

MID-LOWER YUKON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Draft Agenda

October 30, 2017

Teleconference, 2:00pm

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

RC 017

CALL TO ORDER: 2:08pm by Stan Sheppard

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

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

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

INTRODUCTIONS:

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE: In Honor of Mr. Paul Beans

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Statewide Board of Game Proposals**

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- **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 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.
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- **Board of Fish ACR update:** *Gene Sandone*

Mr. Sandone reviewed which BOF ACRs were accepted by the Board of Fish and would become board-generated proposals.

These proposals will be discussed in more depth at the November 20, 2017 in-person meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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ELECT ALTERNATE FOR BOG/ BOF MEETINGS: William Alstrom will be the representative to the Statewide Board of Game meeting; Mildred Fitka and Stan Sheppard will serve as alternates.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Nov. 20, 2017 **Location:** St. Mary's

ADJOURNMENT: 5:35pm

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

November 10 - 17, 2017 | Anchorage

| 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 | 6 | 0 | William Alstrom made motion to adopt, 2 nd by Basil Larson. Phillip Perry (ADFG) explained the proposal. Similar to federal requirements to birds (cranes, geese and swan). William-No brainer, we all know we as a people who hunt birds, we use everything possible. Recommends we pass this. |
| 6 | Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | William Alstrom made motion to adopt, 2 nd by Basil Larson. Asked ADFG to clarify. |
| 8 | Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | Basil Larson adopted, 2 nd by Margaret Guidry. Phillip Perry explained. John Agwiak (member of public) seems to give an unfair advantage to those that own an aircraft. If there is enough support would it have potential to change the regulation for other big game? Phillip Perry (ADFG)- it is asking only for wolf and wolverine and only when using a trapping license. William- agreed with the amendment of the CLYAC on excluding wolverine and apply only to wolves. Have seen a healthy population of wolves. Wondered if there would be an influx in aircrafts chasing furbearers. Would rather oppose or take no action. Stan- small planes may increase in the area. Would there be a limit on how many small aircrafts are in the area? Phillip Perry- difficult to predict hunter behavior. It could lead to more participation but this is a statewide proposal so it would be for across the state. There may be limited impact. Basil Larson- seeing more airplanes for big game near Russian Mission. There was a crash last year involving one of the hunting guides. Could bring more planes. Potential market for non-residents to come and hunt wolves with the increase in moose populations. |

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| 13 | Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game | | |
| No Action | | | William Alstrom- certain communications are not allowed such as "walkie-talkies". Could be a disadvantage to some of the game being hunted. Wondering how this would be enforced by law enforcement. Phillip Perry- discussed how cell phones have progressed related to hunting to communicate safety, schedules and maybe misuse in hunting. William- Have been seeing more aircraft activity in the area. We have mountains and trees where access to towers are limited. Gives advantages to trophy hunters if they are in an aircraft. Concerned about the proposal. Would recommend no action. Peter- take no action at this time. |
| 24 | Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | William- haven't heard of anyone using bait for bears. Bait stations do not apply to our region. Basil- I know that the little guide planes would hunt bears but don't know if they are bait stations or not. William- don't know of anyone who hunts bears using vote. |
| 25 | Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | Phillip Perry- clarified current regulation for taking brown bear. Stan- Currently is there anywhere that requires a harvest ticket for brown bears? Phillip- for most of rural and interior Alaska, residents don't have to have a harvest ticket. There are some places you have to apply for a permit- like Kodiak but that is an exception. Most of the state does not require a harvest ticket. Peter makes recommendation |
| 31 | Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | Phillip Perry explained. Currently in Unit 18 there is only one drawing hunt for musk ox. William- Looking at this proposal, it doesn't seem like this would affect our region except for Nunivak. |
| 41 | Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag | | |
| Support | 6 | 0 | David Runfola(ADF&G) explained Peter Tyson recommends that we support |
| 43 | Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting | | |
| Support | 6 | 0 | David Runfola explained. William- Don't get emperor geese in this area. In our area it is rare to see an emperor goose, we don't target this species. Basil- I am neutral on this because we hardly ever see the emperor geese. Think we should take no action. Peter- in support of our coastal relatives they recommend that we support this proposals. |

