: TM  
 Date: 10/26/17