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**Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**For Tuesday January 8, 2019 at Cabela's Conference Room, 155 W. 104<sup>th</sup> Ave in Anchorage**

1. Meeting was called to order by the Acting Chair at approximately 6:30 pm.  
(Advise Guests of Public Testimony signup sheet)
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Prayer- Invocation performed by Phillip Calhoun
4. Establish a Quorum:  
Members Present: Bryce Eckroth, Neil Dewitt, Martin Weiser, Tyler Loken, Phillip Calhoun, Rick Rodgers, Matt Moore, JR Gates, Shawna Williams.  
Members Absent Excused: Kevin Taylor, Grant Kopplin, Ernie Weiss, Willow Hettrick, Dino Sutherland  
Members Absent Unexcused: None
5. List of User groups present: Alaska Sport Fishing Association
6. Introduce Fish and Game staff present. None Present
7. Public present: Dustin Slinker- Owner of The Bait Shack, Martin Meigs- both speaking for Alaska Sport Fishing Association. Request was made by the public to move item 12.3 State Stocking Plan Comments up to item #10 on the agenda
8. Approve the Agenda. Phillip Calhoun moved that the agenda be approved. Neil Dewitt seconded
9. Approve Minutes of December 11, 2018 meeting. A motion was made by JR Gates to approve past minutes and was seconded by Neil Dewitt. Minutes were approved unanimously.
10. Public testimony

Question was asked by unidentified public member regarding the interpretation of fishing regulations and enforcement. In particular, the regs address the retention of ling cod and the requirement to cease fishing in Resurrection Bay. Martin Weiser addressed the request and noted that is outside our purview. Both Martin and Shawna Williams did recommend that he contact the local field agent and obtain their interpretation (in writing).

Statewide Stocking Plan Comments:

Dustin Slinker and Martin Meigs were both concerned about loss of salmon at the Hernandez hatchery due to the earthquake. Dustin Slinker claimed 6.2 million of fingerlings were lost. The question was how will the stocking plan be impacted? Has the stocking plan changed? Will this impact the allocation of remaining chinook fingerlings in lakes versus rivers?

11. Committee Reports

Game Chair - Matt Moore

At this point, no committee report was provided. Comments were prepared on Southcentral Game Proposals. Document "**Anchorage Advisory Committee Proposals 2018-2019**" was distributed to AC members present- see attached.



Game subcommittee chair provided a table of proposals voted unanimously in favor by the Game Subcommittee for the AC to adopt. A motion was made by Phillip Calhoun to adopt, seconded by Neil Dewitt. AC vote was unanimous 9-0

Game subcommittee chair provided a table of proposals voted unanimously in opposition by the Game Subcommittee for the AC to adopt. Motion made by Phillip Calhoun, seconded by Martin Weiser. AC vote was unanimous 9-0.

Game subcommittee chair provided a table of proposals voted on by the members of the Game Subcommittee with divided votes. The AC as a whole considered and voted upon these proposals individually. They are included in the proposal table with any additional comments from this meeting.

Fish Chair-Martin Weiser

Committee report was limited to discussion of meeting in Dillingham. Apparently, the Anchorage AC’s opinions regarding fishing issues in Bristol Bay were not well received as they were considered as lesser stakeholders/outsideers.

12. Old Business – The meeting for 40 Mile Herd will be held in Tok, AK on 2/5/19-2/6/19. Phillip Calhoun will represent the Anchorage AC. Others are welcome to attend.

13. New Business

1. Prepare comments on Southcentral Game Proposals 54-141. See Game Subcommittee Report under Item #11.
2. Select an AC rep for the BOG meeting March 15-19. – Matt Moore
3. Statewide Stocking plan comments, if any. Moved to Public Testimony, item 10, at the request of the public.

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54	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts in the Southcentral Region		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. Muzzleloaders are becoming more and more efficient. We need to be careful to lump all primitive weapons into one hunt. This is not in competition with a bow-only area.
55	Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in Units 7 and 14		
Support	8	1	Support for reasons stated. This Advisory Committee has always been strongly opposed to the original proposal, referred to as # 207_ϕ'Hϕ difficult to enforce. This was a board-generate proposal that was not supported by anj Ω ϕ !Cū'Hn ϕ 'lϕ'



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			Public comment: not a fair chase to have the ability to airborne spot for sheep as within the allocated time to land/hunt. Unfortunately, there is a lot of abuse of aircraft for sheep hunting and #207 was not the best solution, but would suggest that the user groups come together to develop a better solution. This is a dividing argument, even between user groups. There are pilots who are too aggressive towards the sheep and not only disturb the animals but also the hunters who may be on the ground trying to hunt.
56	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management in the Southcentral Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	8	1	Support for reason stated. Opposition stated this would deplete the outside revenue that is coming into hunt in the State. It is also very important to keep our game populations in check.  Public comment: would be removing a specific tool to reduce predators in the units.
58	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 6C		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
59	Shorten the hunting season for Kenai Mountain caribou (DC001) in Unit 7		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
60	Change the hunting seasons for goat in Units 7 and 15		
Opposed	9	0	Support: For reasons stated.
61	Establish a new drawing hunt for goats near Seldovia in Unit 15C		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. Allows opportunity to issue additional harvest opportunity to others not located in Seldovia.
62	Separate the early and late season registration goat hunts for the Seldovia and Port Graham hunt areas in Unit 15C		
Support	9	0	Would like to have numerical separation of the naming convention of the hunt.



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63	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 and remove the road closure criteria in Unit 15C		
Opposed	0	9	The addition of fork moose being harvested would increase harvest rates for several years. This may potentially drive the bull:cow ratio down.
64	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include spike-fork bulls		
Opposed	0	9	See comments on 63.
65	Change the bag limit for moose in Units 7 and 15 from four to three brow tines		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
66	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 from four to three brow tines		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
67	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Units 15A and 15B from spike-fork to four points on one palm or three brow tines		
Opposed	0	9	This is difficult to distinguish in the field and may create enforcement issues. It would also be inconsistent with the rest of the State.
68	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Units 15A and 15B from spike-fork to five or more points on one palm and shorten the seasons		
Opposed	0	9	Dimension is a more appropriate number to go by rather than brow tines. This is difficult to distinguish in the field and may create enforcement issues. It would also be inconsistent with the rest of the State.
69	Open a general season hunt for moose in Unit 15B and eliminate the drawing hunt		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. Would allow more harvest opportunity for hunters.
70	Open a general season hunt for moose in Unit 15B and eliminate the drawing hunt		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. Would allow more harvest opportunity for hunters.
71	Establish a general season moose hunt for Unit 15B east and eliminate the drawing hunt		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. Would allow more harvest opportunity for hunters.
72	Change the resident moose hunt structure in Unit 15C		



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Opposed	0	9	Proposal is not written well, should be broken into several proposals to address all issues.
73	Change the resident moose hunt structure in Unit 15C		
Opposed	0	9	Seems the goal would be a special hunt for locals only. There is no coupling regul...
74	Open a resident drawing hunt for moose in Unit 15C		
-	-	-	Take no action; see comments to Proposal 76 (similar Department Proposal).
75	Open an archery and muzzleloader permit hunt for moose Unit 15C		
Support as Amended	9	0	Amended: exclude muzzleloader, August 22-29, archery only Would allow for more hunting opportunity in the area.
76	E... inc A... in Unit 15C		
Support	9	0	In 15C, identified as intensive management population. Want to be able to harvest animals while they are there and in 15C there are limitations to harvest. Would like to be able to redistribute the total number of harvest and areas of harvest without board action each year. Would allow an additional harvest opportunity.
77	Establish a drawing hunt for antlerless moose in Unit 15C north of the south fork of the Anchor River		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. Allows for additional harvest and allow the Department to successfully manage the moose population. Permit numbers (ranging from zero to 200) will be adjusted annually to reflect current population numbers and composition status.
78	E... inc A... in Unit 15C		
-	-	-	Take no action; see comments to Proposal 76 (similar Department Proposal).
79	Require hunter education for all hunters participating in Unit 15C drawing hunts		
Oppose	0	9	This does not teach how to measure brow tines or how to not harvest an illegal moose. Like the blanket, statewide regulation as is.



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80	Change the Hope/Palmer Creek Valley area general season moose hunt in Unit 7 to an archery-only permit hunt		
Oppose	0	9	This would create an extra subunit in GMU7 which would put more pressure on the Troopers. This was an unfortunate situation, but happens with multi-user groups.
81	Require blaze orange be worn by moose hunters on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Oppose	0	9	Not required anywhere else in the State, hard to enforce.
82	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
83	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
84	Open a resident, archery-only season for Dall sheep in Unit 15		
Oppose	0	9	Oppose because there are no dates, given, too general and is a user group conflict.
85	Reduce the resident bag limit for black bear in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	9	Opposed because it limits the hunting opportunity and this only provides anecdotal evidence that there are less black bears being seen.
86	Reduce the bag limit for spruce grouse in Units 7 and 15		
Support	8	0	Support because have talked to people in different meetings that indicate that there are less grouse available to harvest. 1 Abstain, needed more information.
87	Close the ptarmigan season in Unit 15C		
Support as Amended	9	0	Amended to change language to 5 per day, 10 is possession.
88	Move the boundary of the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area in Unit 15		
Support	9	0	Support because allows access to more hunting opportunity.
89	Close the trapping season for beaver in an area of Units 7 and 15C		
Oppose	0	9	Opposed because think that this would create problems with concerns.
90	Remove the date restrictions and expand the hunt area for the small game youth hunt in the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area in Unit 15		



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Support	7	2	Support to align dates and open up more youth hunting opportunities. Oppose because the current scheme is fair and this area gets a lot of pressure, therefore 2 months is ample opportunity.
91	Prohibit the discharge of certain weapons used for hunting and trapping within 1/2 mile of any residence in Unit 15C		
Opposed	0	9	Opposed because it is already covered by State law.
92	Open a hunting season for tundra swan in Units 7 and 15		
Support as amended	8	0	Proposal 92 was supported unanimously 8-0 with the AMENDMENT to be registration or draw hunt.
93	Increase the bag limit for deer in Unit 8		
Opposed	5	3	Opposed to let the population continue to rebound. Support for reasons stated, one abstention.
94	Lengthen the hunting season for goat in Unit 8 Remainder		
Opposed	0	9	Oppose because could cut into the breeding season further. Lots of potential for poaching as this area is hard to enforce.
95	Change the bag limit, lengthen the season, and implement reporting requirements for goat in Unit 8 Remainder		
Oppose	7	1	Support the other Advisory Committee that lives and understands the area. Oppose because not sure that the population can handle extra pressure. 1 Abstain , needed more information.
96	Establish a new registration hunt for goat in Unit 8		
Opposed	0	9	This AC is not sure that the population can handle extra pressure.
97	Allow the use of muzzleloaders for goat hunting in Unit 8		
Opposed	0	9	Opposed because could create user conflict.
98	Lengthen the fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 8		
Opposed	0	9	Oppose because when opening extra days in the beginning would make for easier harvest. The current management scheme works, the bear population is doing well and there are a lot of large bears. The system is currently working and only harvesting 4-5% of the population on average. An earlier date could create user conflicts with deer hunters and fishermen.



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99	Allocate at least 90% of the Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits to residents		
Opposed	8	1	Oppose because there is a large portion of out of state hunters that provide a lot of economic income to the area. The current structure allows for more money into harvest tag fees. Amended to: 75% Resident, 25% Non Resident, living out of state, 2nd degree kindred comes from non- resident pool. Support for reasons stated.
100	Create a separate drawing for second degree of kindred brown bear permits in Unit 8		
Support	9	0	Support because it gives second degree of kindred more opportunity to hunt. Opposition discussion stated that next of kin should be put in with the other non residents.
101	Create a resident tag for Kodiak brown bear from the nonresident permit allocation		
Oppose	0	9	Opposed because limits the ability for most to afford hunt.
102	Eliminate nonresident opportunity for the RB230 and RB260 registration permit brown bear hunts in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	9	The resident to non-resident ratio is already low. This is a road hunt. Most non-resident hunters are getting off the road system.
103	Transfer under-subscribed nonresident Kodiak brown bear drawing permits to the resident drawing permit allocation		
Opposed	0	9	Oppose because process already exists to re-allocate unused tags. 1 abstain due to lack of knowledge.
104	Allow residents to return Kodiak brown bear drawing permits in advance of the hunting season to be reissued to residents		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
106	Provide educational material to encourage Kodiak brown bear hunters to harvest boars and penalize hunters for taking sows		
Oppose	0	9	Opposed because the length of restriction is too long and is punitive in nature.
107	Prohibit shooting from a boat while hunting in the Ugak Bay area in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	9	Opposed because can do it everywhere else and this would create a special area that requires additional enforcement. Support for reasons stated.
108	Create a controlled use area on the Ayakulic River in Unit 8		



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Oppose	0	9	Opposed because of cost to hunters and consider this a non-issue because of lack of use.
109	Require all snares on the Kodiak road system to have a breakaway mechanism		
Support	9	0	Protects unwanted game being caught.
110	Modify the nonresident bow and arrow goat hunt structure in the Lake George area in Unit 14C from a drawing hunt to a registration hunt		
Support	9	0	There are a lot of goats in the area and it is a tough country to hunt. Support those that have the ability and gumption to hunt this area. Department has not flown aerial surveys in several years, but think that there is roughly 340-350 (in 2016/2017). 2015 count is 471 animals. Archery is not going to harvest the population. A large percentage of the goats that are in 14C are in the Lake George area.
111	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
Support	9	0	JBER came up with this idea by talking to ADF&G. The original hunt dates were in place due to an agreement with the Chugach State Park. Changing the dates to September 1 would benefit the Department and JBER Conservation Law Enforcement Officers and Natural Resources Staff administratively. This would also allow hunters to have more opportunity with a 3-day weekend. There are not many user group conflicts in JBER. AAC would suggest that all hunts align with a September 1 opening date.
112	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
Support	9	0	Support the Department with the ability to be able to manage the resource to the best of their ability.
113	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	9	0	Support the Department with the ability to be able to manage the resource to the best of their ability.
114	Open a youth drawing hunt for Dall sheep in Unit 14C		
Oppose	2	7	Would like to amend the proposal (Phillip Calhoun moved, Matt F. Olson second) that the limit for youth sheep hunts in all general harvest areas be increased to 10 sheep.



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			<p>be a new allocation of resources to resident youth only for any ram. Support as amended did not pass vote.</p> <p>Support the ability for a parent to be able to take their sheep hunting, especially in the Anchorage area where opportunities are limited due to high cost of travel and logistics to reach more prominent sheep hunting areas. Regardless of the agenda, we need more youth hunts to give more opportunity.</p> <p>Those opposed because the harvest does not apply against the bag limits for both the child and adult. Concerned that the youth hunt is in disguise to sell for commercial guiding sheep hunts in the unit. This would potentially double the amount of non-resident harvest. This proposal includes two issues (+ youth hunt &amp; rescind the shared bag limit for youth sheep hunts in all general harvest areas.) under one proposal.</p>
115	Establish a separate Dall sheep drawing for second degree of kindred hunters in Unit 14C		
Tabling discussion until further research can be conducted.	0	10	<p>Oppose because the number of sheep to be harvested will not be increased and the allowance of non-resident hunters would take away from resident opportunity. Consider the ability to hunt with a non-resident a privilege so long as it does not come out of the resident pool of harvest. The chances of a next of kin receiving a tag are presumably higher through this proposal; the chances should not be higher than those of residents. Non-residents are just that, whether they are next of kin or not.</p> <p>The Department is in the very early stages of developing a response but was able to comment that they would likely neutral as it is an allocative issue. Believe that this would not come out of the resident pool – this would split the number of tags between guided and second degree of kindred tags. This may be an effort by the guides to stop residents from taking second degree of kindred hunters away from guided non-residents.</p>
116	Change the brown bear hunt in Unit 14C Remainder to a registration hunt with a bag limit of one bear every year		



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Support as amended	9	0	<p>ΠΩΤΛ ΛΗΘΩΡΡ εñ ϕ εθΩΩμΛφθϕ ςϕ θΩηϕ θΑηηφιν            Unit 14C Remainder to a general season hunt with a bag limit of            οñ ςϕ θΩθ ηηθ μ ΩΛΩμDεϕ θϕ ηϕ Ωη ηΩηñ ς ϕ ςϕ            registration hunt, can be implemented under a general season            hunt.            Support because of the high amount of bear            encounters/problems/conflicts that have been occurring in the            Anchorage bowl.            Department does not have a population count for bears in 14C as it            is not an easy place to survey; aerial surveys are not successful in            heavily forested areas. Believes that harvest numbers vs. the            number of conflicts, assume there are plenty of bears. Does not            need to be a registration hunt, can be implemented under a            general season hunt.</p>
117	Extend the hunting season for black bear in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
Support	9	0	Support to align Unit 14C Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (DL455) to encompass the entire open season for black bears in Unit 14C. Would align better with ADF&G.
118	Open a registration black bear hunt for shotgun and muzzleloader only in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Anchorage Management Area		
Support as amended	9	0	Amend proposal to change the date from September 5 to September 1. additional black bear hunting opportunities in Unit 14C.
119	Open a registration black bear hunt for shotgun and muzzleloader only in the Upper Campbell Creek hunt area in the Anchorage Management Area		
Support as amended	9	0	Amend proposal to change the date from September 5 to September 1. additional black bear hunting opportunities in Unit 14C.
120	Open a black bear baiting registration hunt for shot gun or muzzleloader only within the Anchorage Management Area		
Support as amended	9	0	Support, as amended, because this hunt would provide local hunters an opportunity to take bears in a much safer way.



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			<p>Eliminates stray bullets. Much more likely to harvest an animal from a bait stand and the Anchorage Bowl needs a higher harvest number of bears to reduce human/bear conflicts. This proposal, unlike proposal 121, includes only the Anchorage Management Area because we really should focus on the problem areas. Would like to amend the proposal to read: hunts areas will be determined by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, local biologists, no closer than ¼ to a road, structure, campground, school or trail. Would also like to amend the dates to April 15 – June 30.</p> <p>This will allow for even more hunting opportunity as currently, the bait stations must be located in areas away from structures, roads, etc. Specific locations would be determined by the Department and further analysis.</p>
121	Allow the harvest of bear with the use of bait in Unit 14C Remainder		
Support	9	0	This would push the ability to hunt bears into the mountains to further provide for hunting opportunity and further control of the bear population in 14C.
122	Require hunter education for small game hunting in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
Support	9	0	Support because this would all for an additional level of safety and awareness to hunters because of the proximity to housing and surrounding residential areas such as Eagle River and Anchorage.
123	Open a year-round season with no bag limit for unclassified game in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
124	Extend the trapping season for beaver in Unit 14C		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated; alignment is good for administrative reasons.
125	Modify the Birchwood Management Area boundary in Unit 14C		
Support	9	0	Department is concerned with two management areas overlapping. This is a housekeeping issue, hunting would probably not occur in this area. Support for reasons stated.



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126	Allow additional moose harvest opportunity in Unit 16A by providing an antlerless hunt añ /Ωθ η̄ n̄ ʒΛΛʒηφ		
Support	7	1	<p>Would like to call to attention that there is a mistake in the language of the proposal:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1 bull with spike-fork antlers                      Aug. 20—Sept. 25                      Aug. 10—Sept. 25</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Or 50-inch antler or 3 or more brow tines on one side; and</p> <p>Should be August 20-September 25 for non-resident hunters.</p> <p>Would like to amend the proposal to change the bow hunt dates from August 10-August 19 to allow for more bow hunting opportunities in the field.</p> <p>Support because would allow for more hunting opportunity.</p> <p>Opposed because of meat salvage concerns in this area.</p> <p>Abstain because out of the room for discussion.</p>
127	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
Support as amended	8	0	Propose to amend the permit to include the amended language: Permits would be at any concession in the Kuskokwim drainage. This would allow for more opportunity in the region and not be designed for a hunt specifically for Sleetmute, AK residents.
128	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
Support	8	0	<p>Support for reasons stated.</p> <p>1 abstain – not enough background information on the issue being raised.</p>
129	Clarify the ability for trappers to transport furbearers or lawful parts of game as trapping bait within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
Support as amended	9	0	<p>This issue is that trappers are allowed to run a motorized vehicle in the area and hunters are not.</p> <p>Support the Alaska Wildlife Troopers is clarifying regulation to make enforcement clearer. Also allows for more harvest of furbearers to help other big game species.</p> <p>Suggest amending proposal to include: allowing use of motorized vehicles for transporting legal bait in the DHCMA.</p>
130	In drawing hunts with a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents, all nonresident permits will be issued from the nonresident allocation		



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Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. This is requesting the Board to act on the second degree of kindred policy and whether or not the allocation comes from the non-resident or resident allocation of resources.
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
132	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Units 14A and 14B		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated. Department has not been able to conduct decent aerial moose surveys but hoping to get sex composition from the biopsy project; were able to get 143 samples (1/3 of them were bulls). This represents the minimum count. The number of repeats is not known at this time. There has been decent snow fall thus far and ADF&G did fly in October.
133	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
134	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
135	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
136	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
137	Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20D		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
138	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A		
Support	9	0	Support for reasons stated.
139	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
Support	9	0	Fee exemptions are in place to encourage people to harvest more brown bears in certain regions. More people will tag advantage of harvesting bears if fees were exempt for this species. Having to get a tag while out in the field equals a missed opportunity.
140	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Support	9	0	See comments on proposal 139.
141	Reauthorize the resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Support	9	0	See comments on proposal 139.
143-145	Proposals 142-145 were not considered as the Board of Game does not have authority to adopt the requested changes concerning moose in unit 15.		

#### 14. Adjourn

The next regular Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5th at the William Hernandez Fish Hatchery at 6:30 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Matt Moore  
 Minutes Approved By: Kevin Taylor, Chair  
 Date Approved: 2/22/2019

# Bethel Advisory Committee Meeting

February 20, 2019

ADF&G Office, 6:00 p.m.

**Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 543-2709**

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**I. Call to Order 6:03PM Roll Call/ Establish Quorum (YES):** (By: Secretary): *Present:* Thad Tikiun, Corey Tolliver, Jaime Kassman, Henry Hunter, Jon LaValle, Henry Kohl, Alissa Nadine Rogers, Jerry White, Rafe Johnson. **ADFG Staff:** Patrick Jones, *Area Game Manager*, Keith Oster, *Assistant Area Game Biologist*, Nicholas Smith, *Comm Fish Research Biologist*, Kegen Birchfield, *Comm Fish Biologist*, Jen Peeks, *Boards Support Western Regional Coordinator* **USFWS:** Vernon Ray Born, *Area Biologist*, Aaron Moses, *Subsistence Coordinator* **Wildlife Troopers:** Walter Blajeski **Public:** Lucinda Alexie **Public:** *ONC- Janessa Esquible, Fisheries Biologist, Mary Mathias, Natural Resources Director*

**II. Approval Agenda:** Motion- Jerry White, 2<sup>nd</sup>- John LaVallve, *Unanimous Approval*

a. Add New Business, Proposal 150, Jerry White, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Cory Toliver

**III. Meeting Minutes:** Motion- Henry Hunter, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Jerry White, *Unanimous Approval*

a. Corrections: *Alissa Rogers and Thad Tikiun were on travel.*

**IV. Member Elections:** Lucinda Alexie; Nomination- John LaVallve, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Thad Tikiun; *Unanimous Approval*

**V. Public, "People to be heard, Comments:** (NONE)

**VI. Old Business:**

- a. Board of Fish AYK January Meeting Review, (Nicholas Smith)
  - i. Drifts are all year round
  - ii. Distance Tributaries below Chuathbluk was shortened.

Discussion: Proposal 112- Repeated Dipnet proposal

**VII. New Business:**

a. Request by ADF&G Commercial Fisheries for a letter of support for funding of the Kuskokwim Sonar Project: ADFG says this is a valuable piece of information. They are going to push for this proposal to go through. In a long term plan the Sonar will replace the Bethel Test Fishery. **Motion to draft a letter of support for Kuskokwim Sonar Project- Henry Hunter 2<sup>nd</sup>- Henry Kohl; *Unanimous Approval***

b. **ADFG Wildlife Overview:**

**Moose:** *Yukon River-* Browse surveys on Yukon, Russian mission, mountain village, Weights on Yearling Calves, will give us a good Moose population abundance estimate. Population Climax was reached, 1 year ago today, population indicated a drop. Population by Mountain is still climbing. *Kuskokwim* Moose Abundance/ Browse Survey to get estimate of habitat use. We can adjust the quota for 2019.

**Bison:** Population- Last winter had a bad year is 2018, thick crust on the snow made it hard for them to find food. On top of all this, we had a late green up last year, well into early May. They were already on food reserves, which we lost a lot to winter mortality. Those that made it through winter, they were doing great and had calves. Population is now at 100. Browse food is sedge and grass.

c. **Board of Game Proposals:** Comments Due (March 1, 2019)

d. **Board of Game Proposals** Deadline to BAC: April 3, 2019 (Due to Board Support: May 1, 2019)

**NEXT MEETING DATE: March 28, 2019, 6PM**

**ADJOURN:** Motion- Henry Kohl 2<sup>nd</sup>- Thad Tikiun

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

*Alissa Nadine Rogers*  
*Jaime Kassman*  
02/20/19

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## Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
127	5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.		
Support as Amendment	10	0	- John LaVallve 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Thad Tikiun Motion to Adopt- 2018 Proposal, Region 4 Meeting, Deferred to 2019 Arctic/ Western Region Meeting: The closed areas above the village of Crooked Creed and below the village of Lime Village are proposed to be open a registration permit hunt for Moose in Unit 19A. Population: Threshold (175-200 Moose). TM 680- 4100 Moose, Lime Village Area- 232 Moose, Closed Area- 1900 Moose. Total 19 Whole: 6300 Moose Density 6 moose per square mile. Discussion: SHAC amendments- Hunt is going to be October 1- 6, 5 day opener. ADFG will have authority to issue up to 75 permits based on Moose abundance. For the 1 <sup>st</sup> year issue up to 30 permits, and authority to close using E.O. <b>Amendment:</b> Accept SHAC Amendments Question Called. <u><b>Unanimous Approval</b></u>
133	5 AAC 85.045(a)(16). Hunting seasons and bag limit for moose.		
Support	10	0	Motion to Adopt- Thad Tikiun 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Jerry White Yearly reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18. Population: 17000 moose on the Yukon, Harvesting. Good news Populations: 400. Biological too many moose and moose harvest are not being met. It would be beneficial to harvest more cows. Current openings: 9-month season and 11- months on Federal Land. Discussion/ Question Called (None) <u><b>Unanimous Approval</b></u>
139	5 AAC 85.045(a)(16). Hunting seasons and bag limit for moose.		
Support	10	0	Motion- John LaVallve 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Cory Toliver Yearly reauthorization the brown bear tag gee exemption in Unit 18, 22, 23, and 26A. Discussion/ Question Called: (None) <u><b>Unanimous Approval</b></u>
150	5 AAC 85.0445(a)(16). Hunting season and bag limits for moose.		
Support	10	0	Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Jerry White Establish a September registration hunt for one bull moose in Unit 18 South of Eek River drainage and north of Goodnews River drainage. People are illegally hunting and reporting Moose on those lands; this will make it legal hunting to current practices. ADFG/USFWS Togiak Refuge and have a registration permit with same (align) seasons and bag limit. ACR got accepted and Quinahak community meeting is tentative/ postponed. Discussion: Population is high enough tot have a 30-day season as long as they shoot bulls. Hunters are reporting having success and enjoying their hunts. We need less than 10 bulls per 100 cows, all the cows are being breed. There is not a lot of moose and there is a lot of moose that are passing through. Question Called.

# CENTRAL BERING SEA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES



October 24–25, 2018  
ADF&G Office, 9:00am  
570 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bethel, AK

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**Call to Order:** CBSA meeting opened by Chairman David Bill, Sr. @ 9:06a. Recess at 6:00pm on 10/24/18; Reconvene at 8:35am on 10/25/18 (11 members present, Leo Moses Jr. Absent)

**Invocation:** David Carl

**Roll Call:** Made by Stan Atchak (secretary), 11 present: David Bill Sr., Stan Atchak, Tommy Kusaiak, Peter Julius (teleconference), Howard Amos, Stanley Tom, Stanley Anthony, Jacqueline Cleveland, Susie Walter, Willie Atti (Teleconference), Leo Moses Jr. (Teleconference)

Peter Julius excused @ 4:25pm on 10/24/18

**Approval of Agenda:** Susie Walter made motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Howard Amos, Approved

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** October 10-11, 2017

- Chairman wanted to see if the agenda is good.
- David Carl wanted clarification that “musk ox are afraid of water” and he says it is not true; The reindeer and musk ox are not afraid of water. Howard Amos agrees to what David Carl noted. (p. 6 of minutes needs correction)
- Howard Amos made a motion to accept the minutes of 10/11-12/2018, with correction noted. Second by Thomas Kusaiak. All in favor motion passed to accept the minutes.

**Moment of Silence:** Remembering former member- Joseph John Sr.

- There was a moment of silence for elder Joseph John for his passing.

### Introductions:

- a. Fish and Game Staff: (Teleconference: Jeff Estensen, John Chythlook, Christy Gleason, Holly Carroll) Jen Peeks, Pat Jones, Dave Runfola, Colton Lipka, Keith Oster
- b. Other Agency Representatives: Sarah Mutter AVCP, John Orr AVCP, Ken Stahlnecker USFWS
- c. Members of the Public/ Other: Elizabeth Kusaiak, Pete Walter, Pat Samson (Translator)

### Public Comments/ Testimony: *3 minutes per person*

- **Pat Samson...**Public Comment...asked if ADFG could shut things down with Donlin. Who has the authority over shipping lanes? Dave Runfola- US Coast Guard or BLM- Bonnie Million, Corp of Engineers. David Bill discussed the Togiak Coast Guard. Commented that if you don't know the shipping in the Bering Sea to call the coast guard.

### Old Business:

- **Officer Elections:** Election of the Officers for CBSA committee.
- Tommy K. wants to have staggered terms for the officers

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- Willie A. asked if there is a policy to how long the terms are for the officers. Peeks stated that they are 2 year terms for the officers.
- Howard Amos asked if we have by-laws to follow. Chairman said we do.
- Discussion on how to vote by hand, secret ballot, or by voice.
- Peter J. nominated David Bill, Sr. seconded by David Carl. Closed by Susie W. seconded by Howard Amos. Voted conducted through vote. Howard Amos asked for unanimous consent seconded by Peter J. All in favor of the motion. **David Bill, Sr. selected to be the chairman.**
- Susie W. nominated David Carl for the vice-chairman; Howard Amos nominated Tommy K. Peter J. closed the nomination. **Seven votes for David Carl** and five votes for Tommy K.
- Peter J. nominated **Stan M. Atchak for secretary** seconded by Stanley Tom. Susie Walter closed the nomination, seconded by Tommy k, Howard Amos wanted unanimous consent. All in favor of the motion by saying yes, **motion carried.**
- David Bill complimented Stan Atchak on the secretary duties and that he does a good job.
- Howard Amos volunteered to be sergeant of arms to help
- Member terms and expirations: Peeks explained

*RECESS FOR 10 MINUTES*

### **New Business:**

- **Board of Game Proposals:**
  - **GMU 18 Overview:** Patrick Jones and Keith Oster (ADF&G)  
Patrick Jones: Survey the Paimiut area with 3500 moose. Seems like lower than last year. This winter they [ADF&G] are going to collar moose with helicopter.  
Nelson Island is about 400 musk ox. 50 permits for Nelson Is. this year [2019]. Nunivak is about 900 musk ox. Will give a lot of permits and wants to keep the population for the musk ox about 500.
- 3500 reindeer at Nunivak and was above what F&G wanted. Amos wanted to know what the diet is for musk ox and reindeer. F&G stated that they just got the money and needs to study this matter.
- David Carl wanted to extend the musk ox hunting. F&G commented on extending the season for Nunivak and Nelson Island. Discussed submitting a proposal to the BOG for the musk ox season.
- About 250 musk ox on the mainland to about 300. Near future to hunt for musk ox. Needs about 1000 musk ox for mainland hunts to go.
- Howard Amos asked about the no action on the musk ox from the last meeting. F&G stated the reasons for the no action for CBSA committee.

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- David Carl asked why F&G has too much power of the wildlife in our area. He commented on two incidents: Hagemeister Island reindeer and another incident when kill wasn't distributed to people due to money. F&G said the State gave them power to have this kind of power over the wildlife. Discussion of BOG process and writing proposals.
- David Bill, Sr. wanted to know when we have food shortage and suggested to hunt musk ox on the mainland. F&G stated this topic is for discussion on this CBSA committee after the meeting.
- Leo Moses, Jr.- asked if F&G asked is managing the musk ox on the population [on Nunivak]. F&G said there are 3 groups managing the population. F&G said they give permits to the hunters to maintain the population.
- Stanley Anthony- during the last winter his son-in-law were short on food. He shot a moose and someone reported to F&G. F&G came and took the food from the freezer and took his gun and fined him \$500.00. He is sad about this matter.
- Troopers are the ones that enforce the law and they are the ones that takes the state law. They enforce the laws if they are broken. David Bill commented that the Troopers should talk with the Tribal Councils first; Troopers don't always know why an animal was killed. The group wanted further discussion with law enforcement.
- **Moose and Bear Reauthorization Proposals: 133, 139: *See Below***
- Board of Game: Western Region Proposals [DUE May 1, 2019:](#)
  - Now until May 1 people could make proposals for F&G for the Board of Game; to change the game regulations in our unit.
- **Board of Fish and Federal Fishery Proposals:**
  - Yukon Area Fishery Overview:

Christy Gleason (ADF&G)- Fall season on the Yukon with fall chum and coho. Fall chum a week later than normal.

The escapement goals were met on the Yukon.

Commercial harvest was in the top five on the Yukon river.

Holly Carroll- Another F&G report on the summer fishing on the Yukon.

David Bill, Sr. asked if the king & summer chum were higher or lower than the other years. It was about the same or smaller than last year.
  - Yukon Proposals: 89, 99, 101- *see below*
  - Kuskokwim Area Fishery Overview

Colton Lipka provided an overview. No commercial fishing. Front end closure.

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- Stan Atchak- thankful that he was voted in as secretary. The issues voted on will be brought up to the BOF meeting in Anchorage,
- Stan Tom- was thankful for being here. For potluck they asked USFWS for moose and they did approve.
- David Bill Sr.- Commented to the group that they have put thier life on hold to travel and came because of the coming generations. "We are the keeper of generations. When you go back, make a report on what you have discussed here. Report in person the issues we have tackled here. Let these issues be known. Not just in our own village but our region. That is how you need to be as a board member. Don't make it personal. This is the reason we are here. We are an advisory group. I am thankful everyone made it here and a lot of people coming here doing the work that they do."

**Next meeting date:**     TBD                          **Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adjournment: 12:33pm** Howard Amos made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Susie Walters, motion carried.

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133	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18		
<b>Support</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	ADF&G provided an overview. To reauthorize antlerless moose hunts in 2 areas. F&G recommends letting hunters take cows for moose around the remainder of Unit 18 because of too many moose. From October 1 the calves are opened. Howard Amos made a motion to accept proposal seconded by Susie Walter. All in favor of the motion, motion carries.

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139	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
<b>Support</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	F&G supports this proposal for the brown bear hunt on the 25.00 tag. This proposal is to get rid of this tag fee for the hunters. Susie Walter Made a motion to accept the proposal. Seconded by Howard Amos. Motion passed.

Minutes Recorded By: Stan Atchak  
Minutes Approved By: David Bill Sr.  
Date: January 1, 2019

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

Date: 12/18/2018

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FEDERAL FISHERY PROPOSALS			
FP19-08	Proposal requests from June 11 to close the chinook salmon on the Kuskokwim.		
<b>No Action</b>			Proposal requests from June 11 to close the chinook salmon on the Kuskokwim. The other advisory committees opposed this proposal. Howard Amos made a motion for no action on this, seconded by Stanley Tom. All in favor to no action, motion passed.
FP19-09	To use 6 inch before June 11.		
<b>No Action</b>			Howard Amos made a motion to take no action on this proposal. Seconded by Tommy K. Motion passed to take no action.
FP19-10	The mouth of where the rivers meet the Kuskokwim river on the non-spawning 100 yds from the main stem of the Kuskokwim.		
<b>Support</b>	11	0	This is similar with Proposal 115. David Carl made a motion to support, seconded by Susie Walter. Motion passed.

Minutes Recorded By: Stan Atchak

Minutes Approved By: David Bill Sr.

Date: January 1, 2019

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

Date: 12/18/2018



Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee  
December 11, 2018, 12:30-6:00 pm  
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***Meeting called to order: 1:05***

***Approval of Agenda:*** Agenda was amended to address replacement for Mark Leary and JB Proposal #3 at the beginning of the meeting.

***Roll Call: Quorum: Yes***

***Present:*** Ricky Ciletti, Lisa Feyereisen, Walter Morgan, Darlene Heckman, Billy Alexie, Lucy Simeon, Tim Zaukar

***Absent:*** Mark Leary (resigned), Nick Kameroff (excused)

***Invocation: Walter Morgan***

***Introduction of Guests:***

Rebecca Wilmarth,  
John Chythlok,  
Mike Robinson,  
Megan Leary,  
Dan Gillikin,  
Patrick Moses,  
John AVCP,  
John LE USFWS,  
Chris McDevitt,  
Aaron Tiernan,  
Nick Smith  
Tracy Simeon,  
Patrick Snow  
Will Hartman,  
Doug Carney  
Gail Vanderpool  
Josh Peirce,  
Jon Barton,  
Kent Most,  
Nick Smith,  
Jen Peeks (2:10)

***Discussion and Vote: Member at Large:***

It was discussed that Mark Leary indicated he wanted to resign as Member at Large. **Rebecca Wilmarth**, Georgetown was nominated and unanimously approved to fill his seat.

***Update from Game (Josh, Jon):***

Wildlife overview: Jon Barton and Josh Peirce



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127	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
Support as amended			<p>ADF&amp;G overview. SHAC wants to support the proposal. Ricky- we should go along with what SHAC wanted.</p> <p>Walter- concerned that the amendment limited it to 5 days. Ricky- support it if the moose numbers are there and if we take it slow.</p> <p>Lisa- support it because it is not in our region. People in that region have local knowledge and know their needs. If that area support this, we should support this with the amendments.</p> <p>SHAC (Stony Holitna AC) suggested amendments were adopted.</p>
133	Antlerless Moose reauthorization		
Support	7	0	<p>ADF&amp;G overview</p> <p>Walter- supports this because during the fall hunt if we don't get a moose, it gives us a chance in the winter.</p> <p>Lisa-wouldn't do damage to the populations</p>
141	Reauthorize the resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Support	7	0	<p>ADF&amp;G Overview</p> <p>Rebecca- supports increases opportunity for hunters in the area and no biological reasons not to support this.</p>

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Lisa Feyereisen

Minutes Approved By: Lisa Feyereisen, 12/31/18  
Rebecca Wilmarth, 01/02/19

**Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee**  
**January 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes**



Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by David Martin, Chair

Members Present: David Martin, Steve Vanek, John McCombs, Dan Presley, Greg Encelewski, Mike Shuster, Dave Blossom, Jess Clucas, Madeline Thompson, Teague Vanek, Gary Dieman, Doug Blossom, Jr

Members Absent (Excused): Joe Simpson, Jeff Berger, Aaron Berger

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes was done.

Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason Herreman, Jeff Selinger, Sherry Wright

Guests Present: Arnold Mason, Debra Blossom, John Russo, David Norden, George Casey, John LaPointe

Elections were held with the following results:

Joe Simpson, Dave Blossom, Greg Encelewski, Dan Presley, Teague Vanek were re-elected to serve three-year terms that expire 6/2021. Aaron Berger and Doug Blossom, Jr were re-elected to serve one-year terms that expire 6/2019.

Officer election was held to retain David Martin as Chair, John McCombs as Vice-Chair and Steve Vanek as Secretary.

Correspondence from Michael Tencza – US Army Corp of Engineers – regarding the need for dredging Ninilchik harbor. Sent out a contract. Purpose is to keep boats from going dry. AC can provide comments and are in support. Output on the north side of the river would be better. Will write a letter of recommendation and will draft a letter for the next meeting. The harbor was designed for a harbor of refuge (between Homer and Kasilof). It was designed to hold 32 boats.

New Business:

Sports fish stocking comments are due January 31, 2019.

BOF, March 9 - 12, 2019	Statewide Finfish and Supplemental issues in Anchorage Sheraton Hotel Comments due February 20, 2019 – will take up at next meeting
BOG March 15 – 19, 2019	Southcentral Region GMU 6-8, 14C & 15 in Anchorage Sheraton Hotel Comments due March 1, 2019
JB March 21 – 25, 2019	Joint Board meeting for local ACs, process at Anchorage Sheraton comments due March 7, 2019 – will take up at next meeting

Call for BOF proposals will also be taken up at the next meeting

Jeff Selinger provided an update of the wildlife in the area. Jason Herreman provided details about moose hunting harvest. Illegal harvest is figured out of the sealing information.



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59	Shorten the hunting season for Kenai Mountain caribou (DC001) in Unit 7		
<b>Support</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	There are only 25 permits issued and later in season, there has not been harvest. 82% of harvest occurs prior to September 20 <sup>th</sup> . This is pretty much housekeeping. Probably would be more mortality if hunting occurs in December. It's an area that is about impossible for an old guy to get to. They should leave it open, if there's someone that wants to try it – it's brutal.
60	Change the hunting seasons for goat in Units 7 and 15		
<b>Support</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	There is no concern about goat populations on the Kenai. This puts regulations back to the way it was for many years. It will provide better hide and meat quality.
61	Establish a new drawing hunt for goats near Seldovia in Unit 15C		
<b>Support as amended</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	Would like to be able to provide harvest opportunity. There is limited access for public. Would prefer to let the local area deal with this. There are people from Ninilchik that hunt there. AMENDMENT: provide registration permits out of Seldovia and then Homer / Soldotna Fish & Game offices, rather than going to a drawing permit. 12 – 0 on amendment
62	Separate the early and late season registration goat hunts for the Seldovia and Port Graham hunt areas in Unit 15C		
<b>Support</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	This is housekeeping and would make it more user friendly for current practice.
63	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 and remove the road closure criteria in Unit 15C		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	Ninilchik Tribal Council rep spoke in support and the road closure is a ridiculous nuisance portion of this hunt. There were more moose harvested on native land this year, indicating an increase in moose population. There are a lot of moose on that land that horn configurations just don't mature into a harvestable animal. Brow tine configuration was put into place to protect moose populations. A discussion of the moose regulation changes that have occurred and we will be back in 4 brow tine eventually. There are way less moose in the woods today than there have been in the past. Trophy hunting is going to genetically mess up the herd. Not in support of doing away with motorized hunting. The refuge hunt is an extremely difficult hunt. Harvesting yearling bulls – concern of giving weight to recruitment. We want to produce a healthy crop of



## Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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			up and comers for future harvest. Would like to see doing away with harvest of yearling animals. Could support removal of road closure portion. Preserves a level of hunting experience as it reduces the amount of vehicle traffic. Ability to call moose is better without the noise of 4-wheelers. Is there a way to harvest those 36 – 40 inch moose? Prefer harvest all across the range of animals, rather than only taking out the larger broodstock. The way to make it equitable would be to make it a draw. May not get one for 20 years. Would say don't harvest a spike, could support harvest of any bull. Would support spike-fork if there was a cap on number of harvest. Big concern of changing regulations – we currently see more bulls than in the recent past, but not seeing cows. Have to be careful. Would like to harvest the surplus of bulls and create opportunity for the hunters without harming the population for future harvest. If we change to any bull we will also increase the number of people interested in taking animals here. The issues come up every three years. Talked about restricting all hunting to Kenai Peninsula only, like they did with Nelchina caribou, but that seemed to backfire.
64	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include spike-fork bulls		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	This would allow some additional harvest. Referenced their comments on Proposal 63. We have way less cows than in the past. Spike fork 50-inch brow tines began in the 80s. This was part of where this proposal came from. Wolves, habitat other factors all contributed to the reason this proposal was put forth. The committee would like to try this and it can be changed as needed.
65	Change the bag limit for moose in Units 7 and 15 from four to three brow tines		
<b>Support</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	Referenced comments from Proposal 63
66	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 from four to three brow tines		
<b>Support</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	Referenced comments from Proposal 63

Next meeting will be January 22<sup>nd</sup> (once Ninilchik school is confirmed) at 7 pm to continue Game proposals and start on Statewide Finfish proposals and possibly discuss Cook Inlet proposals to submit.

Meeting recessed at 10:15 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Vanek  
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee  
Date: Approved 1/22/2019



### ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): NiNikchik

DATE (of meeting): cont of Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>; Jan-22

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Vanek, David Martin,  
Gary Delman, Ron Vanek, Mike Schuster,  
Dave Blossom, Greg Enstewesk, Dan Priestly,  
Madeline Thompson, Schir McCombs, Jeff Berger

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:  
Doug Blossom, Aaron Berger

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:  
None

QUORUM PRESENT: YES  NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: No

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:10 P.M.

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 10:10 PM

Steve Vanek  
Signature, Committee Secretary



56	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management in the Southcentral Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
<b>Proposals 57 – 67 were addressed at the January 9, 2019 meeting.</b>			
68	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Units 15A and 15B from spike-fork to five or more points on one palm and shorten the seasons		
<i>No Action</i>			<i>See prop. comments on 64 &amp; 66</i>
69	Open a general season hunt for moose in Unit 15B and eliminate the drawing hunt		
<i>Support</i>	<i>11 yes</i>	<i>2 no</i>	<i>This area is seeing very little hunting pressure because there aren't many trophy bulls. By eliminating the drawing maybe more people will go there and open up the evergreen trails and kill more bear predators, which are very numerous, and allow the moose populations to rebuild. Very little hunting now.</i>
70	Open a general season hunt for moose in Unit 15B and eliminate the drawing hunt		
<i>No Action</i>			<i>See # 69</i>
71	Establish a general season moose hunt for Unit 15B east and eliminate the drawing hunt		
<i>Oppose</i>	<i>0 yes</i>	<i>13 no</i>	



71	0 yes	13 no	Doesn't allow harvest of spike fork brown time. See #64466. we agree with eliminating the drawing hunt & establishing a general season moose hunt for Unit 15B.
72	Change the resident moose hunt structure in Unit 15C		
Oppose <del>Support</del> as amended oppose	4 yes	<del>4</del> no	we amended to Aug 20 - Sept. 10 on a 9 yes 4 no vote. This is 4 issues in one proposal. It's allocative and reduces hunter opportunity. creates a special class. It eliminates those who want to hunt the Peninsula & other parts of the State, will kill too many bulls. Try spike fork 3 brown time fall before going to regist. hunt. Those yes votes thought it was worth a try.
73	Change the resident moose hunt structure in Unit 15C		
oppose	6 yes	7 no	Don't want ADF&G setting a number. Don't want to be limited to not being able to hunt in other areas of the State. Those in favor liked the idea of a registration hunt.
74	Open a resident drawing hunt for moose in Unit 15C		
oppose	1 yes	12 no	drawing hunt unnecessary & eliminates many hunter's traditions. Many in our committee think ADF&G moose population numbers for 15C are too high. Local observation is substantially fewer moose. Lower road kill numbers.  one in favor want the opportunity
75	Open an archery and muzzleloader permit hunt for moose Unit 15C		
oppose	0 yes	13 no	we oppose special hunts!! They can hunt during regular general season.
76	Establish an "any bull" drawing hunt in Unit 15C		
oppose	0 yes	13 no	we oppose drawing hunts at this time.



77	Establish a drawing hunt for antlerless moose in Unit 15C north of the south fork of the Anchor River		
oppose	0	13	We are opposed to expanding this <del>cow</del> hunt. Bull/cow-ratio is too high. So why kill even more cows and make the Bull/cow ratio even higher
78	Establish resident drawing hunts for "any bull" moose in Units 15 and 7		
oppose	0	13	We strongly oppose a drawing hunt in this area. This disenfranchises many of the locals who want to hunt at home
79	Require hunter education for all hunters participating in Unit 15C drawing hunts		
oppose	0	13	We oppose the drawing hunt. we already do hunter education
80	Change the Hope/Palmer Creek Valley area general season moose hunt in Unit 7 to an archery-only permit hunt		
NO action			Local issue
81	Require blaze orange be worn by moose hunters on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
support	3	-5	Those opposed don't like the word "required."



82	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	<del>8</del> 11	<del>2</del> 2	This has worked well for many years, population is healthy and needs to be kept from getting too big. Those opposed thought there were not enough moose on the island.
83	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
opposed	0	13	Because this is 2 proposals and should have been only one, we voted unanimously against the road hunt along the Sterling Highway. We have noticed that some cow moose are road smart and don't cross when cars come.
84	Open a resident, archery-only season for Dall sheep in Unit 15		
oppose	1	12	We generally oppose special hunts. We oppose this one. One person supported it.
85	Reduce the resident bag limit for black bear in Units 7 and 15		
oppose	0	13	This is based on anecdotal info. Not science based.
86	Reduce the bag limit for spruce grouse in Units 7 and 15		
Support	8	5	Those opposed felt that there are plenty of grouse. During a bad year the hunting pressure is less. Weather affects numbers more than hunting pressure.



87	Close the ptarmigan season in Unit 15C		
Support as amended	10	3	The amendment reads, " 5 daily and 10 in possession." we opposed the total closure,
88	Move the boundary of the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area in Unit 15		
No action			This proposal was too vague for us to understand - south shore - north shore didn't make sense
89	Close the trapping season for beaver in an area of Units 7 and 15C		
oppose	0	13	Beavers are migratory and will populate an area if these areas have food They are opportunistic animals
90	Remove the date restrictions and expand the hunt area for the small game youth hunt in the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area in Unit 15		
support	13	0	we need more opportunity for youth to be involved in hunting. this helps
91	Prohibit the discharge of certain weapons used for hunting and trapping within 1/2 mile of any residence in Unit 15C		
opposed	0	13	Be hard to enforce, you could have verbal authorization to hunt and others would not know.



92	Open a hunting season for tundra swan in Units 7 and 15		
oppose	6 yes	6 no 1 abstain	Those oppose think the sub adults look like trumpeter swans so trumpeter swans could be shot. Those in favor wanted the opportunity because the season would be late and plenty of tundra swans.
113	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
oppose	4 yes	9 no	oppose don't want to shoot cows in this area. habitat limited  Support: If have surplus cows for the habitat should harvest them.
126	Allow additional moose harvest opportunity in Unit 16A by providing an antlerless hunt and/or an "any bull" hunt		
140	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
143-145	The Board of Game does not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposals 143-145 concerning moose in Unit 15. They are included in the book for review and discussion by the board. Advisory committees may choose to provide comments on these proposals for the board's consideration.		

Minutes taken by Steve Vorek  
Approved by Dale Martin Chair  
Date Approved 2-12-19



# COASTAL LOWER YUKON ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 21, 2018

Bethel ADF&G Office

**CALL TO ORDER:** 8:45am, December 21, 2018

**ROLL CALL:** David Bunyan, Stanley Pete, Arthur Redfox, Paul Kassock (voting), Ray Oney (chair). **Quorum at 8:49**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approved Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** February 6, 2018: Approve Unanimous

## **INTRODUCTIONS:**

- a. Fish and Game Staff: Phillip Perry (WD), Deena Jallen (CF), Holly Carroll (CF), Christy Gleason (CF), Jen Peeks (Boards)
- b. Other Agency Representatives: Walter Blajeski (AST), John Orr (AVCP), Stephanie Quinn-Davidson (Intertribal Fish Commission), Gene Sandone (YDFDA)
- c. Members of the Public/ Other: John H. Lamont (Emmonak), Cyril Okitkun (Kotlik), Reynold Okitkun (Kotlik)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY:** *3 minutes per person*

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Member terms and expirations**  
Jen (ADF&G) provided an update on the CLYAC roster and elections

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Board of Game Proposals:** See below
  - Moose and Bear Reauthorization Proposals: 133, 139
  - Board of Game: Western Region Proposals DUE May 1, 2019
- **Board of Fish Proposals:**
  - Yukon Area Fishery Overview  
Deena Jallen (ADF&G) provided a summer season overview of 2018  
Pilot station sonar estimated 162,000 kings. Canada border estimated 57,500 king salmon. Subsistence surveys are going through the data at this time. The pre-season meeting will have the results. ADF&G thanked those who helped with the surveys.  
Christy Gleason (ADF&G) provided a 2018 fall season overview.

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Fall chum salmon estimated about 1 million, which was above average and 236,000 coho, which was about average. Thanked the fisherman for cooperation and feedback.

- Yukon River Proposals (see below)
- Statewide Proposals (see below)
- **Federal Fishery Proposals** *(optional) Did not discuss due to no Federal staff*
- **Joint Board Proposal:** Proposal 2 (see below)

### MISCILLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- Elect AC Representative and Alternate to attend the AYK BOF meeting: January 15-19, 2019.

Pete, Kassock, Redfox, and Bunyan support Chairman Oney attending the meeting.

Alternate: Arthur Redfox

### AC Member Comments:

- Stanley Pete- when we have public comments during all the duration of the meeting it can have an effect on the proposal we are voting on. It should be 3 minutes at the beginning for the public. For future, we should give them 3 minutes at the beginning. For the next meeting, if we have a time/place for public comments that is when they should make their testimony. He felt uncomfortable. If we want direction or want advice from the Dept., that is what they are there for. John H. Lamont (Member of Public)- it is up to the chair, proponents are allowed to speak on their proposal at the Boards meetings.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**     Call of the Chair     **Location:**

**ADJOURNMENT: 2:35 pm**

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133	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18		
Support	4	0	ADF&G overview Pete- asked if there had been an increase in predation. Kassock- Asked about the moose dying of natural causes. Does the state have a number? ADF&G- general ideas
139	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
Support	4	0	ADF&G overview

Minutes Recorded By: Stanley Pete, 12/27/18

Minutes Approved By: Ray Oney, 12/28/18

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



**Cooper Landing Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
February 27, 2019  
Cooper Landing Community Hall**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by Jeremy Lewis, Chair
- II. Members Present: Jeremy Lewis, John Pearson, William Coulliette, Jason Lesmeister (via phone), Alex Kime, Carl Coulliette  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Mike Adams  
  
Members Absent (Unexcused): Todd Donahue, Robert Gibson  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
- III. Agenda was approved.
- IV. No previous minutes to approve.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sherry Wright and Jeff Selinger
- VI. Guests Present: Josh Hayes, David Pearson, Tom Lessard Troopers, Ben Endres and Scott Sands
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: Elections were held with the following results:

John Pearson, Billy Coulliette, Josh Hayes were elected for regular seats with term expires 6/21. Tom Lessard was elected to replace Ed Holsten for a regular seat that expires 6/20. Mike Adams and Carl Coulliette were elected as one-year alternates that expire 6/19.



## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish 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, Voting Notes
161	Require weekly reporting of salmon harvest by all permit or license holders		
Oppose	0	7	Basically this puts everyone on the same page reporting – wise. This is unreasonable for dipnetters and everyone else on a weekly basis. Concern that it wouldn't be accurate reporting. The state doesn't have the money to support the additional work. In season management is not happening with the information they currently collect.
165	Allow a fishing guide vessel to de-register after registration in a calendar year		
No action			This would allow people to do subsistence fishing with friends and family on their vessel. They believe once they de-register they would be done guiding for the remainder of the year. It may have some trickle-down effect on the Kenai. If it were only subsistence, some could get behind it, but if someone registered five boats, and de-registered only one of them, they will still have the same number of fishing vessels on the river. Believe the target is more for shellfish and halibut. It's kind of a can of worms and unclear. They don't have transformer boats. Could create a bigger problem in refuge area.
167	Allow the use of two artificial flies		
Oppose	0	7	They would like fly fishing only waters to go to two flies. The problem in our area is a mixed stock fishery in the Russian River. Can't differentiate methods and means for what they are fishing for. Single hook is better in a mixed stock fishery. Adding a second hook in the water in fly fishing only would be a mess. You will have salmon fishermen with two flies. Don't see this gaining much traction.
168	Specify that any line used to make the attachment between a skiff and a purse seine used in a commercial salmon fishery may not exceed 10 fathoms in length		
171	Modify criteria for the allocation of fishery resources among personal use, sport, and commercial fisheries		
Support	8	0	Aligns non-subsistence areas of the state with the same regulations so personal use takes priority over commercial fisheries. This might solidify the personal use fishery windows rather than use of emergency order. Stocks of concern will have a different priority. The question raised – would it affect the amount of sockeye making it up river? Probably. Subsistence and commercial fishing have been getting the better end of the stick - allocative proposals can be a slippery slope. They are for more fish in the river. There's a lot of things attached to getting more fish in the river. Many of the fish are coming in later. Season for dipnetting is in July. The idea behind this is that we are putting more fish in Alaskan



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			freezers. Commercial fishermen already have the ability to take fish home in their home pack. This has the potential for changing fishing on late run king salmon. It says in our constitution that residents are supposed to have priority.
172	Define "bow and arrow"		
Support	8	0	Another housekeeping proposal.
173	Define "ecotourism"		
Support	8	0	Seems like a housekeeping proposal.

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55	Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in Units 7 and 14		
Opposed	3	3	This is America – we have tools to manage harvest and this provides another opportunity to harvest. If you are allowing one, you should allow them all. Not everyone has an airplane and that provides a lot more access. Another factor is one guy hikes back in there and set up camp. There was concern of buzzing the sheep while a group may be preparing for the hunt. 2 abstentions need to think it over more. One personal experience fishing and had a helicopter mess up their day of fishing.
59	Shorten the hunting season for Kenai Mountain caribou (DC001) in Unit 7		
Support as amended	7	0	They used to be able to go in with snowmachines. Going in the first couple weeks of September saves hunters quite a bit of money. Season moved to October 15 would give time for folks to go in



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			<p>there. Concern about the rut and affect on the meat. That is a good point. Prefer a closure before the meat gets rank. This would align the Kenai caribou seasons, but it would eliminate opportunity for a combination caribou / moose hunt.</p> <p>AMENDMENT: Season open August 10 - September 25<sup>th</sup>. 8 -0 carried</p> <p>1 absent temporarily</p>
60	Change the hunting seasons for goat in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	6	1	<p>These are mainly drawing hunts based on points. If there is enough opportunity after that, they will open a registration hunt. Moving the season earlier may make the hunt safer because of icy mountain conditions. This essentially shifts the season earlier. The main hunting opportunity is the draw. Don't see this changing much. There is no biological concern. One member is indifferent. Some of the higher elevation goats, it may affect some goats because it's so difficult to access. Prefer status quo. Meat also would be better earlier prior to rut. 1 absention – not enough info.</p>
69	Open a general season hunt for moose in Unit 15B and eliminate the drawing hunt		
Oppose	0	6	<p>That's the Tustemena Bench. At the time this was established there was opportunity and this began as a trophy hunt. Success rates decreased as moose populations declined. Department has decreased the number of permits available and also eliminated some of the season permits. If the moose are starting to come back, let them. Not for this at this time. To fill it full of hunters right now would be a mistake. It's good to provide opportunity, but would like to give them a chance. Access is limited in 15B as well, which funnels the hunters into one area. Funny River road fire may have had some positive impacts on moose browse and growth. Last year is the first year one member saw moose coming back. It's been 20 some years since he's seen that. With bear population going down, dead fall, and browse recruitment, just has a gut feeling it's too early to open it up. Congestion is the thing that one member has seen when he has gone there. Federal season there</p>



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			is Sept 1 – 20 with about 7 per year taken. 2 abstentions just didn't feel there was enough information.
74	Open a resident drawing hunt for moose in Unit 15C		
Support	8	0	This one makes sense. Department would envision dividing that area up to 4-5 sections to spread out the effort. They had some discussion of what constitutes antlers. Nubs do not count as antlers. This provides hunting opportunity.
76	Establish an "any bull" drawing hunt in Unit 15C		
Support	8	0	Same reasons as Proposal 74.
77	Establish a drawing hunt for antlerless moose in Unit 15C north of the south fork of the Anchor River		
78	Establish resident drawing hunts for "any bull" moose in Units 15 and 7		
Oppose	0	8	This does essentially the same as previous proposals but it expands the "any bull" area. There is concern if there is a harvestable surplus to provide for this. They probably could do 1 – 2 permits to accommodate in some of these areas. Given the subsistence regulations which are more lax, can't support.
88	Move the boundary of the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area in Unit 15		
Oppose	0	8	Looks like they want to move it to the north shoreline boundary. Think this is focusing on water fowl (1 <sup>st</sup> couple weeks of September is very crowded with fishing and anglers). That time of year there's a lot of people that presents concerns. One member believes that the Refuge has disallowed the discharge of firearms within some distance of the river. May be only in the Russian River corridor. KRSMA has firearm restrictions.
89	Close the trapping season for beaver in an area of Units 7 and 15C		
Oppose	0	8	Prop 124 is looking to align seasons. 14C has been held to tighter regulations in the past. Prefer to align all the seasons on the Kenai Peninsula with 14C in order to simplify the regulations. There is also a limit on beaver in 14C. Prefer to see it dropped from 20 beaver to 10. There are beaver in the lower Anchor River. Support the concept of allowing beavers to grown.



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92	Open a hunting season for tundra swan in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose	0	8	Other states allow hunting on these animals. If the population supports this, there should be some opportunity. On the Kenai the majority of the swans are trumpeter swans (80 – 90%), not tundra swans. They are hard to differentiate. If we suggest any changes in the waterfowl proposals, you basically open up all the regulations. Hearing that, they prefer status quo. Palmer Flats hunter sees a lot of swans there. It's limited to certain areas of Alaska now, because of the low percentage of tundra swans.
113	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	8	0	Jeff Selinger provided department comments on this proposal. The department does have a hunt in this area that issues about 10 permits. Seems like in the 90s there was a lot of road kill in that area, but that hasn't happened for awhile.
124	Extend the trapping season for beaver in Unit 14C		
Carried as amended	8	0	There are areas that the beavers are gone along the road system. It would be nice to have beaver around. AMENDMENT: Align the season to extend trapping season to begin November 10 – April 30 for 14C, 7 and 15. Drop the limit from 20 beaver to 10. 8 – 0 support Reference comments on Proposal 89.

Next meeting will be March 20<sup>th</sup> at noon to prepare proposals for Board of Fisheries (pending confirmation of the facility). DRAFT BOF proposals were handed out for review prior to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carl Coulliette  
Minutes Approved By: Jeremy Lewis, Chair  
Date Approved: 3/1/2019



**Copper Basin Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes of 10/22/18  
Location of Meeting: Glennallen High School**

- I. Call to Order: 5:40 pm by Alysia Hancock
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Alysia Hancock, Dave Bruss, Brad Henspeter, Jim Odden, Chuck McMahan, Frank Hobson, Dave Sarafin  
Members Absent (Excused): Nick Jackson, Don Horrell  
Members Absent (Unexcused): Chris Gene, Brad Sinyon, Lee Adler  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7  
List of User Groups Present: Ahtna
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frank Robbins, Mark Somerville
- VI. Guests Present: Gloria Stickwan, Seth Wilson, Kevin Bartley, Shirley Smelcer, Bruce Cain
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:  
  
Elections: Frank Hobson, Shirley "Tursy" Smelcer, Dave Bruss, Brad Henspeter, Chris Gene, Mercedes "Star" Knighten  
Nominations: Tursy Smelcer-secretary

See notes below for Southcentral region proposals and fisheries. There were no comments for the joint board. Alysia Hancock will represent the committee at the Southcentral Region Board of Game meeting in March.

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128	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
Support as amended	8	0	<p>We support modifying the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description as we amended to:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(i) The area consists of that portion of Unit 13 (B) north of Denali Highway, west of <b><u>100 feet east of the Maclaren Summit trail, the Maclaren River drainage, including all of the Maclaren Summit trail, and</u></b> east of and including eastern bank drainages of the Middle Fork of the Susitna River downstream from and including the Susitna Glacier, and the eastern bank drainages of Susitna River downstream from its confluence with the Middle Fork.</p> <p>Last year we voted 7-0 in support of the proposal written by Fish and Game.</p> <p>We do not support allowing motorized vehicles to use the Maclaren Summit Trail for hunting. The original proposal as written by fish and game last year was very clear to us that it was clarifying that the Maclaren Summit Trail falls within the Clearwater Controlled Use area and that NO motorized vehicle would be allowed on that trail for hunting.</p> <p>To us this was a house keeping proposal to clarify the boundaries of the Clearwater Controlled Use area. Hunters in the field were confused by the description of the Clearwater Controlled Use area as originally written (west of and including the Maclaren River Drainage). The Maclaren Summit Trail falls within the Maclaren River Drainage, but hunters have different interpretations of where a drainage is and there was some confusion especially with new hunters hunting the area. Fish and Game Glennallen Office have put up signs telling hunters that the Maclaren Summit trail actually</p>



			falls within the drainage and thus hunters cannot use it if accessing with motorized vehicle. This proposal clarifies for hunters that the Maclaren Summit trail is within the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use area.  We are concerned that if the Maclaren Summit trail was allowed to be used by hunters there would be a impact to the Tangle Lakes Archeological Area which is adjacent to the trail on the east side.
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
Support	8	0	We want to keep this option on the books. This gives Fish and Game the opportunity to do the hunt if numbers allow. It is a good tool for Biologists
140	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	8	0	We like that you can take a brown bear in our area without having to have a tag. This allows a hunter to take a bear opportunistically.
141	Reauthorize the resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Support	8	0	We like that you can take a brown bear in our area without having to have a tag. This allows a hunter to take a bear opportunistically.
143-145	The Board of Game does not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposals 143-145 concerning moose in Unit 15. They are included in the book for review and discussion by the board; Id visory committees may choose to provide comments on these proposals for the board's consideration.		

**Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals**  
March 8-11, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
161	Require weekly reporting of salmon harvest by all permit or license holders		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Now you log immediately but report at end of season.</li> <li>*Don't think it would change in season management;</li> <li>*One person thought it was irresponsible to have a fishery this size without any reporting in season.</li> <li>*It was brought up that this is a statewide proposal, so it would apply everywhere including remote locations and fish camps.</li> </ul>



			<p>*Several people thought that this should really be brought up for the Copper River area when it is in season, so it would not affect statewide.          *Commercial and charter sector already has to do this.          *Would a weekly report cause the Dept. to shut down based on reports, this year for copper river maybe except that the season was closed most of the time anyways.          *no one wanted to vote on this</p>
162	Require biweekly reporting of all sport, personal use, and subsistence king salmon catch		
			See comments on 161
163	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of subsistence-caught fish		
support	8	0	Put this in subsistence regulations, it is already in sport regs.
164	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of sheefish		
			Proposal 163 takes care of this proposal by putting in subsistence regs prohibiting the intentional waste or destruction of sub-caught fish
165	Allow a fishing guide vessel to de-register after registration in a calendar year		
			Federal regs and state regs don't match
166	Require rockfish to be released at depth		
Support			<p>*1 abstane          *Release @ depth to increase survival.          *Uses a release device          *the devices are a couple of dollars and several places give them out for free          *people catching halibut might not have a device and if they catch a rock fish they will be in violation.          *inadvertently make people criminals          *you can use the device over and over again          *you usually keep one pole with the device on it.</p>
	5	2	
167	Allow the use of two artificial flies		
Support	8	0	This allows for more opportunity.
169	Repeal and readopt the Policy for Statewide Salmon Escapement Goals		
Oppose			Policy Change.
	0	8	This policy is good as it is. A lot of work went into this with a lot of user groups. Overall doing what we hoped for in the Copper Valley area
170	Amend the Policy for the Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries to include management targets		
			See 169
171	Modify criteria for the allocation of fishery resources among personal use, sport, and commercial fisheries		
Oppose			They wrote a statewide proposal for a regional issue.
	0	8	Would affect allocation between fisheries.

Adjournment: 9:05pm

Minutes Recorded By: Hancock and Smelcer

Minutes Approved By: Alysia Hancock

Date: 11-20-2018



# Copper River Prince William Sound AC

## Committee Minutes

### January 23, 2019

### Pwsac Board room

**Call to order: 7:04 pm, roll call**

**Members present:** BAKER, CARPENTER, COLLINS, GREENWOOD, KIMBER, KING, Lohse, Renner, Tirrell, Blake, A. Wiese, and Sheridan, Mattson.

**Members Absent:** Hanson, Zadra, J. Wiese

**Agenda:**

1. 2019 Elections, Election of Officers
2. Area game Biologist annual review
3. Bog PROPOSALS 57, 58
4. JB proposals 22, 29, 38
5. Update by committee members on any local/statewide

Move nominations Greenwood, Sec: Baker

1. Carpenter
2. Blake
3. Greenwood
4. Kimber
5. Zadra



## 6. Mattson

Nominations closed King, Sec: Baker

Results from the elections: Carpenter 12, Blake 11, Greenwood 12, Kimber 10, Zadra 12, Mattson 12

Brad SAPP and Dave Obrien resigned their seats, and we had fewer candidates run than open seats so one alternate seat is still open.

Officers nominated and elected without objection

1. Carpenter co-chair Game
2. Renner co-chair Fish
3. Amanda Wiese Sec

As a matter of record, Tom Carpenter will represent the AC at the March BOG AND Joint Board meetings in Anchorage if state funding allows.

General discussion with Charlotte Westing, Unit 6 AREA GAME BIOLOGIST.

1. West copper (6c) moose twinning rates remain very high at 36%, possibly the highest in the state. No aerial surveys have been completed once again this fall due to the lack of snow cover. Population estimate in 6C 677 moose, 6b 420, with 320 being used conservatively to manage and set harvest rates until another year of surveys can be completed to compare. 6a will be the area ADFG focuses on in 2019 trying to get a calf survival rate, bull/cow ratio and population estimate.
2. Deer have rebounded nicely from the big winter of 2011. Pellet surveys have revealed the loss from the 2011 winter has effectively been erased, this due to several real easy winters allowing the herd in



PWS to grow. Harvest continues to grow since the massive snow event due to mild winters since.

3. Goat populations up across the board in Unit 6. Mild winters have had the biggest impact for this growth. Although warmer winters have caused less snow to fall creating icier conditions which make feeding more difficult. Slightly slower kid growth this year but quotas remain stable and some areas are still open until the end of January.

4. Black Bears are slowly recovering in PWS. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the PWS black bear study. Ester and knight islands are the two areas being studied. Since the study started in 2016, 106 captures and 96 where different bears. 53 bears have sat collars and 3 have had to be refitted. Field work is complete, analysis will continue along with collars collecting data until 2021.

**5. Motion to adopt proposal 58, Reauthorize antlerless hunt 6C. 5 AAC 085.045(4)** Motion Greenwood, SEC Baker

Each year AC needs to reauthorize, state doesn't currently harvest any cows in 6C, but we feel the tool if needed be given to area biologist. Currently all cows harvested under Federal Subsistence along with 75% of the bulls, the remaining 25% of the bulls harvested under state drawing system.

**Motion passed 13-0**

**6. Motion to adopt proposal 57, changed to control use area. 5 AAC 92.540(11) (b).** Motion King, Sec Baker

Mr. Mattson discussed when he sent the proposal into the state, an error was made and he wishes to strike the word "**HUNTER**" from the recommended language change, he has sent a corrected statement to the BOG for their consideration. The AC concurred, and recommend



that the Board of Game pass this modified language regarding the controlled use area in 6b, Martin River Area.

**Motion Passed 13-0**

**7. Motion to adopt Joint Board proposal 22, Uniform rules of operation 5 AAC 96.60**

Motion Collins, sec Baker

The AC spent quite a time discussing the merits of electronic discussion and voting by email. Comments were made about advantages to rural communities that can't travel due to budget constraints, but the final decision was made that email voting takes the transparency away from the process, eliminates notice and the public's ability to participate which is the most important part of the Advisory committee process.

**Motion failed 0-13**

**8. Motion to adopt Joint Board proposal 28, Regular Meetings 5AAC 96.641**

Motion Collins, sec Baker

The AC felt that some AC Chairs would benefit greatly from this change, but most would not. We the AC Chair inclusion during deliberations is important but not mandatory, both board chairs have the ability to call from the audience at any time for clarification from the AC chair which are usually always in attendance.

**Motion failed 0-13**

**9. Motion to adopt Joint Board 29, 5 AAC 96.XXX New Section**

Motion Baker, Sec Blake

Similar to our comments on JB proposal 28, the AC feels the chairs of both boards have the ability to call on the AC chair during deliberations



to clarify or answer any question needed to assist the board in its deliberation. The BOF AND BOG have shown over time to be independent of each other in the way they allow participation during deliberations, this need not be a new regulation.

**Motion failed 0-13**

**10. Motion to adopt Joint Board proposal 38, 5 AAC 96.6XXX Adoption of fish and game regulations.** Motion Greenwood, Sec Baker

Discussion stemmed around to many fisheries that have been closed for far too long without the Board and public being clear why that is the situation. A suggestion was made the department create a list of E.O closures to be available for both the board and public to be able to view, updating this each fall prior to Board cycles. The debate ended with a majority favoring a list and not making this mandatory.

**Motion failed 5- 8**

Public comments by Kristen Smith of the watershed project alerting the AC of the Salmon Harvesters Roundtable Feb 9<sup>th</sup> in Tazlina.

Motion to Adjourn Collins, Sec Greenwood

945pm.

Meeting Adjourned 9:49pm



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## Copper River/ Pws AC comments

*Proposal 57, change to the Martin River(6B) controlled use area. 5 AAC 92.540(11) (B).*

The committee met with ADFG and members of the public THREE different times to discuss the proposers language change to this regulation. All agreed changing the dates from August 15th to September 4th to August 25th to September 4th would eliminate most of the challenges bear hunters and sport fisherman are having during this time span. The current regulation requires all *Hunters and Gear* be removed from the field before anyone who entered prior to the current date of August 15th to moose hunt. There was much debate but a compromise was reached and passed the AC unanimously to strike the word Hunter from current regulation allowing hunters to leave gear in the field. The proposer sent his original proposal in without striking the word *Hunter*, but has since clarified with the Department, AC and has sent ammended language to the Board clarifying his original intent.

*Motion passed 13-0*

*Proposal 58, Reauthorize antlerless hunt (6C) 5 AAC 085.045 (4).*

Annually the AC reauthorizes the antlerless hunt in 6C, west copper river delta. Currently, all antlerless animals are harvested on Federal lands under the Federal Subsistence Program. We feel keeping this hunt on the books makes sense, it gives the state manager flexibility. Current moose population estimaye is 677 moose, with one of the largest calf production rates in the state.

*Motion passed 13-0*



**Denali Advisory Committee  
November 12, 2018  
Cantwell School**

- I. Call to Order: 7:10 by Gordon Carlson
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Jeff Burney, Gordon Carlson, Justin Mason, Lance Williams, Ray Atkins, Bruce Carlson,  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Marie Gore, Caleb Holum, Don Holum  
  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:6  
  
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Already completed before meeting by committee
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Scott Sands AST, Frank Robbins ADFG (Via video conference)
- VI. Guests Present: Jeni Mason, Cantwell School Principal
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:

Committee members after listening to the area biologist and having much discussion about Moose harvest in Unit 13 and 13 E would like to start working to draft a proposal for the future that asks the board to reevaluate moose harvest objectives and ratios for Unit 13 and its subunits. The committee felt strongly that the moose harvest objective and ratios need to be accurate and responsible in order that decisions for regulation and management of moose and its predators in the future are made responsibly.

Members of the committee asked the area biologist about the current status of the ptarmigan populations in the area.



The area biologist presented information to the AC about Mule deer starting to show up in Alaska and the risks they could possibly bring to the big game of Alaska. He questioned the AC if they felt there should be a season created for controlling the numbers of deer coming into the state or whether they should be listed in the regs as unclassified game or deleterious exotic wildlife. The Denali AC voted with 6 supporting and 0 opposed to listing them as Deleterious with no closed season to try and prevent the negative impacts that Mule Deer could possibly have on other big game species in the state of Alaska.

No vote was taken on proposal 56 but discussion took place correlating the concern that the committee has about moose harvest objectives and ratios and making management decisions. Members felt that the non resident take was a small percentage of the overall harvest.

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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, Voting Notes
128	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
	0	6	The area biologist presented information on proposal 128 to the committee. Committee members discussed the problems of enforcement if the proposal were to pass. Also members were concerned about the quality of non motorized hunter user groups could be affected negatively. Members of the committee felt that there are plenty of motorized areas in Unit 13 providing enough opportunity and access for motorized activity.
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
	4	2	Committee members after listening to the area biologist and having much discussion about Moose harvest in Unit 13 and 13 E would like to start working to draft a proposal for the future that asks the board to reevaluate moose harvest objectives and ratios for Unit 13 and its subunits. The committee felt strongly that the moose harvest objective and ratios need to be accurate and responsible in order that decisions for regulation and management of moose and its predators in the future are made responsibly.
140	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
	5	1	The area biologist gave some harvest numbers to the committee of Unit 13 and specifically Unit 13 E bears.

Adjournment: 9:17 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Justin Mason  
Minutes Approved By: Gordon Carlson, Lance Williams  
Date Approved: November 12, 2018



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
February 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes  
Pioneer Hall, Pioneer Park, Fairbanks, AK

I. Call to Order: Chair at 1839

II. Roll Call –

	<u>CHAIR</u> Kirk Schwalm	<u>VICE-CHAIR</u> Mark Richards	<u>SECRETARY</u> Ed Horton	Al Barrette	Chuck Derrick	John Wisniewski	Warren Giuchici	Richard Doering
Present	X	X	X		X			X
Absent						X		
Abs/Excused				X			X	
	Mike Bryan	Levi Lewellyn	Jeff Lucas	Mike Tinker	Mike Quinn	John Siegfried	Vince Holton	Virgil Umphenour (alternate)
Present	X			X				X
Absent		X						
Abs/Excused			X		X	X	X	

III. **Approval of Agenda:** Unanimous, added discussion of letter supporting Doug Vincent-Lang to old business.

IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Jan 9 unanimously approved. note: guest “Dave Vick” should have said “Gale Vick”

V. **Correspondence:** None.

VI. **ADFG/AWT Staff Present:** Tony Hollis, Klaus Wutting, Trooper Valentine.

VII. **Guests:** 4 guests. Gale Vick, Erick from USARAK, Troy Bunce, Sofia Bracio.

VIII. **Comments:**

- Chair Comments: ADFG was spared in Gov Dunleavy’s proposed budget. Discussed that he applied for a superior court judgeship, and will not be able to vote on any actions during this meeting. The AC still has a quorum.

- Subcommittee Chairs:

- o N/A
- o Mike Tinker thanked attendees of the Fish/Joint Subcommittee for good turnout and discussions.



- AC Member Comments: None

- Public Comments: Troy Bunce is concerned about accessing his cabin and trapline on BLM land in the Dalton Highway corridor. BLM said he is on hold until prop 129 is cleared up. This line has been trapped since the 1980's. The FAC supports his further use and would like to see this resolved as well. If it is resolved in the BOG meeting he will be able to trap next winter. Erick from USARAK would like to see the maps in the hunting regulations clarified to show the military lands better. There has been confusion by the public on what the restricted area boundaries are, and if they apply to certain locations. He was referred to ADFG for mapping issues. Kirk would like a planned discussion with him in the future about working with the Army to ensure hunting opportunities.

#### **IX. F&G/AWT Staff Reports:**

- Game: Tony Hollis. Antlerless reauthorization in 20B should match last year. 20A will be the same, but reduced to 290 in more accessible areas. No counts have been done in 20A since 2015. Discussed Delta AC's concerns for their areas, and FAC's concerns with low Minto moose numbers.

- Sport Fish: N/A

- AWT: N/A

#### **X. Old Business:**

- o Support for Doug Vincent-Lang. Mike Tinker would like to submit a letter of support from the Fairbanks Advisory Committee. Kirk would require the signature delegated to the Vice-chair. Minor changes were made to Mike's draft.
  - Motion to support approved, 7-0-1.

#### **XI. New Business:**

- Fortymile Harvest Management Coalition meeting. Mike Tinker discussed the meeting, summary follows: Caribou are showing signs of stress. Everyone indicates a need for management. Discussed multi-bag harvest hunt parameters. Canada now allows 40mi caribou hunting, and harvested 50-60 this year. Alaska and Canada will share quota next year. Gov Dunleavy says putting food on Alaskan plates is his highest priority. Mixing different herds is not an issue.
- Finalize comments on Southcentral BOG Meeting proposals. FAC discussed props that the Game Subcommittee thought were best brought to the full committee.
  - o Prop 99. Discussed between FAC members. Most like the basic idea of increasing resident percentages, but believe 90%, plus a share of the non-resident 10% is too much. Virgil disagreed with the proposal's statement that other states are 90/10 Res/NR, and explained that number doesn't take landowner tags into account.
    - Motion to support failed, 0-7-1.
  - o Prop 100. Mark had concerns about the subcommittee's comment to oppose. He would like to see FAC support and to amend comments to keep the resident and non-resident pools the same, and for the new 2DK permits to be created with an increased total quota.
    - Motion to support as amended approved, 7-0-1.
  - o Prop 102. FAC discussed whether to amend comments to add a NR Draw hunt instead



of no NR hunting opportunity. There were concerns about guides using the area heavily, taking the allotted quota, and reducing resident hunting opportunity. As of now, the quota is not being met from year-to-year, however.

- Motion to support as written approved, 4-3-1.
  - Prop 103. Mark discussed the subcommittee's questions, and provided information from ADFG about unfilled tags. All FAC members were involved in in-depth discussion on both sides. The FAC believes the proposal addresses a loophole, but examples were given as to why the proposal will not work to fix the problem as written. No alternatives were agreed upon during discussions.
    - Motion to TNA with a note that the FAC believes the intent of the regulations is not for the guides to circumvent the draw process using a federal concession. Approved 7-0-1.
  - Prop 104. No comments.
    - Keep Game subcommittee comments, approved 7-0-1.
  - Prop 130. Virgil had concerns on the proposal as written. His issue was that it does not clarify the difference between guided non-residents and unguided non-residents. He would like to amend that no changes be made to current non-resident guide requirements.
    - Motion to support as amended, approved 7-0-1.
  - Props 135, 136, 137.
    - Motion to support, approved 7-0-1.
  - Props 139, 140, 141.
    - Motion to support, approved 7-0-1.
  - Prop 149.
    - Motion to support, approved 7-0-1.
  - Motion to support all other Game Subcommittee comments, approved 7-0-1.
- Finalize comments on statewide BoF Proposals. Mike Tinker discussed Fish subcommittee comments.
- Prop 165. Klaus read ADFG comments. Gale Vick (guest) weighed in. Trooper Valentine weighed in.
    - Motion to adopt, approved 7-0-1.
  - Prop 171. Mike liked the concept, but believed it was too much for the BOF to tackle. He advised to TNA with that comment.
    - Motion to TNA with comment, 7-0-1.
  - Briefly discussed all other comments.
    - Motion to adopt all other Fish Subcommittee comments, approved, 7-0-1.
- Finalize comments on Joint Board Proposals. Briefly discussed all comments made at the Fish Subcommittee. Kirk commented on prop 17 and asked "Would that mean all ACs will have to check IDs at the door?" Virgil agrees with prop 22. He said the current system means ACs have no opportunity to comment on things happening between pre-planned meetings.
- Motion to support all comments, approved, 7-0-1.
- Discussion of Interior BOG meeting location. Kirk provided a letter on the different locations presented and the viability of hosting the BOG meeting. The letter clearly shows Fairbanks is the best option for all to participate.
- Motion to support Fairbanks as the best option and North Pole as an alternative, approved 7-0-1.



- Nominations for Virgil to the Hatchery committee (if there is money for it), Al to the BOG meeting, and Mike to the Joint Board meeting, all approved 7-0-1.

**XII. Adjourn:** 22:19

Minutes Recorded by Ed Horton

Please see attached for subcommittee comments



**Fairbanks Advisory Committee Game Subcommittee  
1/28/2019  
Creamers Refuge Conference Room**

- I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]  
Al Barrette Chair of Game Sub-committee
  
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present:  
  
**Mike Tinker, Levi Lewellyn, Jeff Lucas, Ed Horton, and Mike Bryan**  
  
Members Absent (Excused):  
  
**Mark Richards (vice chair)**  
  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:  
  
List of User Groups Present:
  
- III. Approval of Agenda:  
**Review South Central proposals**
  
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
  
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:  
**Mark Nelson Assistant Area Biologist**
  
- VI. Guests Present:  
**Jim Sackett Gov. Office and Tom Kirstein Big Game Guide**
  
- VII. Old Business:
  
- VIII. New Business:
  1. **Proposals 130 and 146 are deferred to the full committee.**
  2. **The Department did not have any ANR's (analysis and reviews) available for review at this meeting. So some of the proposals we took no action (TNA) because we did not have enough information to make an informed decision.**



3. We did reach out on a few proposals to other AC's for clarification.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
54	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts in the Southcentral Region		
Support as amended	6	0	Crossbows will not be allowed as a method in archery only areas.
55	Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in Units 7 and 14		
Support	6	0	We would like to know if the restriction is working. How many investigations have there been since the implementation? We still believe this an unenforceable regulation and has unattended consequences to the pilot/flying public.
56	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management in the Southcentral Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Full committee			
57	Modify the Controlled Use Area in Unit 6B		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Support as amend	6	0	We like the date change, but do not support removing "hunter and their gear"
59	Shorten the hunting season for Kenai Mountain caribou (DC001) in Unit 7		
Support as amend	6	0	Allow a harvest of caribou in the late fall after the rut, opening date to start after 21 October. The permit will control the harvest with a short reporting time. This would not allow an over harvest, but would provide additional harvest of surplus caribou.
60	Change the hunting seasons for goat in Units 7 and 15		
TNA			No Department ANR'S
61	Establish a new drawing hunt for goats near Seldovia in Unit 15C		
TNA			No Department ANR'S
62	Separate the early and late season registration goat hunts for the Seldovia and Port Graham hunt areas in Unit 15C		
TNA			No Department ANR'S
63	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 and remove the road closure criteria in Unit 15C		
TNA			Due to action on proposal 65
64	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include spike-fork bulls		
TNA			Due to action on proposal 65



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
65	Change the bag limit for moose in Units 7 and 15 from four to three brow tines		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>We support reducing the brow tine from 4 to 3. The lowering of the require brow tine would increase the harvest opportunity. The population of moose is at or above the population objective. We did not support adding a different segment of the age population at this time. We want to see what kind of harvest will happen with a 3 brow tine. We believe this will be sustainable for now.</b>
66	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 from four to three brow tines		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>Due to action on proposal 65</b>
67	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Units 15A and 15B from spike-fork to four points on one palm or three brow tines		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>Due to action on proposal 65</b>
68	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Units 15A and 15B from spike-fork to five or more points on one palm and shorten the seasons		
<b>Full committee</b>			<b>With no Department ANR. We would like more conversation and data before making a decision. Hopefully this will happen a t the full committee meeting.</b>
69	Open a general season hunt for moose in Unit 15B and eliminate the drawing hunt		



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<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>We support this, but we are concerned with language within this proposal. The author stated this was a “trophy designed area”. We were not familiar with this term, nor do we know of that term used in codified. We did recognize that “trophy” is defined in codified. But we did not think this is what the author was implying.</b>
70	Open a general season hunt for moose in Unit 15B and eliminate the drawing hunt		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>We believe this would be sustainable.</b>
71	Establish a general season moose hunt for Unit 15B east and eliminate the drawing hunt		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>Due to action on 70</b>
72	Change the resident moose hunt structure in Unit 15C		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>Due to action on 74</b>
73	Change the resident moose hunt structure in Unit 15C		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>Due to action on 74</b>
74	Open a resident drawing hunt for moose in Unit 15C		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>We believe this is sustainable</b>
76	Establish an “any bull” drawing hunt in Unit 15C		
<b>TNA</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Due to action on 74</b>



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
78	Establish resident drawing hunts for “any bull” moose in Units 15 and 7		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>With a very high population of moose this would be a great opportunity to allow more harvest and the harvest to be controlled by a permit.</b>
79	Require hunter education for all hunters participating in Unit 15C drawing hunts		
<b>oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>There is already a requirement for some hunters to have completed a hunter ed class before hunting in this area. We did not believe requiring hunters born before 1986 should be included and piece meal areas with additional hunter ed classes. Stick with hunter ed as a state wide issue.</b>
81	Require blaze orange be worn by moose hunters on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
<b>oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>We are over regulated now. Keep it a personal choice to what we wear in the field. Also this proposal only requires hunter to wear orange. What about the non-hunting public? This is a permit hunt. If the department is concerned about visibility they could “advise” hunter orange.</b>
84	Open a resident, archery-only season for Dall sheep in Unit 15		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>No Department ANR’S</b>
85	Reduce the resident bag limit for black bear in Units 7 and 15		



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<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>We did not believe there is a conservation concern at this time.</b>
86	Reduce the bag limit for spruce grouse in Units 7 and 15		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>No Department ANR'S available to make an informed decision.</b>
87	Close the ptarmigan season in Unit 15C		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>No Department ANR'S available to make an informed decision.</b>
88	Move the boundary of the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area in Unit 15		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Clarification is always good.</b>
89	Close the trapping season for beaver in an area of Units 7 and 15C		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>As we understand it. There was a fire that removed vegetation in that area. The habitat will come back and so will the beavers. We also believe there is very little beaver trapping going on in this area, due to the lack of beavers. Beavers are very plentiful throughout the Kenia. They will repopulate when the habitat replenishes.</b>
90	Remove the date restrictions and expand the hunt area for the small game youth hunt in the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area in Unit 15		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Encouraging hunting.</b>



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91	Prohibit the discharge of certain weapons used for hunting and trapping within 1/2 mile of any residence in Unit 15C		
<b>oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Not necessary.</b>
92	Open a hunting season for tundra swan in Units 7 and 15		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>This is sustainable though registration or drawing permits.</b>
93	Increase the bag limit for deer in Unit 8		
<b>Support as amended</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Use “up to” language in the regulation. This would allow managers to be flexible with “bag limits”. With the BOG on a 3 year cycle, managers do not have the ability to adjust bag limits as deer population fluxgates. The “up to” fixes this issue.</b>
94	Lengthen the hunting season for goat in Unit 8 Remainder		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>With population what they are. This is sustainable.</b>
95	Change the bag limit, lengthen the season, and implement reporting requirements for goat in Unit 8 Remainder		
<b>Support as amended</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>The amendment would remove the reporting requirement. We believe this reporting requirement is above and beyond what a harvest report already provides.</b>
96	Establish a new registration hunt for goat in Unit 8		



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<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>We do not believe this warranted or that there is the issue the author states. But again we did not have Department ANR'S or public safety comments available to us.</b>
97	Allow the use of muzzleloaders for goat hunting in Unit 8		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>The majority of the committee thought this good idea. One person did not believe allowing muzzleloader in an archery hunt was compatible. Modern muzzleloaders have evolved and are just as effective as a single shot rife. The same member also did not like creating a separate time for muzzleloaders only. For the same reasons. Modern muzzleloaders are not primitive weapon anymore.</b>
98	Lengthen the fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 8		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>We believe this is sustainable, and we had a member from the public who is a Brown Bear guide on Kodiak that agreed. We understand that this change would increase some harvest, but would not have an impact on the stainable bear population. But again we point out with no Department ANR'S available to us our decision may change.</b>
99	Allocate at least 90% of the Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits to residents		
<b>Full committee</b>			



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100	Create a separate drawing for second degree of kindred brown bear permits in Unit 8		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>With no Department ANR'S and how many 2DK persons receive a permit annually we felt this is unnecessary at this time.</b>
101	Create a resident tag for Kodiak brown bear from the nonresident permit allocation		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>Takes legislative action.</b>
102	Eliminate nonresident opportunity for the RB230 and RB260 registration permit brown bear hunts in Unit 8		
<b>Full committee</b>			<b>Hopefully we will have data to make an informed decision at our next AC meeting.</b>
103	Transfer under-subscribed nonresident Kodiak brown bear drawing permits to the resident drawing permit allocation		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>We do not believe they are any under-subscribed hunts for Brown Bears in unit 8</b>
104	Allow residents to return Kodiak brown bear drawing permits in advance of the hunting season to be reissued to residents		
<b>*opposed Full committee</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>The subcommittee opposed this. But I believe after think about what was stated. We should discuss this at the full committee.</b>



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105	Adjust the boundaries of the Kodiak brown bear drawing hunt areas for Kiliuda Bay and Ugak Bay		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>Need Department ANR'S</b>
106	Provide educational material to encourage Kodiak brown bear hunters to harvest boars and penalize hunters for taking sows		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Some sow harvest has to be taken, to keep the boar sow ratio in balance. Having some sow harvest is sustainable. The author may be incorrect about the percentages of sows harvested by guides. A member from the public who was at our meeting stated that the guides are harvesting 70% boars for quite a while. This is incredible percentage! Good on the guide industry in unit 8.</b>
107	Prohibit shooting from a boat while hunting in the Ugak Bay area in Unit 8		
108	Create a controlled use area on the Ayakulic River in Unit 8		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>We did not believe this is advisable at this time. We would like see data that supports the author's claims.</b>
109	Require all snares on the Kodiak road system to have a breakaway mechanism		



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<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>We did not believe this should be mandatory for all trappers in unit 8. Not all break-a-way snares are equal. That was shown in wolf snares. Different cables, locks, stops, cable sleeves and anchors all have different characteristic as to how effective or not, a snare will work. Some animals react different from others when they are caught. We do encourage trappers to make they own deaccession on how to use snare and what kind.</b>
110	Modify the nonresident bow and arrow goat hunt structure in the Lake George area in Unit 14C from a drawing hunt to a registration hunt		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>No Department ANR'S to make an informed decision.</b>
111	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Sustainable and more opportunity.</b>
112	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
<b>TNA</b>			
113	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
<b>TNA</b>			
114	Open a youth drawing hunt for Dall sheep in Unit 14C		



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<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>We believe youth hunters already have opportunists to harvest sheep under “Youth Hunts”. We believe the young hunters do not need a special opportunity in every unit or sub unit for sheep.</b>
115	Establish a separate Dall sheep drawing for second degree of kindred hunters in Unit 14C		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>We oppose this because we feel the added layer of permitting isn’t needed. We did not have Department ANR’S to give us back ground on this issue.</b>
116	Change the brown bear hunt in Unit 14C Remainder to a registration hunt with a bag limit of one bear every year		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Sustainable and more opportunity.</b>
117	Extend the hunting season for black bear in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Sustainable and more opportunity.</b>
118	Open a registration black bear hunt for shotgun and muzzleloader only in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Anchorage Management Area		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Sustainable and more opportunity.</b>
119	Open a registration black bear hunt for shotgun and muzzleloader only in the Upper Campbell Creek hunt area in the Anchorage Management Area		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Sustainable and more opportunity.</b>



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120	Open a black bear baiting registration hunt for shot gun or muzzleloader only within the Anchorage Management Area		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Sustainable and more opportunity.</b>
121	Allow the harvest of bear with the use of bait in Unit 14C Remainder		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Sustainable and more opportunity.</b>
122	Require hunter education for small game hunting in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
<b>TNA</b>			<b>Let the AC's of the area make that call. We already have a regulation covering hunter ed.</b>
123	Open a year-round season with no bag limit for unclassified game in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>House keeping</b>
124	Extend the trapping season for beaver in Unit 14C		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>We always support more opportunities for trappers, with sustainable populations.</b>
125	Modify the Birchwood Management Area boundary in Unit 14C		
<b>Support</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>We support clarification and housekeeping of regulations.</b>
126	Allow additional moose harvest opportunity in Unit 16A by providing an antlerless hunt and/or an "any bull" hunt		



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<b>TNA</b>			<b>We have no jurisdiction on the antlerless moose part. We had no Department ANS's to make an informed decision at this meeting.</b>
127	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
<b>Support as amended</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Amendment: remove the requirement to apply for registration permits in person one month before the start of the hunt, at Sleetmute. The Fairbanks AC and many other Alaskans do not support this concept of applying in person, well before a hunt is opened. This is an unfair, unequal, and a very costly disadvantage to Alaskans that do not reside in or near Sleetmute. We Strongly encourage the BOG to stop this back door/loophole, to giving preface to local users over other Alaskans. We all contribute to the management of wildlife in the state equally, we all should have equal access to the opportunities to harvest!</b>
128	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
<b>Support as amended</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>This is real easy. Amendment: Using the existing trail called MacLaren Summit north, everything on the trail or 100' east of the trail is motorized and everything to the west side of the trail is non-motorized. The Tangle Lakes Archaeological District north boundary should have a marker on the east side of the trail. (There is some area that motorized vehicles could use north of that boundary.)</b>



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129			Clarify the ability for trappers to transport furbearers or lawful parts of game as trapping bait within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area



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Support as amended	6	0	<p>Regulation should be written as: Trappers may transport furbearers, lawful parts of game as trapping bait, or game processed for human consumption.</p> <p>This housekeeping should be acceptable. We did add the part about transporting game that was processed for human consumption. So trappers could take game food with them. Such as moose or caribou jerky, burgers, sausages ect. As you should know trappers need to be prepare for the environment and break downs and having food is part of that preparation.</p> <p>The Fairbanks AC would also like the board, Department of Law and Public Safety to address, “can a trapper/trapline using a snowgo run along or parallel within the James Dalton Corridor”? The statue AS 19.40.210(3) states: (3) the use of a snow machine to travel across the highway corridor from land outside the corridor to access land outside the other side of the corridor; this paragraph does not permit the use of a snow machine for any purpose within the corridor if the use begins or ends within the corridor or within the right-of-way of the highway or if the use is for travel within the corridor that is parallel to the right-of-way of the highway; It would appear that a trapper using a snowgo cannot run their line parallel to the highway within the corridor.</p>



**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee**  
**Nov. 13, 2018**  
**NERRS Building**

**Call to Order:** 6:02 by Dave Lyon (chair)

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Dave Lyon (chair), Tom Young (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Thomas Hagberg, Lee Martin, Doug Malone, Dan Anderson, Marvin Peters, Dennis Wade, Wes Humbyrd, Jim Meesis, Gary Sinnhuber, Phillip Jones, Ty Gates.

**Members Absent:** Joey Alred.

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

**List of User Groups Present:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** NA

**Fish and Game Staff Present:** Jason Herreman.

**Guests Present:** Larry Smith, Todd Hoppe, Megan Pacer.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** While the public notice mentioned that we would consider Bristol Bay finfish proposals 18 – 62, no one had any suggestions. However, Larry Smith directed our attention to proposals 169, 170, and 171 which could result in some significant change to salmon fisheries management. No one was prepared to discuss these issues at this meeting and since these preproposals won't be considered by the BOF until its Statewide Finfish meeting March 8-11, we deferred discussion until our Dec. meeting. Dan Anderson will be the Homer AC representative for that meeting.

Jason Herreman gave us an update on the latest harvest data for Unit 15C. He said that the road kill for moose was down this previous winter from the previous winter and was also below average. Lack of deep snow probably kept moose off the roads. He also said that the moose harvest for 15C this fall will be about 185-190. About 25% of that was illegal bull moose kills. This was about the same as last year despite the emphasis to educate hunters on what is or isn't a legal bull. This information played into our discussion that followed on BOG proposals.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose - Abstain	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
54	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts in the Southcentral Region		
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15-0</b>	<b>Crossbow is not a primitive weapon. If a hunter doesn't have the strength to use bow and arrow, they can apply for an exemption. Rather than add a regulation for the exception, it is better to allow special permits for those who qualify.</b>
55	Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in Units 7 and 14		
<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12-2</b>	<b>The reasons given for removing this restriction were not convincing to the AC.</b>
56	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management in the Southcentral Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>The intent of this proposal is that active IM programs, which seek to increase prey populations and harvest, comply with statutes that state the taking of game "by residents for personal or family consumption has preference over taking by nonresidents." There was some discussion about the need for this since 15C and other GMU's don't currently have active predator control programs. So this proposal would apply to possible future rather than present circumstances. There was also concern that this proposal may limit hunting with nonresident friends or family.</b>
59	Shorten the hunting season for Kenai Mountain caribou (DC001) in Unit 7		
<b>S</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>The AC generally supported shortening the caribou season to be more consistent with other hunts and to exclude hunting during the rut. One opposed because having a late hunt could be a fallback if other hunts weren't successful.</b>
60	Change the hunting seasons for goat in Units 7 and 15		
<b>S</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>The AC generally agreed that allowing a hunt during the rut could result in wasted meat as well as disturbance to the herd at this sensitive time. Those opposed mentioned meat taken during the rut can be treated to be more palatable and a late season hunt provides more opportunity.</b>
61	Establish a new drawing hunt for goats near Seldovia in Unit 15C		



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SA	14	1-0	The AC generally agreed that going from a registration hunt to a draw hunt allows better management. A motion was made to amend the dates to the same as Proposal 60 which passed 13-1-1.
62	Separate the early and late season registration goat hunts for the Seldovia and Port Graham hunt areas in Unit 15C		
S	15	0-0	<b>Agreement with reasons given in proposal.</b>
63	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 and remove the road closure criteria in Unit 15C		
O	1	14-0	<b>Maintain road closures and objection to spike-fork.</b>
64	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include spike-fork bulls		
NA			<b>Some of the purpose of this proposal covered by proposals below.</b>
65	Change the bag limit for moose in Units 7 and 15 from four to three brow tines		
S	14	1-0	<b>The AC believes that bull populations have recovered enough to now allow for more liberal harvest regulations.</b>
66	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 from four to three brow tines		
NA			<b>See Proposal 65.</b>
67	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Units 15A and 15B from spike-fork to four points on one palm or three brow tines		
NA			<b>See Proposal 65.</b>
68	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Units 15A and 15B from spike-fork to five or more points on one palm and shorten the seasons		
NA			
69	Open a general season hunt for moose in Unit 15B and eliminate the drawing hunt		
S	15	0-0	<b>Agreed that limiting this area to a trophy hunt is no longer applicable.</b>
70	Open a general season hunt for moose in Unit 15B and eliminate the drawing hunt		
S	15	0-0	<b>See Proposal 69</b>
71	Establish a general season moose hunt for Unit 15B east and eliminate the drawing hunt		
S			<b>See Proposal 69</b>
72	Change the resident moose hunt structure in Unit 15C		
NA			
73	Change the resident moose hunt structure in Unit 15C		



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<b>O</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14-1</b>	<b>This isn't a subsistence hunt and limiting hunters to just this area is not applicable.</b>
74	Open a resident drawing hunt for moose in Unit 15C		
<b>S</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>This proposal was submitted by the Homer AC because we think the recovery of bull moose in 15C and an overall moose population near the capacity limit allows for changing regulations to allow for greater hunting opportunity and harvest. Having an any antler hunt can be justified and may reduce the high percentage of illegal bull kills. It should be noted that a general hunt would still occur and that the number of draw permits will be decided on at the local level based on the harvest of that hunt.</b>
75	Open an archery and muzzleloader permit hunt for moose Unit 15C		
<b>SA</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3-2</b>	<b>An amendment was passed (11-2-2) that the intent is to have this hunt run concurrently with the cow moose hunt, but not restricted to the same area. Also to delete the 4<sup>th</sup> sentence in paragraph 3. Opposition was based on the fact that we have already agreed to a number of changes to allow greater harvest and it isn't clear yet how this will all add up.</b>
76	Establish an "any bull" drawing hunt in Unit 15C		
<b>S</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>This ADF&amp;G proposal is similar to the one we submitted (#74). At first we thought this proposal allows nonresidents to apply for a permit, but a closer reading lead us to a different conclusion. We support #76 and want to emphasize that as written the proposal does not allow for nonresidents to apply for permits.</b>
77	Establish a drawing hunt for antlerless moose in Unit 15C north of the south fork of the Anchor River		
<b>S</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4-3</b>	<b>This area has a population of cow moose that aren't hunted in the antlerless moose hunt. Opposition seemed to be based on uncertainty as to how all these changes add up.</b>

Next meeting on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, same time and place.

Adjournment: 8:45

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz

Approved by: Dave Lyon

Date: 12/20/2018



**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
Dec. 11, 2018  
NERRS Building**

**Call to Order:** 6:02 by Dave Lyon (chair)

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Dave Lyon (chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Thomas Hagberg, Lee Martin, Doug Malone, Dan Anderson, Marvin Peters, Wes Humbyrd, Gary Sinnhuber, Ty Gates.

**Members Absent:** Joey Alred, Tom Young (vice chair), Dennis Wade, Jim Meesis, Phillip Jones.

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

**List of User Groups Present:** None

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** NA

**Fish and Game Staff Present:** Jason Herreman (DWC), Jeremy Baum (AWT)

**Guests Present:** Joseph Basargin, Auroam Kalugin,ness: John Guer, Andrea Kosto, Mike Bianchi, Joe Brewer, Colette Choate, Revelletad Russell, Mathew Alward, Malcolm, Milne.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** We discussed the Kodiak interception issue and the need for the Homer AC to generate a proposal addressing this. Dan Anderson will work on a draft for AC consideration.

Homer AC decisions on proposals.

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals March 8-11, 2019   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
168			Specify that any line used to make the attachment between a skiff and a purse seine used in a commercial salmon fishery may not exceed 10 fathoms in length



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
S	11	0 - 0	This proposal closes a loophole that a few fisherman have used to circumvent regulations.
169	Repeal and readopt the Policy for Statewide Salmon Escapement Goals		
S	10	0 - 1	The AC felt that Proposal 169 was a more readable version of Proposal 170 which includes specific amendments and deletions to 5 AAC 39.222. The general discussion was that current practice allows too much escapement which results in smaller runs in the future and lower harvest in the present than what would be sustainable. Proposal 169 is a return to biological escapement goals and gives local biologists more flexibility in managing harvest. The abstention was based on the concern that the proposed changes to policy assumes too much certainty in managing wild stocks and could result in nonsustainable harvest if conditions (e.g. weather) abruptly change.
170	Amend the Policy for the Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries to include management targets		
S	9	1 - 1	The reasons for were essentially the same as #169. Those not supporting did not think that extensive deletions to existing policy was needed.
171	Modify criteria for the allocation of fishery resources among personal use, sport, and commercial fisheries		
O	0	11 - 0	The main objection by the AC is that this proposal puts emphasis, in terms of historical analysis, on the previous 20 years. This would skew allocation to sport and personal use and leave out long term cycles that might offer valuable insight to fish populations.
172	Define "bow and arrow"		
S	9	0 - 2	We have discussed this many times in the past, so discussion was brief.

At the request of a couple of guests, we took up the following proposals without realizing that the BOF meeting had already been held.



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Bristol Bay Proposals			
November 28-December 4, 2018   Dillingham, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
56	Prohibit chumming by guides and other commercial users in portions of the Naknek River drainage sport fishery		
O	0	10 - 1	Objection was because chumming, as presented in the proposal, isn't well defined and would be hard to enforce.
57	Prohibit the use of certain sport fishing tackle in a section of the Naknek River drainage		
O	0	10 - 1	This proposal would prohibit a popular fly-fishing method.

Next, we continued BOG proposals.

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64	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include spike-fork bulls		
O	0	11 - 0	This proposal goes back to what hasn't worked well under current conditions. Other proposals address the central issue of bull:cow ratios.
78	Establish resident drawing hunts for "any bull" moose in Units 15 and 7		
S	6	4 - 1	We initially opposed this proposal, despite being similar to what we supported for 15C, because we were uncertain as to whether or not the same conditions apply to other parts of 15 and 7. However, there was a reconsideration vote and based on ADF&G staff stating that the Department would have discretion as to whether or not a draw hunt would be applicable, the vote changed.
79	Require hunter education for all hunters participating in Unit 15C drawing hunts		
S	9	2 - 0	This proposal was submitted by the Homer AC. Opposition was based difficulty that rural villages would have in attending a hunter ed course and those who took hunters ed. a long time ago having to take it again. But one AC member who teaches hunter ed pointed out that getting recertified isn't that onerous. Besides,



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			conditions have changed, and all hunters need to be up to speed with what is current.
80	Change the Hope/Palmer Creek Valley area general season moose hunt in Unit 7 to an archery-only permit hunt		
O	0	10 - 1	The Hope/Palmer Creek qualifies for a federal subsistence which will still allow hunting with firearms. Consequently, it isn't clear that this proposal would achieve its objective.
81	Require blaze orange be worn by moose hunters on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
O amended	5	4 - 2	After much discussion about the merits of wearing blaze orange, there was a motion to amend "upper" with "orange vest or jacket and hat". The amendment passed 9-2. However, the vote on the amended version still lacked the majority considering an abstained vote is a vote against.
82	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
S amended	11	0 - 0	The AC amended this proposal to "remove the sealing requirement". The amendment passed 10 - 0 - 1.
83	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
S	7	1 - 3	There was a motion to remove the nonresident permit. However, after ADF&G staff pointed out that there has been only 1 nonresident permit in the past three years the motion was deemed unnecessary and lacked a second. There was discussion about why ADF&G included the AM550 hunt in this proposal since DM549 and AM550 have nothing in common. Some AC members felt that the proposal should be rejected because of this. However, it was felt that the more discrete approach is to support the proposal, but strongly request that ADF&G not include the AM550 hunt in this proposal or future antlerless moose proposals.
84	Open a resident, archery-only season for Dall sheep in Unit 15		
O	0	11 - 0	Sheep populations and harvest for Unit 15 are in a series decline and adding another hunt is inappropriate.
85	Reduce the resident bag limit for black bear in Units 7 and 15		
S amended	11	0 - 0	This proposal was submitted by the Homer AC. There was some discussion about sufficient biological evidence to reduce bag limits from 3 to 2. Initially it passed 6-3-2. But then there was a reconsideration vote followed by a motion to amend the fourth



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			paragraph to read "Two bears per year". The motion passed 9-0-2 and the amended proposal vote was unanimous for support.
86	Reduce the bag limit for spruce grouse in Units 7 and 15		
S	11	0 - 0	This proposal was submitted by the Homer AC.
87	Close the ptarmigan season in Unit 15C		
O	0	10 - 1	The AC agrees that ptarmigan populations are much reduced in some areas and that action is needed. At our January 2015 meeting we supported Proposal #176 to reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River. The BOG approved a similar proposal (#175) and lowered the ptarmigan bag limit to 5 in 15C and shortened the season to end January 31 with the intent of enabling recovery of local populations. Our preference is to see how these changes work out before taking more restrictive actions.
88	Move the boundary of the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area in Unit 15		
S	7	1 - 3	The AC wants to point out that the critical factor is that the state has to reach agreement with the F&WS.
89	Close the trapping season for beaver in an area of Units 7 and 15C		
S	8	3 - 0	The AC was in agreement that now beaver are virtually absent in the headwaters of the Anchor River (though not downriver) and that a temporary closure on trapping is appropriate. The votes opposed to the proposal were based on the assumption that beaver dams block the spawning and rearing of salmon in waters above a dam. However, ADF&G staff pointed out that beaver and salmon coexist in the lower part of the Anchor River and this doesn't appear to be a factor.
90	Remove the date restrictions and expand the hunt area for the small game youth hunt in the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area in Unit 15		
S	11	0 - 0	Not much discussion.
91	Prohibit the discharge of certain weapons used for hunting and trapping within 1/2 mile of any residence in Unit 15C		
O	0	11 - 0	ADF&G staff pointed out that the BOG may not have authority to enact this proposal. While we are aware of the problem the proposal is trying to address, drawing a circle with a half mile radius around every residence in the area might essentially prohibit any



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			hunting on the Homer bench, even on public lands where it is allowed. Perhaps adjustment to “no hunting” regulations could address this issue.
92	Open a hunting season for tundra swan in Units 7 and 15		
0	0	11 - 0	It doesn't appear that the proposer can identify swans correctly. Being able to distinguish between a Tundra and Trumpeter Swan can be difficult. Alaska does have a season for Tundra Swans in the northern part of the state (where they breed), but they are fairly rare in Units 7 & 15, even during migration. However, Trumpeter Swans, which are a protected species, are commonly seen on the Kenai Peninsula. Trumpeter Swans not only nest on the Kenai but some overwinter here where there is open freshwater, like the Kenai River and

Next meeting on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, same time and place. Agenda will be to finish BOG proposals and look at proposals for Joint Board. Also, annual elections. Since we have staggered 3-year terms, 1/3 of member terms (not the member) expires every year. Based on my records, those up for reelection are Tom Young, George Matz, Marvin Peters, Gary Sinnhuber, and Lee Martin.

Adjournment: 8:30

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz  
Minutes Approved By: Dave Lyon, Chair  
Date: 12/20/2018



**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
Jan. 8, 2019  
NERRS Building**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chair Lyon at 6:15 pm

**Members Present:** Dave Lyon, George Matz, Gary Sinnhuber, Tom Hagberg, Dan Anderson, Marvin Peters, Joey Allred, Jr, Jim Meesis, Michael Craig, Dennis Wade.

**Members Absent Excused:** Wes Humbyrd, Ty Gates, Doug Malone, Tom Young, Lee Martin

**Members Absent Unexcused:** Robert Fimon, Philip Jones,

**Public Present:** Spiridon Martushall, Akcinia Kulikov, Ernie Johnson, Brent Keene, Malcolm Milne, Alice Clucas, Greg Johnson, Jamin Morris, Richard Roth, Joseph Brewer, Louise Lyon, Charles Black, Pete Acerson, Jessie Nelson, Beaver Nelson, Britt Milne, Matt Hakala, Jim Herbert, William Roth, Kaytlen Roth, Omar John Gucer, Matt Alward, Brice Harrison, Andrea Kosro, Amanda Roth, Steven Roth, Brad Marden, Robert Roth, Mike Bionodi, Revelle Russell, Jenny Roth, Galen Lyon, Morgan Jones, Adam Barker, Matt Hockema, Jordan Steves, Mark Mahan

**ADFG Staff Present:** Jason Herreman, Sherry Wright

**New Business:** Elections were held with the following results:

Malcolm Milne, Matt Hakala, Morgan Jones, Dennis Wade and Dan Anderson were elected to three-year terms that expire 6/2021. Dave Lyon and Wes Humbyrd were elected for one-year alternates that expires 6/2019.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Board of Game Proposals**

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113	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
S	12	0 - 1	This proposal will offer more opportunity for hunters and will be sustainable based on ADF&G data
114	Open a youth drawing hunt for Dall sheep in Unit 14C		
O	0	13 - 0	Sheep populations are already in trouble without increasing harvest. This proposal would increase hunting pressure and is not sustainable.
116	Change the brown bear hunt in Unit 14C Remainder to a registration hunt with a bag limit of one bear every year		
S	10	0 - 3	This better aligns with regulations for other Southcentral GMU's region. Would be able to keep track of permits handed out. Abstention was based on uncertainty about populations and inclined to a more precautionary approach.
120	Open a black bear baiting registration hunt for shot gun or muzzleloader only within the Anchorage Management Area		
O as amended	4	4 - 5	To be consistent with other regulations regarding weapons of limited range, this proposal was amended to include archery as well as a shot gun or muzzleloader. However, the proposal as amended was still not approved by a majority. There was some discussion regarding the safety of allowing black bear baiting in the Anchorage Management Area. Even if there are areas with sufficient distance from homes, there is also a lot of recreational use throughout the area. Baiting stations near homes and trails could present a safety issue.
121	Allow the harvest of bear with the use of bait in Unit 14C Remainder		
O	0	10 - 3	The discussion centered on why brown bears should not be managed on the same basis as black bears. Brown bears have a longer reproductive rates and are usually not hunted for food; essentially, they are a trophy animal with more limited harvest. Increasing harvest potential via baiting is not consistent with managing brown bears as a trophy animal. Abstentions were based on lack of familiarity with the issue.
122	Require hunter education for small game hunting in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
S as amended	13	0 - 0	The proposal was amended so that hunters be allowed to only use muzzleloaders and archery, which passed 10-1-2. The concern was that JBER is in the middle of an urban area which creates a safety issue if small bore rifles typically used for hunting small game are allowed.
123	Open a year-round season with no bag limit for unclassified game in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
S	13	0 - 0	See AC comments on #122.



128	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
0	0	12 – 1	A number of Homer hunters participate in the Nelchina caribou hunt in Unit 13B. The Maclaren Summit Trail provides on-foot hunters easier access to the higher country due to the elevation there. But in the past there has been disagreement as to whether the trail is in the Clearwater Creek CU! which doesn't allow !TV's. This confusion was recently resolved by GPS readings which demonstrated that the trail is within the CUA. Consequently, last year ADF&G submitted a proposal to that effect, which was unanimously supported by 5 out of the 6 !C's that commented. Nevertheless, the BOG reversed the decision to allow !TV's on the trail, which this proposal now formalizes. The Homer AC agrees that preference for use of this trail should be given to on-foot hunters and that !TV's should not be allowed for hunting. This recognizes that on-foot hunters do not have equal opportunity to hunt if they have to compete with !TV's. Not allowing !TV's does not restrict access to any hunter, only their mode of access. The BOG also needs to recognize that when the caribou season opens there are still tourists in the area and a popular hike is the trail to Maclaren Summit. Not having ATV hunters on this narrow trail will reduce congestion and the need for hikers to scramble off the trail to allow !TV's to pass. This does not create a good image of hunting to nonhunters in the area. The one abstention was based on confusion about the proposal, but the individual made clear that he didn't think !TV hunting should be allowed.

Following our review of BOG proposals there was a discussion that started at the last meeting about the Homer AC generating a proposal that seeks to resolve some of the conflict that exists between Cook Inlet and Kodiak commercial fisherman. Before a proposal could be drafted, Dan Anderson wanted more information about the Shelikof fishery. This opened a discussion with members of the public who were at the meeting and are familiar with the issue. Some of their comments were;

Robert Roth – commercial fisherman that is concerned about the UCI lack of fish affecting his fishery.

Matt Hockema - Bought into Cook Inlet fishery 7 – 8 years ago. Due to interception and Mat Valley he is stuck in a corner or gets shut down during the peak. That is going to happen. When other people don't want to take the restrictions, set netters will be out of the water. Low king returns affect the fishery. Fishermen have taken a hit to allow fish to make it to the Susitna River. Others also need to feel the burden of conservation. Lost 40% of his income in one hit.

Jordan Stover – Curious what will happen to Copper River next?



Restrictions on Kodiak or other fisheries aren't going to make more fish available for commercial fishermen – they will still just let those go to the upper fisheries.

As a committee, they grapple with politics and changes that come quicker than they can keep up with. There's more data to review. Homer AC has tried to spread out the burden of conservation.

The Fish Subcommittee will have another meeting to prepare proposals for the Cook Inlet BOF cycle. (April 10, 2019 proposal deadline).

Jason Herreman did get moose counts in 15C and provided an update on that.

All that is left is Joint Board proposals which will be discussed at the next meeting, February 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09

Minutes recorded by George Matz  
Approved by Advisory Committee  
Date Approved 2/12/2019



**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
Feb. 12, 2019  
NERRS Building**

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chair Lyon at 6:01 pm

**Members Present:** Dave Lyon (chair), Tom Young (vice-chair), George Matz (secretary), Gary Sinnhuber, Tom Hagberg, Dan Anderson, Marvin Peters, Joey Allred, Jr, Jim Meesis, Michael Craig, Dennis Wade, Wes Humbyrd, Doug Malone, Malcolm Milne, Matt Hakala, Morgan Jones.

**Members Absent Excused:** Lee Martin

**Public Present:**

Beaver Nelson, Jessie Nelson, Matt Alward, Penelope Haas, Nancy Hilstrand, Lynn Whitmore.

**Staff Present:** ADF&G; Mike Booz, Holly Dickson, Carol Kerkvliet, Elisa Russ. AST: Alisha Beach

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Minutes of the January AC meeting were approved.  
Minutes of Fisheries Subcommittee were approved.

**Old Business:** Dan Anderson discussed the Fisheries Subcommittee meeting last week regarding Cook Inlet mixed salmon stocks, interception of these stocks, and further insight from recent genetic studies of these fisheries. The meeting covered a lot of issues but didn't hone it down to a proposal. However, Dan took these thoughts and came up with a rough working draft to facilitate further discussion. Dan handed out a two-page draft that in addition had a map of Kodiak salmon management units. He suggested amendments to the North Shelikof and Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plans. The intent of this effort is to be able to submit a proposal to the BOF by the April 10<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**New Business:** Penelope Haas of KBCS provided new research about the impact that pink salmon have on populations of diatoms and copepods while ocean feeding. She felt that this information needs to be part of the discussion on salmon hatchery operations that the BOF Hatchery Committee is having March 8 in Anchorage.

ADF&G staff led a discussion on Kachemak Bay tanner crab. There currently isn't an open season for tanner crab because their survey counts were below threshold limits. A seasonal limit on crab was mentioned. The Homer AC had a brief discussion about whether we should work up a proposal on the issue. The consensus was to defer at this time.

Lynn Whitmore, chairman of Kachemak Moose Habitat, Inc. gave his annual review on lands or easements that have been purchased to protect prime moose habitat in the Kachemak Bay area.



He said they are working the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust to secure some prime winter habitat along the Anchor River.

The AC approved of Dan Anderson representing us at the BOF meeting Feb. 21-27 in Anchorage.

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12	Require members to reside within the committee's geographic area		
Support	15	0 - 0	While this hasn't been an issue in Homer, it is conceivable that it might be. The AC believes that allowing non-residents to become members could be disruptive.
13	Change the advisory committees having jurisdiction for the Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay area by removing Mt. Yenlo and Denali Advisory Committees		
Support	15	0 - 0	
17	Reorder and clarify the election procedures under the uniform rules of operation for advisory committees		
Support	14	0 - 1	Needed administrative changes. The vote to abstain was based on too much information.
22	Allow advisory committee members to discuss and vote by email, excluding actions for antlerless moose reauthorizations or emergency order closures		
Support	13	2 - 0	<p>There was some discussion about deleting the sentence on voting. An amendment was offered but failed 2 - 13 - 0.</p> <p>The AC is aware that current interpretation of the Open Meetings Act does not allow discussion on AC matters except in an open forum. However, the AC disagrees with this interpretation and believes that the public would be better served by the proposed changes than the status quo. If the Boards approve this proposal, it becomes regulation, thereby accomplishing that change.</p> <p>The Homer ! C's experience is that the current interpretation of the law clearly inhibits a beneficial exchange of ideas that can improve member knowledge before voting. Denying this exchange has greater negative consequences than the remote possibility that a member of the public might be interested in all</p>



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			<p><b>AC discussion on a proposal. If AC exchange is via email or social media, it is on the public record so transparency is not an issue.</b></p> <p><b>Also, AC members should not be held to the same standard as board members. Board members are public officials who make actual decisions. AC members are volunteers who are only advisory. Furthermore, AC meetings are totally different than board meetings; short without much face-to-face opportunity for more detailed exchange. ! C meetings don't have the same level of public scrutiny as board meetings often have.</b></p>
23	Provide guidance for advisory committee actions having abstentions		
<b>Support</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0 – 0</b>	<p><b>Abstention votes by the Homer AC are usually because the member doesn't feel familiar enough with the issue to vote on it and doesn't want to affect the results either way. Nevertheless, we have been determining "support" or "oppose" based on whether the count of yeas amounts to a majority. In essence, abstentions are counted as nays. There have been a couple of votes where yeas were greater than nays, but not a majority when abstentions are included. This proposal, if approved, will correct that.</b></p>
24	Add language to clarify advisory committee meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act and modify noncompliant provisions		
<b>Support</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0 – 0</b>	<b>No discussion</b>
28	Allow advisory committee representatives to be at the board table during deliberations for those proposals the advisory committee authored		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13 – 2</b>	<p><b>The AC felt that conceptually the proposal has merit, but that the process of bringing ! C's to the table would be cumbersome and create unnecessary delays. There are other options to consider, such as how BOG meetings are organized. Perhaps the organization of BOG meetings should be more like BOF meetings.</b></p>
29	Allow advisory committee representatives a seat at the board table during deliberations on proposals affecting their region		



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<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15 - 0</b>	It was noted that this proposal is similar to #28 but could have additional problems. Allowing an AC to sit at the table during deliberations for proposals affecting their regions is prone to abuse. An AC would have inordinate opportunity to participate in a wide range of proposals where claims interest. A concern expressed is that unlike other members of the public, AC members would have access to board members in an area closed off to the public.
30	Provide a definition for board work sessions and allow submitters of Agenda Changes Requests (ACRs) to provide testimony at work sessions		
<b>Support</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4 - 1</b>	<b>! clear definition of what is or isn't a work session is needed.</b>
33	Amend the Joint Board's procedure for establishing fish and game regulations		
<b>Support</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0 - 0</b>	The Homer AC has a long history of opposing board generated proposals that do not go through the public vetting process that all other proposals go through. We have also opposed board generated amendments to existing proposals that are not within the bounds of the original proposal or group of very similar proposals.
38	Require the Board of Fisheries to schedule shellfish regulations for any that have been closed by emergency order for 24 consecutive months		
<b>Support</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0 - 0</b>	<b>Submitted by the Homer AC.</b>



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93	Increase the bag limit for deer in Unit 8		
Support	15	0 - 0	Doug Malone, who was not at the last meeting, asked that we go back to the BOG proposals and consider #93. His reason for support is that the biggest mortality factor for Kodiak deer is winter kill due to deep snows that occur every few years. When winters are mild, deer herds increase rapidly. This allows for greater harvest which might also reduce habitat impacts. Bag limits should be increased when deer populations are growing but reduced when there have been severe winters.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17

Minutes recorded by George Matz

Approved by: Dave Lyon

Date Approved: 2/19/2019



**Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee**  
**01/22/2019**  
**Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:35pm by Mike Crawford, Chair

II. Roll Call:

**Kenai Fish & Game Advisory Committee**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Al	Belknap	X		
Alexander	Agosti			X
Andrew	Carmichael	X		
Chris	Hanna			X
Dick	Dykema	X		
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Greg	Geller			X
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas	@6:55pm		
Mike	Crawford	X		
Monte	Roberts	X		
Paul A.	Shadura II	X		
Todd	Smith	X		
Will	Lee	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

III. Approval of Agenda:

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes approved for meetings on 11/05/2018 and 11/19/2018

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Selinger

VI. Guests Present: Cody Rutter

VII. Old Business:



VIII. New Business:

Motion to address Board of Fish and the reversal of the 2020 Board meeting location.  
 Discussion on letter to address BOF.  
 8 supports to write letter, 1 opposed, 1 abstained

Discussion on state Guide Board

Discussion on Freshwater Guide Book, as there is a lot of data that is not being used, and the state does not have the money to audit and reconcile data.

Next Meeting is Tuesday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association starting at 6:30 pm

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64	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include spike-fork bulls		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	Would increase opportunity harvest in the short-term, but it would be detrimental to unit 15A and potentially all 15 Subunits. Pressure on the younger population could harm recruitment. With the potential to harvest three brow tine bulls we wanted to be cautious on additional harvest.
65	Change the bag limit for moose in Units 7 and 15 from four to three brow tines		
<b>Support</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	There is no biological reason to prevent the change. The current bull – cow ratio is healthy and would remain stable even with the 3 brow tines available for harvest. Providing more opportunity to harvest moose on the Kenai Peninsula.
66	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 from four to three brow tines		
<b>No Action</b>			<b>Based on proposal 65</b>
69	Open a general season hunt for moose in Unit 15B and eliminate the drawing hunt		
<b>No Action</b>			<b>No Action Based on action on 70</b>
70	Open a general season hunt for moose in Unit 15B and eliminate the drawing hunt		
<b>Supported</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	Permit hunts have only been averaging 2.4 moose harvest per year. Fed harvest is average 12 and total average harvest is 23 per year.



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			This would increase harvest opportunity and it would also increase other hunting opportunities on the Kenai Peninsula. This would increase access and could help decrease some pressure in other heavily concentrated moose hunting areas.
71	Establish a general season moose hunt for Unit 15B east and eliminate the drawing hunt		
<b>No Action</b>			<b>Based on proposal 70</b>
74	Open a resident drawing hunt for moose in Unit 15C		
<b>No Action</b>			<b>Based on proposal 78</b>
76	Establish an “any bull” drawing hunt in Unit 15C		
<b>No Action</b>			Based on 78
78	Establish resident drawing hunts for “any bull” moose in Units 15 and 7		
<b>Support As Amended</b>	11	0	Motion to amend proposal to eliminate 15A, 15B and 7. Allow the drawing only to be held on 15C. The original idea is to keep the tool as broad as possible to allow the biologist to make the decision where to allow the drawing permits to take place. 7 Support the amendment and 4 opposed the amendment.
81	Require blaze orange be worn by moose hunters on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
<b>Support</b>	1	10	<p>We would like to see a specific amount of blaze orange, like number of Square Inches or some other measurable amount. Are other non-natural florescent colors acceptable.</p> <p>We agree on safety needs but opposed the idea of making this mandatory as we don’t want to be told what to wear. The idea of changing this from a rifle hunt to some other method and means like shotgun or muzzleloader could increase safety</p>
82	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
<b>Support</b>	11	0	Population is strong while keeping opportunity for harvest.
83	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
<b>Support</b>	10	1	The targeted hunt can be a useful tool when needed, but we have not had a need since we approved it since the inception of the targeted hunt.



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85	Reduce the resident bag limit for black bear in Units 7 and 15		
<b>Opposed</b>	0	9	No biological concern with black bear population. Also the reproduction of black bears can be very prevalent, which can aid in the recovery of the population. One !b stention as he didn't feel he understood all the data.
87	Close the ptarmigan season in Unit 15C		
<b>Opposed</b>	0	11	Population is stable and closing the entire unit is unrealistic.
88	Move the boundary of the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area in Unit 15		
<b>Support</b>	10	0	Biologically there is no issue, but Fish and Game would like to work with the Refuge to make sure there would be no different federal boundaries.
89	Close the trapping season for beaver in an area of Units 7 and 15C		
<b>Opposed</b>	0	9	This type of proposal is a very targeted closure and is a little unrealistic creating a micro-management area. 1 abstention
90	Remove the date restrictions and expand the hunt area for the small game youth hunt in the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area in Unit 15		
<b>Support</b>	10	0	
91	Prohibit the discharge of certain weapons used for hunting and trapping within 1/2 mile of any residence in Unit 15C		
<b>Opposed</b>	1	9	There are already statues and regulations with regard to discharge of firearms
92	Open a hunting season for tundra swan in Units 7 and 15		
<b>Support</b>	8	2	There is concern that the feds could get more involved in game management. We would like to see even a draw hunt available for swan hunting.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned @ 10:05pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee  
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee  
Date: January 29, 2019



**Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
01/29/2019  
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

I. Call to Order: 6:35pm by Mike Crawford, Chair

II. Roll Call:

**Kenai Fish & Game Advisory Committee**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Al	Belknap	X		
Alexander	Agosti		x	
Andrew	Carmichael			x
Chris	Hanna	x		@9:00
Dick	Dykema	x		
Dyer	Van Devere	x		
Greg	Geller			x
Jerry	Strieby	x		
Joe	Thomas	@6:45		
Mike	Crawford	x		
Monte	Roberts	x		
Paul A.	Shadura II	x		
Todd	Smith	x		
Will	Lee			X

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: All Previous Minutes Approved Unanimously

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Sellinger

VI. Guests Present: Gary Barnes

VII. Old Business:

VIII. New Business:



## Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
54	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts in the Southcentral Region		
	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1 Abstention</b>
55	Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in Units 7 and 14		
	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Statewide issue. We support quiet mountains.</b>
56	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management in the Southcentral Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>This proposal could prohibit nonresident hunting on healthy populations of animals simply due to the fact that there is an active predator management program.</b>
59	Shorten the hunting season for Kenai Mountain caribou (DC001) in Unit 7		
	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Population is not super healthy. This would also help managers keep better tabs on the population (can't count/collar during hunting season). Concerned about the reduction in opportunity. If/when population were to recover it would be nice to see season extended back out.</b>
60	Change the hunting seasons for goat in Units 7 and 15		
	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Worried about a higher success rate. This will interfere with the draw hunt.</b>
61	Establish a new drawing hunt for goats near Seldovia in Unit 15C		
	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Will provide more opportunity. Healthy population and harvest opportunity not fully utilized.</b>
62	Separate the early and late season registration goat hunts for the Seldovia and Port Graham hunt areas in Unit 15C		
	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Same comments as 61</b>
63	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 and remove the road closure criteria in Unit 15C		
			<b>No action based on actions taken on 65</b>
67	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Units 15A and 15B from spike-fork to four points on one palm or three brow tines		
	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Too liberal</b>
68	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Units 15A and 15B from spike-fork to five or more points on one palm and shorten the seasons		
			<b>No action based on 67</b>



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March 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
69	Open a general season hunt for moose in Unit 15B and eliminate the drawing hunt		
			<b>No action based on 70</b>
72	Change the resident moose hunt structure in Unit 15C		
	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Some populations of moose would get hit real hard</b>
73	Change the resident moose hunt structure in Unit 15C		
	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1 Abstention</b>
75	Open an archery and muzzleloader permit hunt for moose Unit 15C		
			<b>No action based on 65 and 68</b>
76	Establish an "any bull" drawing hunt in Unit 15C		
			<b>No action based on 78</b>
77	Establish a drawing hunt for antlerless moose in Unit 15C north of the south fork of the Anchor River		
	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1 Abstention</b>
84	Open a resident, archery-only season for Dall sheep in Unit 15		
	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Only like 3 draw permits for that area. 1 abstention.</b>
86	Reduce the bag limit for spruce grouse in Units 7 and 15		
	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Lots of grouse this season. Lots of untouched wilderness outside road corridors. 1 Abstention- he felt that the current limit is a bit liberal</b>

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned @ 9:30

Minutes Recorded By: Todd Smith  
Minutes Approved By: Mike Crawford, Chair  
Date: 2/20/2019



**Kodiak Advisory Committee  
January 30, 2019  
Kodiak High School Conference Room**

**I. Call to Order:** 1740 by Paul Chervenak (Chair)

**II. Roll Call:**

**Members Present: 16**

Guide	Paul Chervenak	Transporter	Rolan Ruoss
Alternate	Jason Bunch	Alternate	Nate Rose
Large Boat	Tyler Schmeil	Port Lions Alt.	George Weaver (phone)
Small Boat	Oliver Holm	Processor	Randy Swain (phone)
West Set Net	Kip Thomet	Old Harbor	Conrad Peterson
Port Lions	Kevin Adkins (Phone)	South Set Net	Theresa Peterson
Citizen	Mellissa Burns	Ouzinkie	Danny Clarion (phone)
Subsistence	Andrew Finke Conc.		
Citizen	Julie Kavanaugh		

**Members Absent: 2**

Trawl	Patrick O'Donnell
Small Boat	Ronald Kavanaugh

**Quorum on AC: 8**

**User Groups Present:**

Big Game Guides	Concerned Citizen
KNWR	

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

Tyler Polum	Matt Miller (Phone)
John Crye	Nate Svoboda

**IV. Approval of Agenda:**  
Approved Unanimously

**V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**  
From 1/4/2019, Approved Unanimously

**VI. Old Business:** Board of Fish Proposals 169 and 170.

**VII. New Business:** (Page 4)

1. Board of Game proposals for Southcentral Alaska Proposals 93 – 109.



**Alaska Peninsula/ Aleutian Island / Chignik Finfish 2018-2019**

**ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES**

<b>BOF Proposal</b>		<b>Proposal Description</b>	
<b>Support or Oppose?</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion/Amendments to Proposal</b>
<b>BOF 169</b>			Repeal and readopt the policy for statewide salmon escapement goals.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	15	<p>The committee unanimously opposes the intent of this proposal which would change current management policies to a “one size fits all” statewide maximum yield policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion, this proposal seeks to provide adjustments in both yield and allocation that are not necessary or wanted within the Kodiak Region.</li> <li>• This proposal will delete adjustments currently incorporated in management practices that provide for overall stability of the resources.</li> <li>• This proposal creates “lack of focus” within a given range.</li> <li>• Will create conflicts when managing for other species.</li> <li>• Will change interactions between fisheries and regions statewide.</li> <li>• Will not work in all areas of the state.</li> <li>• Will fundamentally change how the BOF address’s management goals.</li> <li>• If passed this proposal will have far reaching consequences to allocation policies.</li> <li>• The committee unanimously agrees this proposal would create a step backwards for management policies of the resources.</li> </ul>



BOF 170	Amend the policy for the management of sustainable salmon fisheries to include management targets.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The committee unanimously agrees this proposal shows lack of conservation measures. It is narrow in scope and removes factors such as oceanic concern, climate changes and general abundance. These factors demand increases in management flexibility.</li><li>• This proposal decreases management flexibility when in many</li><li>• This proposal would remove the complicated factors for establishing escapement goals such as mixed stock and stock ID concerns and ultimately action plans for those stocks.</li><li>• The committee unanimously feels this is to address in-river and escapement concerns for allocation. Kodiak DOES NOT have conflicts that would require this type of change.</li></ul>



**Proposed Changes to Regulations, South Central Region 2018-2019**

**Kodiak Area, Unit 8**

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME**

<b>BOF Proposal</b>		<b>Proposal Description</b>	
<b>Support or Oppose?</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Oppose</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion/Amendments to Proposal</b>
<b>BOG 93</b>			Increase the bag limit for deer in Unit 8.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	1	14	<p>The intent of this proposal is to be able to harvest more deer before a die-off takes place.</p> <p>Committee discussion; although the idea has merit, this proposal could have unintended consequences contrary to the needs of local subsistence users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Kodiak Deer Season is seeing an upward trend in use by charter vessels. This use is often consolidated to a small number of particular areas due to weather limitations.</li> <li>• High harvest will occur in historical target areas around the island that will affect local user opportunity and resource management.</li> <li>• Deer are an important subsistence resource and must be protected.</li> <li>• Emergency Orders to reduce bag limits cannot take place in season making it very hard for ADF&amp;G to manage.</li> <li>• Information to manage deer populations from year to year will be difficult to attain in a timely manner to adjust bag limits to publish in hunting regulations.</li> <li>• With a higher bag limit, possession limit will have to be addressed.</li> <li>• Wanton waste issues will increase with higher bag limits.</li> <li>• Overall the committee feels current federal subsistence regulations are appropriate, extending opportunity through proxy and hunter designation policies.</li> </ul>



<b>BOG 94</b>		Lengthen the hunting season for Mtn. Goat in Unit 8 Remainder.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	15	0	<p>This is a Kodiak AC proposal to align the state mtn. goat season in areas DG471-DG479 with the USFWS subsistence deer season and provide for a small amount of additional opportunity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The affected areas will continue to be closed by Emergency Order when harvest quotas are met.</li></ul>



BOG 95	Change the bag limit, lengthen the season, and implement reporting requirements for Mtn. Goat in Unit 8 Remainder.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	15	<p>The Kodiak AC recognizes difficulties with implementing this proposal as written and would like to recommend an <b>Amendment</b>;</p> <p>RG480: August 20-<del>MARCH 31</del> [March 20], two goats – <b>only one of which may be a billy.</b> Nanny with kids prohibited. <b>SUCCESSFUL</b> hunters shall report in person or by phone to Kodiak ADF&amp;G within <b>5 days</b> [2 days] of completion of their hunt (907-486-1880). Harvest Reports must be returned within 5 days after the hunt, either by turning in at the ADF&amp;G office in Kodiak, or by mail.</p> <p>Reasoning for amendment;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove proposed photo identification requirement due to photos being unenforceable and easily manipulated creating unnecessary work for ADF&amp;G Kodiak Staff.</li> <li>• Remove proposed in-person reporting requirement due to difficulty</li> </ul> <p>Committee Comments;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AC realizes Area RG480 has a high number of goats that is growing. The intent of this proposal is to harvest Nannies which are a factor of population increase.</li> </ul> <p>History of regulatory adjustments for population control;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Established the Registration 480 Area from multiple Draw Areas.</li> <li>2. Established a two-goat bag limit</li> <li>3. Removed educational language that stated “Taking of Nannies is discouraged.”</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The committee understands taking of nannies-only is generally unacceptable socially. By slowly introducing acceptance of taking nannies within this area it is the intent to educate hunters in the importance of taking nannies for population control.</li> <li>• Other ideas the committee discussed included Nanny only after January 31. See proposal.</li> <li>• It is understood this regulation is somewhat unenforceable however, possession in the field and reporting requirements are useful tools for both ADF&amp;G and Enforcement.</li> </ul>



<b>BOG 96</b>		Establish a new registration hunt for goat in Unit 8 as follows.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	15	<p>Discussion, Committee feels this proposal is to address non-authorized hunting/trespass on private land thru a state regulation proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This proposal also directly impacts federal and state land users during this hunt due to mtn. goat migration patterns during the winter.</li><li>• ADF&amp;G may re-organize the management of goats within the RG480 in the future. Potential boundaries may not align with boundaries recommended with this proposal.</li><li>• The committee recommends this private land owner look at education and enforcement policies of neighboring land owners.</li></ul>



BOG 97	Allow the use of muzzleloaders for goat hunting in Unit 8.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	13	2	<p>The Kodiak AC would like to recommend an <b>Amendment</b> to this proposal dependent on the Board of Game decision for proposal 94 which is submitted by the Kodiak AC;</p> <p>If the season is lengthened for RG471-RG479 as recommended in proposal 94 to Jan 31, for RG478 and RG479 maintain the archery-only hunt from November 1 – December 15. Add a muzzleloader-only hunt from December 16 – January 31.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These mtn. goat areas are within the Road System of Kodiak. This provides additional opportunity to reach the harvest quota.</li> <li>• These hunts can and will be closed by Emergency Order whenever the quota is reached.</li> <li>• Some years these hunts will be closed due to quotas being met during the drawing hunt.</li> <li>• The recommendation to keep the hunts separate is for safety.</li> </ul> <p>Opposition to this proposal and the AC amendment;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to winter migration patterns, mtn. goats that are typically in other areas will be more readily available from the road system of Kodiak City potentially affecting future harvest opportunity within those areas.</li> <li>• Today’s muzzleloaders are extremely efficient and could be argued they are far from a “primitive weapon”. Mature billies that take years to mature could be affected.</li> <li>• Quotas for the 478-479 hunt areas are already set extremely high at 20%. Additional harvest by modernized “primitive weapons” is not warranted.</li> <li>• The use of muzzleloaders is allowed during general season hunts.</li> <li>• Registration opportunity exists for muzzleloader hunters within the RG480 hunt area.</li> <li>• The current archery-only hunt has low success rates which have minimal impact. Modernized muzzleloaders have could have a much higher impact.</li> </ul>



BOG 98	Lengthen the fall hunting season for Brown Bear in Unit 8.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion, the committee feels this proposal is to address the proposer’s ability to hunt in a specific area because of restricted access due to freezing temperatures.</li> <li>• This is a guide proposal.</li> <li>• This proposal is unanimously opposed.</li> <li>• Changing the season dates will have a detrimental effect on the bear management program as harvest will increase exponentially, especially sow harvest, as they are still active at the proposed time.</li> <li>• The current Bear management program is regarded as the most successful program in the world. Changes, if any, should be slight and closely monitored.</li> <li>• Any management change can and will have a trickle effect with multiple and potentially lasting biological consequences.</li> <li>• The female harvest rate is within the current management objective, with a ten-year average of 26.8%. The increase in number of females harvested will result in a decrease in the number of tags issued.</li> <li>• This proposal would cause the need for a complete restructure of current bear management policies.</li> </ul>



BOG 99	Allocate at least 90% of the Unit 8 Brown Bear drawing permits to residents.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This proposal undermines a highly successful management program which provides balance between economic stability and opportunity with maximum sustainability.</li> <li>• This proposal is unanimously opposed.</li> <li>• The current Kodiak Bear Management Program is regarded as the most successful program in the world. Changes, if any, should be slight and closely monitored.</li> <li>• Any management change can and will have a trickle effect with multiple and potentially lasting biological consequences.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As stated by the proposer, “<b>Constitution</b> mandates that wildlife will be utilized for maximum benefit for its people.” The Kodiak Brown Bear is a “non-meat animal”, thus it is not managed to maximize as a food source. Therefore, priority management is for economic and intrinsic value. “For the maximum benefit of the people” should thus involve a high percentage of nonresident guided hunters which clearly maximizes the economic value of the Kodiak bear.</li> <li>• The common use clause, “for the maximum benefit of its people” makes no distinction between use for personal purposes and use for professional purposes. (Owsichек, 763 P.2d at 497)</li> <li>• The committee understands this proposal seeks to challenge guide and resident opportunity not non-resident and resident opportunity</li> <li>• Guide and non-resident opportunity are one in the same as established in Owsichек vs State.</li> </ul> <p><i>(Owsichек, 763 P.2d at 497 note 15 states “while a hunting guide does not actually take the game, a privilege reserved for the client. We view this as an insignificant distinction that does not remove professional hunting guides from protection under the common use clause. The work of a guide is so closely tied to hunting and taking wildlife that there is no meaningful basis for distinguishing between the rights of a guide and the rights of a hunter under the common use clause.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common Use interpretation within the Owsichек vs State case asserts; unless conservation demands, no preference is to be given to either Alaskan residents <b>or</b> Alaskan guides. (Currently 97% of active professional guides registered in Unit 8 are Alaskan residents.)</li> </ul>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An argument could be made that conservation may demand that guide opportunity (non-resident permits) take precedent with their lower sow and higher mature boar harvest rates when it relates to conservation.</li> </ul> <p>Referencing the Board of Game <b>Non-resident Allocation policy</b> 2017-222-BOG; In a draw hunt, allocation will be based upon the historical data of the past 10 or more years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The up to 60-40 allocation policy (which is actually 66-34) has been in place since 1976.</li> <li>• Since 1899 Guides and Non-resident hunters have played the critical role in establishing the Kodiak Brown Bear as the iconic animal it is today. These tremendous efforts include today's conservation measures; ending market hunting, establishing bag and season limits, establishing a full-time game biologist, ending agricultural and ranching pursuits, prohibiting the taking of cubs and sows with cubs, implementing sealing requirements, establishing the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge and instituting guide requirements.</li> </ul> <p>This BOG policy also recognizes that “nonresident hunters provide the majority of direct funding into Alaskan Wildlife Management” and tasks the BOG with “preserving the heritage of hunting.”</p> <p>Changing the current 66/34 allocation will have a <b>major economic impact</b> on small businesses throughout Kodiak and State of Alaska and most likely eradicate the long-standing guiding tradition on Kodiak.</p> <p><u>Money generated for small businesses in Kodiak;</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 185 non-resident hunts @ \$22,500.00 per hunt equals an additional 4.16 million dollars infused into Alaska's economy.</li> <li>• Additional non-resident expenditures not accounted for include transportation, accommodations, food and drink, equipment, gifts and miscellaneous services.</li> <li>• Other tourism related expenditures incidental to hunting also exist.</li> <li>• Non-resident expenditures are exponentially higher than that of a self-guided resident hunt. Guided hunts have higher per hunt costs such as employees, transportation, fuel, food, equipment, permitting and advertising.</li> </ul>
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			<p><u>Money Generated for the State of Alaska through non resident hunts.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 185 license and tags @1160.00 each equals \$214,600.00.</li><li>• Pitman Roberts Fund (PRF) match @ x3 equals \$643,800.00</li><li>• Totals of bear license, tag and PRF match equals \$858,400.00</li><li>• Approximately 120 deer tags @300.00 equals \$36,000.00</li><li>• PRF match @ x3 equals \$108,000.00</li><li>• Totals of deer license, tag and PRF equals \$144,000.00</li><li>• <b>Totals for license revenue to the State of Alaska through non-resident participation equals \$1,002,400.00</b></li></ul> <p><u>Money Generated for the State of Alaska through resident hunts.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 160 resident license and tags @ \$70.00 each equals \$11,200.00</li><li>• PR Match equals \$33,600.00</li><li>• <b>Totals for license revenue to the State of Alaska through resident participation equals \$44,800.00</b></li></ul> <p><u>A comparison between non-resident and resident money generated to the state without non-resident participation.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Economic loss to the State of Alaska equals \$957.600.00.</b></li><li>• These figures do not take into account additional tourism related expenditures in Alaska as they travel to Kodiak.</li></ul> <p>Utilizing the proposed “up to 10 percent” allocation for non-resident permits as used in the lower 48 States where 10 permits must be available to allow 1 non-resident permit and with the current number of permits issued; (See Attachments 1 and 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resident draw success would only increase slightly, sacrificing both biological and economic stability.</li><li>• Kodiak would have up to 15 spring and 3 fall non-resident permits annually.</li><li>• These numbers would put most Kodiak guides out of business and severely impact an already depressed economy.</li></ul>
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			<p>Biological and Conservation concerns;</p> <p>The board of game policy mandates management for sustainable yield per the constitution. The current allocation accomplishes the primary goal of maintaining a stable and healthy bear population.</p> <p>A change in allocation will result in an increase in sow harvest and a decrease in adult boar harvest. Both leading to lower cub production and lower sow-cub survivability. Targeted harvest of adult boars has helped increase the bear population and needs to continue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resident hunters have a higher percentage of sow harvest.</li><li>• Non-resident guided hunters have a higher percentage of adult boar harvest at 73%. (see Attachment 3)</li><li>• Consistent adult boar harvest is an essential factor for management decisions and the sustainability of the population.</li><li>• An assessment from the department estimates an increase in female harvest would likely result in a decrease in the number of drawing permits available overall to the resident hunter.</li></ul>
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<b>BOG 100</b>			Create a separate drawing for second degree of kindred (2DK) brown bear permits in Unit 8.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0	<p>This is a Kodiak AC proposal to balance economic stability while preserving hunting heritage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The committee is unanimously opposed to taking 2DK permits from the non-resident allocation statewide.</b></li> <li>• The committee unanimously believes 2DK hunting is a <b>privilege to residents</b> of Alaska therefore should be considered for resident allocation.</li> <li>• To the committee’s knowledge, 2DK is an Alaska specific opportunity not found in other States.</li> <li>• As discussed in earlier proposals, changing brown bear allocation will have biological and economic consequences.</li> </ul> <p>The Kodiak AC originally submitted this proposal as a compromise to various allocation proposals pertaining to 2DK (Proposal 130). We would like to <b>amend</b> this proposal to include a viable model for 2DK tag allocation distribution in Unit 8 as follows;</p> <p><b><u>5 AAC 92.061. Special provisions for brown bear drawing permit hunts</u></b> (a) In the Unit 8 general brown bear drawing permit hunt, the department shall issue permits, and a hunter may apply for a permit, as follows:          (2) the department shall enter; [in a resident drawing, each application from a resident,] <b>in a second degree of kindred drawing</b>, each application from a nonresident accompanied by a resident relative who is within the second degree of kindred; [for each season,] the department shall issue a maximum of four permits <b>in the spring season and two permits in the fall season</b> to nonresident hunters accompanied by a resident relative who is within the second degree of kindred; however, the department may not issue, within two consecutive regulatory years, more than one of these permits per individual hunt, as described in the permit hunt guide published each year by the department <b>and more than one of these permits per season within one of the 5 original subunits as described by the 2002 Kodiak Bear Management Plan.</b> (See Attachment 4, Bear management subunits)</p> <p>Key recommendations of the amended proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to four permits available in the spring.</li> <li>• Up to two permits available in the fall.</li> <li>• Permits will continue to be issued for specific hunt areas.</li> <li>• Permit issuance will be in accordance with Brown Bear Management Plan Units to provide balanced use and harvest.</li> </ul>



			<p>Discussion;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A comprehensive non-resident allocation policy for brown bears in Kodiak is an extremely important economic and biological factor for management.</li><li>• 2DK hunts are increasing in popularity each year. If permits are taken from the non-resident allocation, it will affect the economic stability Kodiak requires.</li><li>• Historical 5-year participation is 2.8/year</li><li>• Kodiak permits numbers are issued two thirds/one third in the spring/fall seasons</li></ul> <p>By creating a separate category of allocation, we can safeguard the economic and biological stability brown bear hunting provides to Kodiak and Alaska while maintaining this special resident privilege.</p>
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BOG 101	Create a resident tag for Kodiak Brown Bear from the nonresident permit allocation.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Because resident and nonresident tag fees are set in Alaska statute, the Board of Game does not have authority to modify the locking tag fees.</li> <li>• This proposal creates two classes of residents, those who can afford the higher tag fee and those who can't.</li> <li>• If a resident purchased a non-resident locking tag they should also be required to be guided.</li> </ul>

BOG102	Eliminate nonresident opportunity for the RB230 and RB260 registration permit brown bear hunts in Unit 8.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion, this committee does not support a proposal that impacts the City of Kodiak negatively. The current regulation is in place to keep bear populations at a reasonable level around the city of Kodiak and the road system.</li> <li>• This registration hunt is to maintain a lower bear density within the high human use areas of Kodiak, where ranches, sport fisherman, hikers, wildlife viewers, campers and similar outdoor activities occur, to avoid negative bear-human encounters per the Kodiak Brown Bear Management Plan 2002.</li> <li>• This proposal is from a group who does not reside in Kodiak.</li> <li>• There are no known conflicts between user groups within these hunt areas which are located within the road system of Kodiak.</li> <li>• There is increased bear activity within Kodiak city limits. Decreasing opportunity is counterproductive to overall resident requests.</li> <li>• Non-resident hunting is a driving influence on Kodiak's economy. Removing this opportunity will have a negative effect on the financial welfare of many of its residents including established and entry-level guide businesses.</li> <li>• As discussed in earlier proposals, changing brown bear allocation will have biological and economic consequences.</li> </ul>



BOG 103	Transfer under subscribed nonresident Kodiak Brown Bear drawing permits to the resident drawing permit allocation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The current under-subscribed non-resident tag policy promotes easily managed biological sustainability and economic stimulus for Kodiak.</li> <li>• Managers take into account unused permits for resident and non-residents when establishing annual permits numbers.</li> <li>• Using under-subscribed permits would result in a decrease in the number of permits issued.</li> <li>• Undersubscribed nonresident permits benefits the resident hunters experience in the field.</li> <li>• Using under-subscribed permits takes away a Guides ability to practice sound conservation as required by regulation.</li> <li>• The proposer fails to differentiate between undersubscribed and not used. Due to the nuances of the Federal Land Use Policy, the permits referred to as “not applied for” <b>are</b> utilized, but not drawn. On average only 8 permits actually go unused which has been beneficial in maintaining the current harvest rate at target levels.</li> <li>• The current under-subscribed nonresident permit policy provides opportunity for conservation through money generated from the sale of donated hunts. This is made possible through “undrawn” permit availability.</li> <li>• This proposal undermines and further complicates the existing management plan which is responsible for the success of the current bear population.</li> <li>• This proposal would create large scale user conflict where there are currently none.</li> <li>• This proposal undermines a highly successful management program opportunity with maximum sustainability.</li> </ul>



BOG 104	Allow residents to return Kodiak Brown Bear drawing permits in advance of the hunting season to re-issued to residents.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	<p>13</p> <p>When establishing permit numbers, the current policy takes into account;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The number of residents and nonresidents who do not use drawn permits.</li> <li>2. Harvest success of those who draw and use the permit.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-issuing the high number of permits drawn but not used would result in higher participation and harvest, significantly reducing the number of permits available.</li> <li>• This proposal seeks to increase resident chances of drawing a permit. However, the end result would be a decrease in opportunity.</li> <li>• Historical data has shown residents harvest a high number of female bears which is counterproductive to sustainable yield. This proposal will create unintended biological concerns.</li> <li>• “Lost Opportunity” does not exist within the Kodiak Brown Bear Management Program. All residents and non-residents have the opportunity to enter into the draw in which they could be fortunate to win a bear permit.</li> <li>• Due to the high volume of residents who do not use permits drawn, this proposal would create a large volume of work for the small ADFG department in Kodiak.</li> <li>• This proposal undermines a highly successful management program which provides balance between economic stability and opportunity with maximum sustainability.</li> </ul>



<b>BOG 105</b>		Adjust the boundaries of the Kodiak Brown Bear drawing hunt areas for Kiliuda Bay an Ugak Bay as follows.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	1	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion, this request will have an unwanted ripple effect by shifting users to other areas because of increased number of guides within an area with decreased access. Could create user conflicts.</li> <li>• Will create a sole use area for the proposer due to federal land permitting policy.</li> <li>• Many residents hunt on the federal lands portion of the permit area. Changing the boundaries will change the number of tags provided, shifting them to an already congested area.</li> <li>• This proposal would not be warranted if a state land guide-concession policy was in place.</li> <li>• Historical use and harvest data would be compromised within this area.</li> <li>• This is not the only area on Kodiak Island that has multiple land managers.</li> <li>• Create permit adjustments due to boundary changes.</li> </ul>
<b>BOG 106</b>		Provide educational material to encourage Kodiak Brown Bear hunters to harvest boars and penalize hunters for taking sows.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	<p>ADFG provides to successfully drawn applicants;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A letter which includes information and resources.</li> <li>2. A website which has sex identification information.</li> <li>3. A video “take a closer look”.</li> <li>4. An in-person presentation during tag pick-up.</li> <li>5. A booklet specifically for and named “Brown Bear: Identifying males and females in the field”.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kodiak AC members unanimously feel ADFG is currently providing an adequate if not abundant amount of information to brown bear hunters regarding sex identification.</li> <li>• Currently female harvest rate is within the objective, with a ten-year average of 26.8%. However, many of the proposals for Unit 8 this year have a high potential of increasing sow harvest and lowering permits.</li> <li>• An 8-year penalty for taking a sow is unnecessary because many</li> <li>• The current bear management plan currently has conservation measures for nonresident overharvest of sows.</li> </ul>



<b>BOG 107</b>		Prohibit shooting from a boat while hunting in the Ugak Bay area in Unit 8.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shooting from a boat is a traditional method for subsistence harvesting of deer.</li> <li>• There are no known or reported instances implicating shooting from a boat was the cause of an accident or problematic.</li> </ul>
<b>BOG 108</b>		Create a controlled-use area on the Ayakulic River in Unit 8.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion, there is merit in this proposal in that it would potentially reduce both noise and or fossil fuel pollution.</li> <li>• This proposal has impacts of cost that are not addressed.</li> <li>• There are 2 stroke outboards on the market that have comparable efficiencies as 4 strokes.</li> <li>• With more appropriate research this proposal may be enacted island wide.</li> </ul>

<b>BOG 109</b>		Require all snares on the Kodiak Road System to have a breakaway mechanism on the loop end of the snare.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	12	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is a Kodiak AC Proposal requested by the public of Kodiak.</li> <li>• Snares have injured, killed or affected buffalo, bear, deer, and pets alike within the road system of Kodiak.</li> <li>• This regulation would be easy to implement with no known economic hardship.</li> </ul>



## New Business (continued)

### 2. Harvest and Strategy Agenda for Kodiak Reindeer Herd

- It is believed we have approximately 300 reindeer however the last ADFG count was 175.
- Historic take has averaged approximately 25 animals.
- Take over the last two years has averaged 50 animals.
  - It appears there is increased interest from the village of Larson Bay however, it may not be actual residents of Larson Bay.
- Incidental vs intentional take is unknown at this time.
- Funding is available for ADG&G to manage this herd for sustainable yield.
- Potential harvest strategy could be 5-10%.
- During the next year we will identify an agenda for management.
- Possibilities for management could be;
  - Registration hunt with a quota. Hunting would be stopped via Emergency Order.
  - Strict reporting requirements may be necessary.
- Moving forward we could request an ACR with the board of game. This would be due November 10 for the January 2020 meeting.
- We need to work with the refuge on this agenda.

### 3. Select a Kodiak AC representative to attend;

BOF, Peninsula, Chignik and Aleutian Island Finfish meeting February 21-27.

1. Vice-Chair, Julie Kavanaugh Unanimously voted to represent (12-0)

BOF, Statewide Finfish meeting March 9-12

2. Provide AC Comments, due by February 7

BOG, Southcentral meeting March 15-19

3. Chair, Paul Chervenak unanimously voted to represent (12-0)

### 4. Select a single member to approve the minutes of this meeting.

Deadline comments are March 1, 2019

4. Chair, Paul Chervenak unanimously voted to approve minutes (12-0)

## VIII. Adjourn 0030

Minutes Recorded By: *Jason Bunch*

Minutes Approved By: *Paul Chervenak*

Date: 2/25/2019



### Attachment 1

Resident draw success when following criteria for allocating non-resident permits where at least 10 permits must be available for a non resident allocation.

#### FALL PERMITS

Fall	Current			Current Res. Draw	Proposed	
	N.R. Permits	Resident Permits	Total # Permits		Proposed Res. Draw	Proposed N.R.Permits
Kizhuyak	1	3	4	3%	4%	
W. Ugak	4	5	9	6%	11%	
S. Ugak	4	5	9	2%	4%	
Kiluda	3	4	7	3%	5%	
Three Saints	3	4	7	2%	4%	
Kaiuganak	2	3	5	2%	4%	
Aliulik	2	3	5	<1%	<1%	
Deadman	2	3	5	<1%	1%	
Dog Salmon	1	2	3	1%	2%	
South Olga	2	3	5	1%	2%	
Red Lake	2	3	5	<1%	<1%	
Frazier Lake	1	2	3	<1%	<1%	
Karluk Lake	2	3	5	1%	1%	
Halibut Bay	2	3	5	1%	2%	
Sturgeon	2	3	5	3%	5%	
N. Karluk	2	3	5	2%	4%	
N. Uyak	2	3	5	2%	3%	
S. Uyak	1	2	3	2%	3%	
Zachar	1	2	3	1%	1%	
S.Spiridon	1	2	3	2%	3%	
Spiridon Lake	2	3	5	2%	3%	
Uganik	2	3	5	2%	4%	
S. Arm Uganik	1	2	3	5%	8%	
Uganik Lake	2	3	5	2%	3%	
Terror	2	3	5	1%	2%	
Kupreanof	2	6	8	2%	3%	
Sharitin	2	7	9	5%	6%	
WildCreek	2	7	9	3%	4%	
E. Afognak	3	7	10	2%	3%	1
C. Afognak	3	7	10	3%	4%	1
SW Afognak	3	7	10	2%	3%	1
Total	64	116	180			3



### Attachment 2

Resident draw success when following criteria for allocating non-resident permits where at least 10 permits must be available for a non resident allocation.

#### SPRING PERMITS

Spring	Current			Proposed		
	N.R Permits	Resident Permits	Total Permits	Current Res. Draw	Proposed Res. Draw	Proposed N.R. Permits
Kizhuyak	1	4	5	6%	8%	
W. Ugak	3	4	7	10%	18%	
S. Ugak	3	5	8	5%	8%	
Kiluda	3	5	8	5%	8%	
Three Saints	3	5	8	9%	14%	
Kaiuganak	3	5	8	4%	6%	
Aliulik	4	5	9	1%	2%	
Deadman	4	6	10	3%	4%	1
Dog Salmon	3	5	8	5%	7%	
South Olga	3	5	8	3%	6%	
Red Lake	4	6	10	3%	5%	1
Frazier Lake	3	5	8	2%	3%	
Karluk Lake	3	5	8	2%	3%	
Halibut Bay	3	5	8	9%	13%	
Sturgeon	3	5	8	5%	9%	
N. Karluk	4	6	10	8%	13%	1
N. Uyak	3	5	8	10%	15%	
S. Uyak	4	6	10	9%	14%	1
Zachar	3	5	8	16%	24%	
S.Spiridon	3	5	8	11%	17%	
Spiridon Lake	3	5	8	11%	17%	
Uganik	4	6	10	12%	18%	1
S. Arm Uganik	2	3	5	20%	33%	
Uganik Lake	4	6	10	14%	21%	1
Terror	4	6	10	8%	12%	1
Kupreanof	3	6	9	6%	9%	
Sharitin	4	15	19	17%	20%	1
WildCreek	4	15	19	17%	19%	1
E. Afognak	5	17	22	15%	18%	2
C. Afognak	5	17	22	14%	17%	2
SW Afognak	5	17	22	9%	11%	2
Total	106	215	321			15

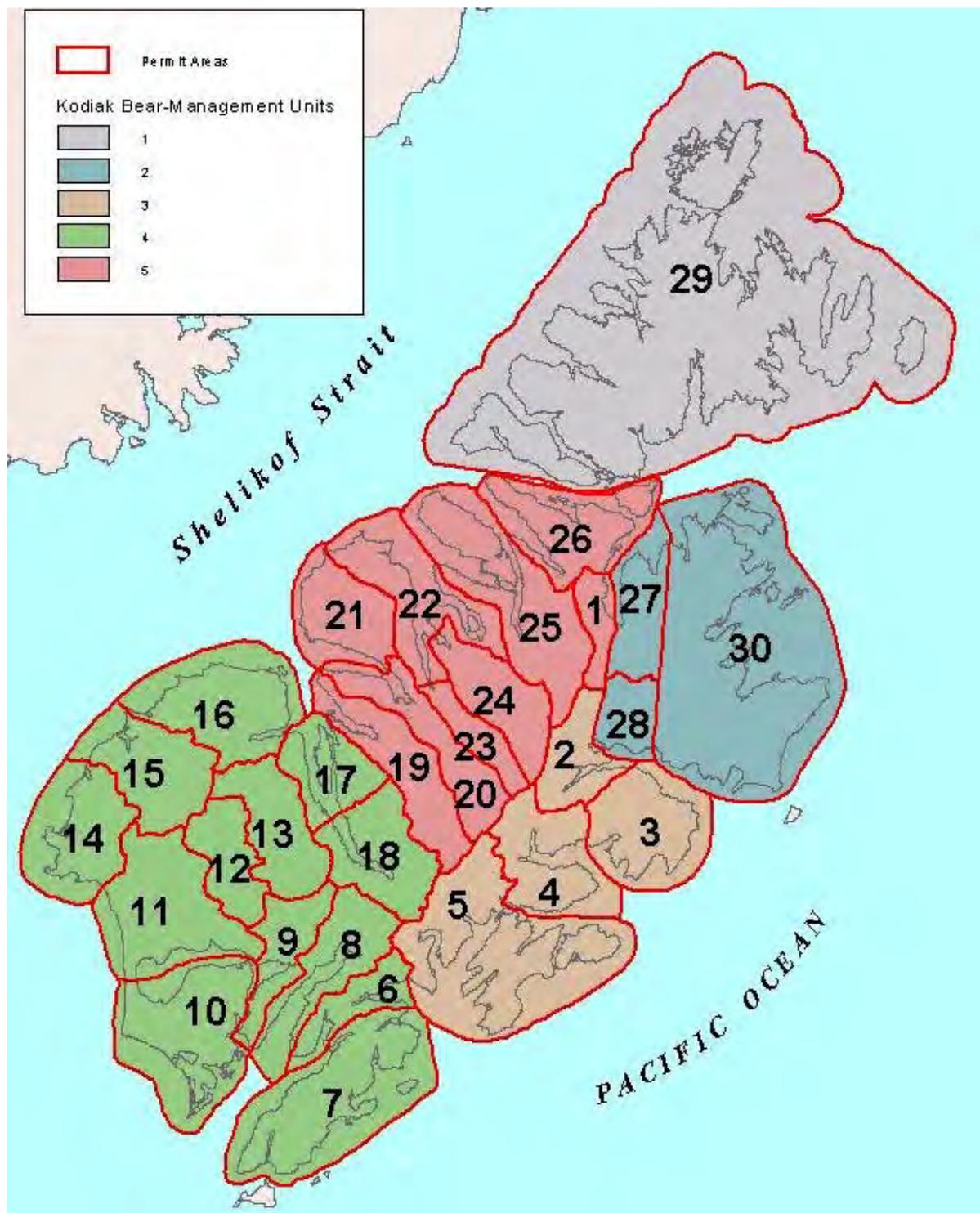


**Attachment 3**

Skull sizes are captured and recorded by ADF&G. Regardless of individual opinion regarding what skull size constitutes an adult boar, the percentage of nonresident harvest remains the same.

Adult Boar Harvest Data 2011-2018									
	Skull Size	Guided	Percent	Skull Size	Guided	Percent	Skull Size	Guided	Percent
	28+"	28+"	Guided	27+"	27+"	Guided	26+"	26+"	Guided
Fall 2018	2	2	100%	6	4	67%	11	7	64%
Spring 2018	13	11	85%	30	19	64%	46	30	65%
Fall 2017	0	0		6	6	100%	8	8	100%
Spring 2017	14	8	57%	29	21	72%	41	30	73%
Fall 2016	9	8	89%	13	10	77%	14	11	79%
Spring 2016	25	16	64%	48	37	77%	67	54	81%
Fall 2015	2	2	100%	8	6	75%	10	7	70%
Spring 2015	17	14	82%	40	32	80%	59	47	80%
Fall 2014	6	3	50%	14	9	64%	23	15	65%
Spring 2014	19	15	79%	40	34	75%	58	48	83%
Fall 2013	3	2	67%	7	5	71%	14	9	64%
Spring 2013	10	8	80%	32	24	75%	53	35	66%
Fall 2012	3	1	34%	13	6	46%	21	14	67%
Spring 2012	13	8	62%	33	21	64%	47	31	66%
Fall 2011	8	4	50%	18	12	67%	23	16	70%
Spring 2011	13	9	69%	27	19	70%	49	37	76%
Total	157	111	71%	364	265	73%	544	399	73%

Attachment 4







<b>BOG 130</b>	Issue all nonresident permits from the non-resident allocation when there is a separate allocation for residents and non-residents.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion, please reference Kodiak AC proposal 100. If proposal 100 is adopted this proposal would become unnecessary.</li> <li>• <b>The committee is unanimously opposed to taking 2DK permits from the non-resident allocation statewide.</b></li> <li>• The committee unanimously believes 2DK hunting <b>is a privilege to residents</b> of Alaska therefore should be considered for resident allocation.</li> <li>• To the committee’s knowledge, 2DK is an Alaska specific opportunity not found in other States.</li> <li>• As discussed in earlier proposals, changing brown bear allocation will have biological and economic consequences.</li> </ul> <p>Implications of 2DK regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A resident accompanying a 2DK hunter may not be qualified, safe or knowledgeable to direct a hunt.</li> <li>• A 2DK hunter is not <b>guided</b> as non-residents are required to be when pursuing a guide required species such as brown bear,</li> </ul>

2. Miscellaneous Business

- Joint Board of Fish/Game comments due March 7.

**VIII. Adjourn 1830**

Minutes Recorded By: *Jason Bunch*

Minutes Approved By: *Paul Cherwenak*

Date: 2/26/2019



**Koyukuk River Advisory Committee  
December 11, 2018  
Allakaket Tribal Council**

- I. Call to Order: 2 pm by Chairman Jack Reakoff
  
- II. Roll Call: Jack Reakoff, Undesignated  
Nicole Mcanallen, Undesignated alternate  
Harding Sam, Alatna  
Jared Sam, Alatna  
Marcus Ambrose, Hughes Alternate  
Shawn Huffman, Huslia  
Warner Bergman, Allakaket  
Members Absent (Excused): Vacant Unesignated  
2 vacant Bettles/Evensville  
Wilmer Betus & Hugh Bifelt, Hughes  
Jack Wholecheese & Darrell Vent, Huslia  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 (currently, after election it will change)
  
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved no additions
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: approved no changes
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sara Longson, DWC; Nissa Pilcher\*, BDS; Deena Jallen\*, DCF
- VI. Guests Present: Vince Mathews, Kanuti Refuge FWS; Gordon Bergman, 1<sup>st</sup> Chief of Allakaket, Charles Ned< Joseph Williams III, Shawn Bergman, Sam Henry, Steve Bergman
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:  
AC Comments
  - Jared Sam would like to see predator control instituted again
  - Harding Sam commented on there not being many moose (9 moose taken for 41 families in Allakaket & Alatna combined, which was brought up many times during the meeting)
  - Federal moose hunt open until October 1 on federal lands unknown by many
  - Discussion to draft a state moose season extension proposal at this meeting; added to the end of the agenda
  - Marcus got a moose but had to go a long way in his boat and used a lot of fuel. Was not in favor of cutting antler but a discussion on why this practice was put in place changed his mind
  - Warner did not get a moose but went a long way in his boat and used a lot of fuel. Expressed interest in extending CUA and asked how to turn the CUA into a refuge. Concerned that a guide got 4 moose within the CUA and that there was no enforcement to be seen this hunting season.



### Public Comments

- Steve Bergman noted he does not want to see the CUA changed- last time a proposal went before the Board of Game to change it, it came out smaller and don't want to see it happen again, noted lower moose and caribou numbers, he was unable to get a moose this year, and that he would support a season extension on state lands. Discussion on who would be able to hunt during this season.
- Gordon inquired what happened to the meat from guided moose, which insued a discussion on having council offices get in touch with the BGCSB to set up some sort of meat drop off. Vince Mathews noted that their was an ethics working group that was working on, in part, streamlining this process.
- Sam Henry expressed appreciation for Orville Huntington and all he had done for the people of the region. Noted that they had almost lost him as his funding from TCC had stopped but that Doyon was now paying his salary.

### Election of Alatna

Alatna already had their elections; Harding Sam and Jared Sam will continue to serve Alatna on the committee

### Election of Allakaket

Warner Bergman no longer wanted to serve. Charles Ned, Vincent Simon, and Joseph Williams III were elected to fill the Allakaket seats

### Election of Undesignated seat

Shawn Bergman elected to fill the undesignated seat that has traditionally been held by Allakaket/Alatna

### Board of Fisheries

Deena Jallen, Assistant Summer Season Yukon Manager with DCF, gave brief season update, noted boarder passage goal was met but subsistence was restricted at times.



## Alaska Board of Fisheries: AYK Proposals

January 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
86	Allow subsistence fishing for non-salmon fish with hook and line gear in District 4 of the Yukon Area		
Support with Amendment	11	0	Would like to see this in the Koyukuk excluding the Dalton Corridor Management Area. This is a traditional method for nonsalmon species.
87	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with drift gillnets in the entire Yukon River		
Support with Amendment	11	0	Amend to be clear it is outside of the Dalton CUA
88	Require fish wheels to be closely attended during times of conservation for any species		
89	Allow retention of king salmon for subsistence purposes, by emergency order, during times of king salmon conservation in the Yukon Area		
Support with Amendment	11	0	Amend to be clear it is outside of the Dalton CUA & include the Koyukuk River
90	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of the commercial fishing season in Districts 1-3 and Subdistrict 4-A of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
91	Reduce the amount of time prior to opening of each commercial fishing period in Districts 1-3 of the Yukon Area when subsistence fishing for salmon is prohibited		
92	Restrict gillnet mesh size to a maximum of 6 inches in Districts 4, 5, and 6 subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
Opposed	0	11	Concerned about fish dropping out of nets, how the morphology of the fish changes as you go up river and that this would mean that we wouldn't be able to use the larger net for sheefish
93	Repeal the requirement to remove the tips of the tail fin of subsistence-taken salmon in Districts 1 – 3 of the Yukon Area		
94	Allow the taking of the first king salmon entering the Yukon River for religious and ceremonial use		
Oppose	0	11	Unclear proposal how it is written



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals			
March 8-11, 2019   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
161	Require weekly reporting of salmon harvest by all permit or license holders		
Oppose	0	11	This is a pretty broad brush that doesn't seem to fit on a statewide level
162	Require biweekly reporting of all sport, personal use, and subsistence king salmon catch		
Oppose	0	11	Fishermen are out all summer without communication
163	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of subsistence-caught fish		
Support	11	0	The intentional was of fish is not ok, no matter what type of fish. If it has to be in regulation to stop people from doing this then so be it. If nothing else the fish should be salvaged and given to a musher. Culturally we don't waste anything.
164	Prohibit the intentional waste or destruction of sheefish		
TNA	11	0	Based on action taken on 163

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals			
March 15-19, 2019   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
129	Clarify the ability for trappers to transport furbearers or lawful parts of game as trapping bait within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
Support	11	0	We agree that snow machines may be used to transport trappers, furbearers, and game parts lawfully used as bait under a trapping license in this management area
141	Reauthorize the resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Support	11	0	

Federal Fisheries Proposals

FP19-07

Support; reference comments made on state proposal mirroring federal



## Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries & Game Proposals

March 21-25, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
28	Allow advisory committee representatives to be at the board table during deliberations for those proposals the advisory committee authored		
Support	11	0	It can be quite some time before when an AC member testifies and when the proposal gets deliberated on, this would allow dialog. The department, Department of Law and Public Safety already get to do this. This lack of dialog during deliberations is an issue in this process
29	Allow advisory committee representatives a seat at the board table during deliberations on proposals affecting their region		
Opposed	0	11	This is a bit too broad
37	Repeal the boards' Subsistence Proposal Policy		
Oppose	0	11	Subsistence is the highest ranked activity in Alaska and we want this to remain on the books to protect subsistence users; this policy effects every resident in Alaska and we do not want to see it go away

### Board of Game

#### Call for Proposals

Committee brought up the idea that was mentioned in the beginning of the meeting to submit a proposal to extend bull moose season from September 25<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> with harvest ticket for residents only in 24B in the Controlled Use Area. The moose aren't moving till later.

#### Predator Control

There was no update on the program, Glenn Stout was unable to attend this meeting as he was in Galena doing moose surveys. Concern over the wolf numbers were back (moose harvest numbers for Alatna and Allakaket mentioned again) and that the grizzlies are eating more moose now too.

An additional teleconference will be conducted in March to discuss predator control, review the 24B moose proposal and draft any others.



Charles Ned was elected to attend the BOF Meeting in January.

Adjournment: 5:50 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Nicole McAnallen

Minutes Approved By: Jack Reakoff

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



**Lake Iliamna AC Minutes  
October 23, 2018  
Igiugig, Alaska**

- I. Call to Order: by Randy Alvarez, 10:35
  
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Randy Alvarez, Tinny Hedlund, Elijah Eknaty, Henry Olympic, Bill Trefon, George Alexie, Warren Hill. (Quorum met).  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Jim Tilly, Karla Jensen, Tim Anelon  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6  
List of User Groups Present:
  
- III. Approval of Agenda: Hedlund moves, Eknaty seconds. Motion carries 7/0
  
- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: : Taryn Oconnor-Brito, Lee Borden, Dave Crowley, Travis Ellison
  
- V. Guests Present: Christina Salmon, Gene Sandone (Telephone, BBEDC member), James Vanlanden (Telephone, ADFG Subsistance)
  
- VI. ADF&G Staff Updates:  
ADFG wildlife update from Dave Crowley:
  - o Stated that moose composition counts have been completed in units 9b and 9c. Counts show increased calf survival and a bull/cow ratio of 30-35/1. He feels the ratio is biased in favor of bulls due to the difficulty of sighting cows and calves during snowless surveys, which the state is working to correct in the data collection. Group discussion around warm temps effecting moose movements and makes for difficult hunting.
  - o Caribou counts completed for unit 9. Data has not been finalized.
  - o Bear counts completed in unit 9 show a slight decrease in population and decrease in harvest but the animals appeared to be bigger.
  - o Calf mortality study has been completed but no data available yet. Discussion, Bill T questioned if state and feds share survey data, Dave C answered yes and explained further.

ADFG Commercial fish report from Travis Ellison:



- 2018 was the largest ever recorded salmon return to Bristol Bay. All the nushagak district rivers exceeding escapement goals (provided escapement numbers) . Egegik was the smallest relative return but still met escapement goals. Discussion by the group that perhaps the ADFG counting towers were taken down too soon, especially on the Kvichak. Potential late runs going uncounted.
- The state is now funding counting towers on the Alagnak, Togiak, and Igushik Rivers.

ADFG Sport Fish report from Lee Borden:

- All rivers had good reports regarding numbers of sport fishing success, except the Iliamna River which numerous reports were received regarding low numbers of Dolly Varden.
- An emergency order bag limit reduction for sockeye was issued for the Kvichak River during a stretch of low returns but was later rescinded when large numbers of salmon arrived. Critical area closures were also issued and later rescinded for same reasons on the Kvichak River.
- Bag limits for sockeye were liberalized on the Alagnak River after a larger than expected return of salmon arrived.
- ADFG conducted a mortality study on catch and release chinook on the Nushagak River. Data revealed a 7% mortality rate on a sample size of 300 fish caught.

VII. New Business:

1. Reauthorization of Brown Bear Tag Fee exemption:  
Voted 6/1, motion passes.
2. Lake Iliamna AC Agenda Change Request for Board of Game:  
Voted 7/0, motion passes to adopt ACR as amended.
3. Proposals for Board of Fisheries Bristol Bay Finfish meeting: See table.
4. Lake Iliamna AC Joint Board Proposal: See table
5. Proposals for Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/Chignik Finfish meeting: See table
6. Approval of minutes for submission to the Board of Fisheries before the November 14<sup>th</sup> deadline: AC members voted to allow chairmen Alvarez to approve the minutes.



## Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
140	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
<b>support</b>	6	1	Some discussion about this hunt becoming sport in nature, conflicting with local guides, also much want and waste by locals.

## Alaska Board of Fisheries: Bristol Bay Proposals

November 28-December 4, 2018 | Dillingham, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
19	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with dipnets near Dillingham		
<b>No action</b>	7	0	The AC would not support this in our region for fear of over use by non-locals.
21	Allow subsistence fishing with hook and line attached to rod or pole in Six Mile Lake		
<b>Support as amended</b>	7	0	Strike words "Six Mile Lake", add "Little Six Mile Lake" to park boundary on all state owned waters.
23	Clarify that the holder of two drift gillnet limited entry permits may operate up to 150 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		
<b>support</b>	7	0	Discussion, the committee would prefer the permit ownership laws remain as they are. Allowing one person to fish two permits will harm those permit holders that do not have their own boat.
24	Allow the holder of either two set gillnet or two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate more gear than the holder of a single limited entry permit		
<b>oppose</b>	0	7	See comments on proposal 23
25	Allow an individual holding two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate up to 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		
<b>oppose</b>	0	7	See comments on proposal 23
26	Allow the owner of two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate 200 fathoms of drift		



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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, Voting Notes
	gillnet gear from a single vessel		
<b>Oppose</b>	0	7	See comments on proposal 23
27	Allow the holder of two set gillnet limited entry permits in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik districts to operate 100 fathoms of set gillnet gear		
<b>oppose</b>	0	7	See comments on proposal 23
28	Allow commercial fishing for salmon, with set net gear only, within the section of the Kvichak River that borders Levelock Village land		
<b>oppose</b>	0	7	
30	Increase the maximum length for drift gillnet vessels from 32 feet in overall length to 42 feet in overall length		
<b>oppose</b>	0	7	
31	Delay implementation of the 48-hour district transfer notification period until the third Saturday in June		
<b>oppose</b>	0	7	
32	Extend duration of late-season fishing periods in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik Districts		
			No motion.
33	Allow the use of beach weirs in commercial salmon fishing in Bristol Bay		
<b>oppose</b>	0	7	Discussion about how a wier is just another name for a fish trap, which have been illegal statewide for decades and for good reason.
36	Repeal conditions that must be met prior to allowing commercial fishing for salmon in the Alagnak River Special Harvest Area		
<b>support</b>	7	0	
37	Manage the Naknek and Kvichak sections independent of each other based on the harvestable surplus within each section and establish section-specific harvest allocation criteria so that 84% of each section's harvest is allocated to the drift gillnet fleet and 16% of the section's harvest is allocated to the set gillnet fleet		
			No motion. Discussion that this seems to be a repeat discussion and will come up again. Effort should be put into a resolution for this but this proposal does not seem adequate, it would too difficult to enforce and would be easy to manipulate.
41	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Bristol Bay Proposals			
November 28-December 4, 2018   Dillingham, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<b>oppose</b>	0	7	
42	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		
<b>oppose</b>	0	7	

Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries & Game Proposals			
March 21-25, 2019   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
7	Reduce the membership for the Lake Iliamna Advisory Committee to ten and add designations for the communities of Pope Vannoy Landing and Port Alsworth		
<b>Support as amended</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	Discussion about how some communities are shrinking while others are growing. The AC should represent the changing populations. Reducing the total number simplifies operations while maintaining fair representation. Proposal as amended will remove Pope Vannoy from having a designated and is given to Port Alsworth. We will now have seven designated seats. One each going to the communities of Pedro Bay, Port Alsworth, Nondalton, Igiugig, Kokhonak, Newhalen, and Iliamna. And Three undesignated seats for a total of ten committee seats.

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Chignik/Aleutian Islands-Bering Sea Proposals	
February 21-27, 2019   Anchorage, AK	
Proposal Number	Proposal Description



Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
134			Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt the management plan in place prior to 2001
<b>support</b>	7	0	Recommendations to support 134 and 135 as they will restrict the intercept sockeye fisheries to Bristol bay.
135			Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt an amended version of the management plan in place prior to 2001
<b>support</b>	7	0	
136			Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan so that fishing periods are structured with 24-hour windows where commercial salmon fishing gear is in the water
			No motion. Discussion, 136 is similar to 134 and 135 in that this will allow for a “window” of time for salmon to pass through the intercept fishery and travel to the other fishing and spawning grounds across the state.
143			Repeal the immature salmon test fishery in the Shumagin Islands Section
<b>oppose</b>	0	7	
144			Restrict commercial fishing for salmon in areas both along the coast and in open seaward waters of the Outer Port Heiden Section and the open seaward waters of the Ilnik Section when the preseason Bristol Bay sockeye salmon forecast is 30 million fish or less
<b>support</b>	7	0	Discussion detailing how this could help share the burden of conservation across the entire region.
145			Restrict commercial fishing for salmon along the coast and in offshore waters of the Outer Port Heiden Section and restrict fishing in offshore waters of the northeast portion of the Ilnik Section
<b>support</b>	7	0	Discussion supporting this action as it will reduce bycatch to Bristol Bay as well as help stop/lower the over escapement problems to the Outer Port Heiden area and Ilnik Rivers. The district boundaries currently make product quality lower due to the distances the fleet must travel.

I. Miscellaneous Business:

1. Set date and time of next AC Meeting: Tentative early March Teleconference to discuss further Joint Board Proposals.

Adjournment: 4:30pm

Minutes Recorded By: Hill

Minutes Approved By: Chairman Randy Alvarez

Date: 11/14/18



Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee  
November, 8th, 2018  
Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: 10:04 a.m. by Mitch Seybert, Chair
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Eddie Clark, Mitch Seybert, Mike Enright, Tim Enright, Eric Beeman, Brian Cato, Mark Kosbruk, Kim Rice, Mary West, Tom Bursch, John Christiansen  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Gerda Kosbruk, Tracy Vrem  
  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7  
  
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Eric B moved, Tim E 2nd. Approved unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Tim E moved, Mark K 2nd. Approved unanimously.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Paul Salamone—ADFG UGA & Eg.  
Bob Murphy—ADFG North Peninsula  
Reid Johnson—ADFG ast. area manager Pt Moller  
Lee Borden—ADFG Sportfish  
Jason Dye—Sportfish  
Gabiella ?—Anchorage subsistence.  
Taryn Oconnor-Brito, LBBAC
- VI. Guests Present: Gene Sandone—BBEDC  
Chuck McCallum—Lake and Pen Borough  
Jared Danielson—CAMP  
Peter Most—BB fisherman  
Art Winowski
- VII. Old Business: Staff Comments  
Bob Murphy: North Pen—average harvest, good esc., ttl. hvst 2.37? million, bulk from Nelson Lagoon to OPH, OPH hvst. 356,000. Peter Pan rebuilding Pt. Moller plant, plan to process in 2019. Silver Bay will buy in 2019. Trident buys



False Pass plant. Increased capacity for N. Pen in 2019. Discussion between Bob and Mitch S about how increased capacity would affect catch/esc. in 2019. Mitch S expressed concern that OPH north line too far north to catch Pt. Heiden fish and more Pt. Heiden fish caught in N. Ilnek section. Also overescapement concerns in Ilnek and Meshik discussed.

Paul Salamone: UGA—3.9M run, 2.7M hvst., 1.16 esc. EG—6.7M run, 4.9m hvst., 1.6M esc.

#### VIII. New Business:

**Game** Prop # 140: Motion to Adopt by Eric B, 2nd Tim E. Discussion about incidental take and DLP issues. Called to vote by Mitch S. Passed unanimously. BOF Ak Peninsula proposals. Meeting in Anch Feb 21-26.

Prop. # 144. Mitch S call for comments. No staff comments yet, but dept prob neutral re: allocation. Talked about if prop would help BB on small runs. Discussed if prop would have quality and limit issues.

Prop. # 145: Mitch S asked Bob M if the fishery could be more efficient if Area M fishermen could get fish quickly in the north, and then move the fleet south for quality.

Prop # 146: Bob M to Taryn perhaps get Lisa Fox and Don Wilburn for S Pen and Chignik issues.

#### Bristol Bay Proposals.

Tim E motioned to take no action on Props 18,19,21,22. No action taken.

Paul S introduced BB props.

Prop #22: Eddie C's subsistence prop. Dept is neutral. Eddie C: hard to get to upper line where fishery starts. Currently less than 1000 fish caught in fishery. Open June 1—15 no others. Paul S: not open 24/7 except above upper marker in EG and UGA. EG has had another couple short openings during season. Eddie C: subsistence is #1, dont get enough. Vote: 10 for, 1 opposed.

Prop #27: Dept neutral. Eddie C : permit prices fluxuate with salmon prices, not stacking. Family members leaving fishery and historical sites are lost. Kim R: same situation as Eddie. Also no problem with stacking on our side of the bay. Mitch S asked for other ACs comments and Taryn gave Nush, Nak, Iliamna ACs outcomes. Mitch S: UGA and EG have own situation. Eddie C: Life as normal when stacking, Dillingham had one bad apple. Vote called: for 5, against 5, neutral 1.

Paul S prop # 29: Dept supports, discussed methods for determining abundance. Mitch S: kings vs. trawlers, Tim E: Dead kings fall out of smaller mesh nets, wasteful. Vote: carried unanimously.

Paul S prop # 31: Dept does not support. Vote: opposed unanimously.

Paul S prop # 32: Run timing has been later. Tom B: option of extending EO? Paul S: only in UGA. Eddie C: ties managers hands. Ditto from Mitch S. Vote: opposed unanimously.

Paul S prop # 33: Dept neutral. Eddie C: Naknek AC thoroughly discussed and voted against. Vote: opposed unanimously.

Paul S Drift stacking props: Dept neutral. Mitch S: should stay status quo.



Drift stacking detrimental to local villages. Art W: bad proposal. Mitch S: 25 % of the boats catch 50% of salmon. quality better if catch spread out among more of fleet. Tom B: opposed as young people have a harder time entering fishery. Vote props 25,26: opposed unanimously.

Prop # 23: 10 in favor, 1 against.

Prop # 30: Motion to adopt by Eric B. Mitch S: bigger boats put people out of business. Quality is already the best it has ever been in BB. Eddie C (?) :42' boats cheaper than 32' boats. Gerda (?): Worried about area M boats coming to BB. Vote: 2 in favor, 9 opposed.

Taryn: Procedures for approval of minutes prior to BOF meeting. Mitch S: who will approve minutes? Mitch S nominated to approve minutes. Vote to have Mitch S approve minutes: carried unanimously.

Jason Dye Proposal # 62: Not particularly beneficial. Tim E: motioned to take no action.

Taryn: HQ : what Board meetings to fund LBBAC to attend? Mitch S: BB, AK Pen, maybe Joint Boards.

Taryn: AC encouraged to look at AC committee proposed regs. Also should I get S Pen and Chignik managers for our next AC meeting? Mitch S: Yes.

Taryn: Will put Joint Board and Statewide props on next meeting.

Mitch S and Taryn: next meeting 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 14.

Adjournment: 12:45 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Eric M Beeman  
Minutes Approved By: Mitch Seybert\_  
Date: 11/14/2018\_\_\_\_\_



# Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes  
November 13-14, 2018  
ADF&G Office  
570 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bethel, AK

**Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709**

**CALL TO ORDER: James Charles Chairman, 1:05pm; Recessed at 7:00pm on 11/13; Reconvened at 8:55am on 11/14.**

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Phillip Peter Sr., Jackson Williams, John Twitchell Sr., John Andrew (Trapper John), Sandra Nicori, George Berry, Henry Parks (phone), Earl Samuelson Sr., Nick Henry, James Charles, Nelson Napoka. (Excused: William Brown, Nicholai Pavilla Sr.)

**INVOCATION:** James Charles

## **INTRODUCTION:**

- ADF&G Staff: John Chythlook (SF, phone), Chuck Brazil, (CF, phone), Colton Lipka (CF), Keith Oster (WF), Dave Runfola (SD), Jen Peeks (Boards)
- Other Agency Representatives:
- Members of the Public: Tonya Epchook (Org. Village of Kwethluk), Richard Long, (Org. Village of Kwethluk), Jacob Tobeluk (Nunap IRA), Pat Samson (Translator), Martin Andrew (Kwethluk), Chariton Epchook (Kwethluk), Martin Nicholai (Kwethluk)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Trapper John, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackson Williams

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 25-26, 2017: Motion by Henry Parks Approved unanimous as corrected, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Andrew.

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

- Chair: Nominations for Chairman: John Andrew, James Charles, Phillip Peter Sr. Voted by secret ballot.

**Chair: Phillip Peter Sr.** elected

- **Vice-Chair: Trapper John**, only nomination. unanimous consent. Passed
- Secretary: Nominated Sandra Nicori and Jackson Williams...both declined due to hearing loss. Father Martin nominate, but declined. Nominated Nelson Napoka. Earl Samuelson closed nominations.

**Secretary: Nelson Napoka**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY:** *3 minutes per person*

- Martin Andrew: BOF Proposals 105, 106, 110, 118, 120 were supported by the Org. village of Kwethluk. He commented that FP19-10, contradicts the request of 110.
- Father Martin: Requested that if members of the public call into the meeting he would like to honor the public.
- James Charles: Thanked the AC for allowing him to be chairman over the years. "Myself and Trapper



John are the only ones from the original group."There used to be a lot of members from the public representing their villages and on the ADF&G Boards (John White and Greg Rozcicka). It is good for us to address these problems; that there is enough subsistence catches. I know when I was first born the villages were smaller; population growth has been everywhere. It is very important that we can harvest what we need."

- Trapper John (John Andrew): Thanked James Charles for being the chairman all these years. Trapper John reviewed several of the BOF proposals. He commented that there may be conflicts, if there was division in these issues it may not be approved by the Board [BOF]. We need to address the non-salmon spawning tributaries.
- Pat Samson: who do we talk to when there are planes that are harassing birds and game? James Charles suggested getting the tail number, plane description, the color, the time flying etc. Earl Samuelson commented that photos are also helpful.
- Earl Samuelson- Thanked James Charles for serving for 42 years.
- Tanya Epchook (Org. Village of Kwethluk)- Commented that she supports BOF proposals: 105, 106, 110, 118, 120. Regarding BOG Prop. 133- she requested an extension beyond 10 days. She support BOG Proposal 139.
- Richard Long (Org. Village of Kwethluk)- Support BOF Proposals 105,106,110,118,120...please take them seriously and make good considerations. Also 133 and 136. We need more than 10 days of hunting from Tuluksak on down.
- Henry Parks- thanked James Charles for his service. Thanked federal management for giving fish.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Board of Game Proposals:**

- GMU 18 Overview: Keith Oster (ADF&G) provided an overview of wildlife in Unit 18.  
MUSK OX: ADF&G surveyed approximately 950 musk ox on Nunivak Island, goal is 550. On Nelson Island about 200 musk ox are no longer on the island. ADF&G is not certain as to why.
- MOOSE- Unit 18 Remainder- Population and habitat surveys conducted. Upstream of Marshall moose are eating 90% of available food. Mt. village downstream moose are eating 20% of food available. ADF&G commented that they don't like to see above 50% of food being eaten. Moose are slowly declining. The decline is going to move down the river and may have to have regulations.

On the Kuskokwim- The AC discussed with ADF&G the estimated number of moose. Sandra Nicori commented that the weather may have been a factor. Jackson William commented that there are predators in Akiak. Saw a wolf in town, saw a bear near town. George Berry commented that there was a wolverine in Napakiak eating puppies. Phillip Peter- commented that when he hunts



on the Yukon he noticed near Russian Mission and Marshall that the moose were thin. He commented that the state/federal hunts were confusing and suggested that announcements be held on the radio. Peter commented that some were being poached and some people were mis-reporting. Earl Samuelson suggested working with the chair and vice chair to put rivers in Yugstun on the maps

- o Moose and Brown Bear Reauthorization: 133 & 139
- o Board of Game: Western Region Proposals DUE May 1, 2019

John Andrew- when we go moose hunting there has been a lot of water so bull moose have been away from the river. We were asking instead of Sept. 1 we could start on Sept. 14 or 15 [RM 615] Jackson agreed with Trapper John, also would like to extend the season that may be better. John Twitchell commented that the weather was changing and bugs were flying around and may have moved the moose to the water.

- 1.) Push RM 615 from Sept. 1 to Sept. 14/15. 2.) Extend the RM 615 season. Possibly move start date to Sept. 5. (Earl Samuelson will start drafting a proposal)
- Address increase in wolf population around the Kisaralik. (Jackson)
- Address the beavers, may be why fish population is declining. (Jackson)

Sandra Nicori- one of the reasons why wolf and beaver populations are coming in is our changing lifestyle. Used to use bears for skin boats. Part of the problem is our changing lifestyle. They are not hunted like they used to be.

- **Board of Fish Proposals:**

- o Kuskokwim Area Fishery Overview: Colton Lipka (ADF&G). Preliminary 2018 estimates indicated that Chinook salmon was below average, sockeye was above average, chum salmon was late but average run and coho salmon was below average.

James Charles commented on Bristol Bay runs. They were catching high numbers of sockeye. They didn't tell us which species were low. They had record number of sockeye. Heard when certain salmon are high in Bristol Bay, the next year is good for the Kusko.

Phillip Peter commented that he caught really big chum. He observed that it looked like the chinook and chum salmon were reversing their run times. Sockeye were late in the Kusko, entering in the first part of July.

Jackson Williams commented that it would be helpful if other villages had test fisheries. Phillip Peter commented that if we hire people from Eek or Tuntutuliak to do test fishery it would be good. He added that he doesn't trust the sonars. Test fish down river is better "...because than we know."

Earl Samuelson commented that he was listening to Region 2; they want a 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion on the fish



count. He added that Mary Peltola commented on using traditional knowledge on determining the fish count.

Earl Samuelson provided suggestions for the fishing schedule in 2019.

- o Kuskokwim Proposals: 105-120, 122
- o Statewide Proposals: 161, 162, 163, 164

• **Federal Fishery Proposals**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- Discussion of Lower Kuskokwim AC seat structure:

Jen Peeks provided an overview of the LKAC structure and history of its formation. James Charles commented that Kwethluk has 2 members because at that time the population was high. People thought Napaskiak was going to be high too, but their population has not been growing as fast as Kwethluk. Bethel was with the AC too at one time.

Henry Parks- So that was back then, but we are growing. It would be good for me if we had one member from Kwethluk and one member from Napaskiak.

Jen clarified process through Joint Board.

James Charles suggested that each member also have alternates.

- Elect AC Representative and Alternate to attend the AYK BOF meeting: January 15-19, 2019.

Jackson- Nominate Phillip Peter to attend, alternate Earl Samuelson

- Member comments:

James Charles- our populations were very small as a kid. Our populations are growing. There used to be no roads to airport. We want everyone who needs the resource to have some. That is why ADFG is always cutting off what we want.

John Andrew- would like to see a later moose season. Bears are raiding the fish camps. Thanked the group, the new chair and secretary. Thanked people from Kwethluk, should include elder and young people.

## Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
133	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18		
Support	11	0	Keith Oster overview.



# Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposal

March 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
			Motion by James Charles, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Parks
139	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
Support	11	0	Keith Oster provided overview. Jackson Williams moves to make unanimous consent.

Minutes Recorded By: Nelson Napoka

Minutes Approved By: *Jackson Williams*

Date: 12/28/18

Minutes Approved By: *Henry Parks*

Date: 12-28-2018



# 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, Voting Notes
FP 19-08			
Oppose	0	11	
FP 19-09			
Support	10	1	Similar to BOF Prop. 113.
FP 19-10	11	0	Similar to BOF Prop. 115. Henry Parks- same as the state proposal.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: 12:56, November14, 2018



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
Minutes of January 2, 2019  
MTA Building in Palmer 7 p.m. start time

Dan asked if anyone had fish proposals to consider. None were taken up.

Members Present: Bob Marshall, Don Dygert, Hans Nordstrom, Andy Couch, Dan Montgomery, Neil DeWitt, Tim Stephens, Mel Grove, Austin Manelik  
All other members absent.

Department staff: Tim Peltier ADF&G Area Game Biologist, Public Gary Calhoun

Public Testimony: Gary Calhoun — 3 homesteads in the Willow Area. Weir in Deception Creek used to have kings, silvers, dogs, humpies, trout, but not much left anymore. Bears used to eat fish, but now all fish gone and all moose calves gone. ADF&G put out several cow permits — no cow moose harvested this year. Feels weir is impacting the ecosystem and removing might allow king salmon to recover. Doesn't know that he has seen any king salmon upstream on Deception Creek for 10 years.

Mel Grove — asked if the king salmon were being killed at the Deception Creek Weir.

Motion to accept agenda. Approved without objection.

Starting **Southcentral Alaska Game** proposals. Proposal Motions made by Mel Grove and second by Tim Stephens:

54 — would allow crossbow in special use hunt areas where muzzleloaders or shotguns and bow and arrow are currently approved hunting tools. Bob feels crossbows can make 100-yard kill shots on a moose. Neil is in favor of. Hans likes the proposal. Austin likes the use of a primitive type hunt — will vote in favor. Andy likes this proposal — as it would apply to the Palmer- Wasilla restricted hunt area. Motion supported 9-0-0.

55. Would remove aircraft language on sheep hunting. Hans will support — the Advisory Committee has consistently been opposed to this language as long as he has been on the Committee. Dan will support proposal he does not know if anyone has been prosecuted under current regulation. Motion supported 6-3.

56. Mel mentioned that some nonresidents could be hunting and harvesting predators. Don believes Alaska has so much federal land that can not be managed the same as state lands — that as Mel said he believes it could be good to continue allowing nonresidents to hunt. Dan mentioned Unit 16B where there is a high number of surplus bull moose and sees no reason to restrict hunting to just residents. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

57. Andy Couch did not feel comfortable without additional information on making an allocation vote — will not support proposal. Dan sees this as transportation to hunt early. ADF&G says with regulation change the controlled use area would go away August 15 -



August 25. Dan mentioned that he was in this area before and that harvest occurs very quickly once motorized use was opened. Motion opposed 1-8-0.

58. No action.

59. Andy feels so few hunters are participating in this hunt late in the season and it is permit already with on overharvest. He would prefer the longer hunting opportunity remain — this benefits hunters who may only rarely get a permit and have not harvested a caribou earlier in the season. ADFG does not necessarily need this amount of time to tag caribou with no hunting season. Dan feels caribou numbers are down and that season could be shortened and perhaps switched to bulls only. Motion opposed 4-5.

60. Austin harvested a goat from the late hunt that he thought was fine eating. Dan mentioned that he has had goats from other hunts in November when male goat meat was poor. Don opposes because the drawing season would be impacted. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

61. Dan mentioned this would create a drawing opportunity in an area that currently only allows one day of registration. This would allow for a bit more opportunity for people who live a distance from Seldovia by drawing permit. Motion supported 9-0-0.

62. Creates separate early and late season hunt opportunity — late season registration does not need to occur in Seldovia. Motion supported 9-0-0.

63. Motion opposed 2-7 Concern about the road regulation.

64. Andy feels the population may not be able to take both a spike fork and brow tine liberalization. Dan likes this regulation and supports. Don will support this one, but not the brow tine change as population. Motion supported 9-1-0.

65. Dan feels genetics are depleted with this type regulation. Several members believe some liberalization may be allowed but were concerned that too many bulls could get killed. Dan can remember when 4-brow tine moose were quite plentiful in the interior — but feels with current regulation those moose are no longer in the population for the most part. Neil wondered about how many wanton waste moose are being killed and left. Andy will oppose as he feels adding the spike fork was already sufficient. Motion opposed 4-5

66. See discussion in 65 Motion opposed 4-5.

67. Dan feels a lot of additional illegal moose that did not fully meet the criteria for legal points may be killed. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

68. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

69 Would remove the drawing trophy hunt and change to a general hunt opportunity. This would provide more opportunity for additional hunters to participate, but antler size would likely



go down. Motion opposed 4-4-1. Some prefer opportunity to harvest 3-browline moose as in proposal 70.

Member comments: Mel asked about postponement of non-motorized access issue on the Maclaren River area.

Next meeting to occur January 23 at MTA.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:14.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch

Approved by: Herb Mansavage, Chair

Date Approved: 2/20/2019



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 30, 2019  
MTA Building in Palmer 7 p.m. start time

AC Members Present: Herb Mansavage, Don Dygert, Hans Nordstrom, Andy Couch, Birch Yuknis, Chad Lipse, Neil DeWitt, Tim Stephens, Mel Grove, Austin Manelik,

Absent Excused: Dan Montgomery, Chris Alderman, Mont Mahoney, Bob Marshall

Absent: Danny Lewis,

ADF&G present: Tim Peltier and Chris Brockman — game biologists from Palmer office

Public present: Bill Shank

State Wide Stocking Plan Comment:

Andy Couch made a motion that the Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee comment on the statewide stocking plan that the Mat-Su king salmon stockings at Deception Creek and Eklutna Tailrace be reconsidered to see if king salmon smelt stockings in the Mat-Su area can be closer to the numbers originally called for in 2019. Chad Lipse seconded. Neil Dewitt Commented that any overage stockings (Ship Creek) could be applied to the numbers originally called for at the Tailrace. Andy Couch also commented that there was public concern over king salmon eggs being taken from the Deception Creek / Willow Creek system when king salmon numbers were so low there last year. Motion carried unanimously 10-0-0. Herb tasked Andy Couch with writing a letter concerning these comments — He will have it done Thursday Jan 31.

### **Game Proposals**

70 This would allow a general season with 50 inch or 3-brow tine moose legal. Advisory Committee Proposal with an antler restriction. Motion favored 8-2-0.

71 Motion by Neil DeWitt 2nd by Andy Couch There was quite a bit of discussion — but ADF&G did not have department comments for this area — but Tim Peltier thought the department was attempting to open the area to general harvest while at the same time aligning antler restrictions. Don not for this proposal because ADF&G is in control of situation with a drawing.— but he has a problem with doing away with 3 brow tine legal moose. Mel would like to see harvest of 3 brow tine moose continue — and feels ADF&G might loose money by going to a general hunt. Andy prefers proposal 70 that allows 3 brow tine harvest. Motion favored 7-3-0.

Proposal 72 opposed unanimously 0-10-0. Birch objected to any kind of new community use hunt — although not requested as part of this proposals — a community use hunt is listed as the last other solution considered. This proposal requests a resident only registration hunt with an additional restriction that those receiving a registration permit for this hunt may not hunt bull moose in other unit during the calendar year.



Proposal 73 Birch objected to the thought that a person could not hunt moose elsewhere. Andy like an option like this that seeks to reduce effort to some effect. Difficulty is in the antler legal size. Motion opposed unanimously 0-10-0.

74 Andy Couch had trouble understanding this proposal — not written in regulatory language. No Action see proposal 76.

75. Would allow harvest of any moose — other than cows with calves by permit with muzzleloader or bow and arrow.. Neil made an amendment that new hunt be allowed only from August 22-29. Neil was wondering if the muzzle loader should be restricted. Motion opposed 0-9-1.

76. Members commented that this was simple and allowed hunters to choose what type weapon they preferred. Andy mentioned that if anyone was worried about harvesting too many moose in the future — the number of permits could be adjusted down the following year. Motion favored unanimously 10-0-0.

77. Motion favored 10-0-0. Would allow additional harvest opportunity for some antler less moose.

78. ADF&G would create any bull drawing hunts for residents only in all subunits of units 7 and 15. Motion opposed 2-4-4.

79. Advisory Committee proposal to require hunter safety in 15 C drawing hunts.. Motion opposed 3-7-0.

80. Motion opposed unanimously 0-10-0. Would limit to only 2—4 permits.

81. Motion opposed 1-9-0.

82. Would reauthorize antler less moose hunt on Kalgan Island. Motion favored 10-0-0.

83. Motion favored 10-0-0.

84. Very few permits currently available — members had trouble with an open general season even with archery. Sheep are in decline currently according to ADF&G. Motion opposed 0-10-0.

85. ADF&G has no data for us. Andy will support the advisory committee proposal to be more conservative in black bear hunting. Motion opposed 1-7-2.

86. Motion opposed 5-4-1.



87. Would close ptarmigan season in Unit 15C. Chris mentioned there is an area around the Caribou Hills where ptarmigan hunting pressure is relatively high. When there is small production in the spring bird numbers will be down. Motion opposed 0-7-3.

88. Motion favored 8-0-2. one abstained was unfamiliar with current regulations.

89. Motion favored 0-9-1. Did not have data.

90. Would allow youth hunting in Skilak Loop Management Area. Motion favored 8-0-2. Abstain was unfamiliar with area.

91. Members had quite a few concerns. 1/2 mile is a considerable distance. landowner could be the state or certainly someone besides the person with a residence. It is hard to even know how close a person is to a 1/2 mile. Motion opposed 0-10-0.

92. Herb supports. Andy mentioned proposal is asking for a conservative opportunity if there are no conservation concerns. Motion favored 6-4-0.

Next meeting on February 6 get statewide fishery proposals you would like to talk about to Herb. with ADF&G comments for Kodiak and Anchorage game proposals we will be working on them as well.

Birch will make a determination by Friday February 1. February 20 meeting Birch has agreed to take minute on this date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch

Minutes Approved by: Herb Mansavage, Chair

Date Approved: 2-20-2019



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
MTA Building in Palmer  
February 6, 2019

Meeting Called to order at 7:01 p.m By Herb Mansavage

Members Absent: Danny Lewis, Dan Montgomery- Excused

Austin Manelick arrived late.

Motion to accept agenda. Accepted with no objections

### **Statewide Fishery Proposals**

161: Would require weekly or biweekly reporting of commercial, charter, Subsistence, or personal use permit harvest of all salmon species. To Broad. Data is already collected by charters, but often not tabulated in time to be used effectively inseason. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

162. Biweekly reporting — if it could all be tabulated does little for in season management — data already collected from charter logbooks is not tabulated in a timely manner. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

163. Motion favored 14-0-0. Committee does not want to see waste of valuable fishery resource.

164. Motion favored 14-0-0. see comments on 163. Committee did not consider other uses other than the sheepish.

165. Would allow switch of registration of boat after sport charter season is over. Point is made in this proposal that commercial fish boat users are already allowed to participate in the subsistence fishery. Charter boats should possibly be allowed the same opportunity to take friends on a boat. Birch asked how difficult it would be to change registration? Motion opposed 7-6-1.

166. Andy had problem that people could be fishing for other species and accidentally catch a rockfish without even attempting to catch a rockfish. Other members felt if a person had a deep water release and was attempting to use it no problem. Mel mentioned it is just like having a lifejacket. Motion supported 13-1-0.

167. Would allow use of 2 flies statewide. Chad felt there would be no harm — especially for trout fishing. Andy felt that there would certainly be more salmon snagged in a place like the Russian River. Don mentioned possible requiring a smaller hook. Chad thinks this should be towards trout — one of the proposers is a fly shop owner. Birch thinks that some of these single. Andy mentioned that a lot of the fisheries identified in the proposal are high use



fisheries and productive fisheries. Hans mentioned that in some trout fisheries . Motion favored 9-5-0.

168. ADF&G proposal that seeks to clarify a regulation. Motion favored 14-0-0.

169. Neal mentioned that the Anchorage AC opposed this proposal. Andy mentioned that MSY management can be good for dominant stocks — however in a mixed stock fishery like Upper Cook Inlet less productive stocks would be significantly and negatively impacted. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

170. Andy mentioned this would take away all the stock of concern designations — and in addition would not work to help the stocks in weak or poor conditions. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

171. Birch thinking he want to support. Hans thinking he wants to support. Andy mentioned the change of some of the priorities in the allocation criteria. Motion supported 14-0-0.

172. Members mentioned that definition included crossbow. Others mentioned that this definition was specific to fishing. Don wanted to use his crossbow for harvesting pike. Birch mentioned supporting the Department. Bob does not want to see this definition transfer to hunting. Motion supported 13-1-0.

173. Chad mentioned that he learned of one business that was pulling crab pots but releasing crabs. Andy mentioned this looks like it provides opportunity without resource harm. Motion supported 14-0-0.

174. Birch wanted oppose since it was a board generated proposal. Andy felt this would help clarify and make for better regulations. Hans wanted oppose as board generated proposal. Motion opposed 2-12-0.

175 —178. Neil Dewitt said the board had already voted on these proposals. No Action.

179. No Action

180. No Action

181. Would have allocation impacts. 0-9-3. (some members stepped out momentarily).

182. Motion opposed 0-8-6. One member felt this would lower the bar for escapement. One member wanted to take no action as had little knowledge of the fishery or what the proposal would do. Some disliked fact proposal was board generated.

### **Board of Game Proposals**

131 - 137 antler less moose authorizations

131. motion supported 14-0-0.



132. ADF&G has 8700 moose with Feb. 2017 count in 14A. and doing new survey soon — providing good view conditions. Motion supported 14-0-0.

133. Andy mentioned Matanuska Valley AC does not have jurisdiction over Unit 18 antlerless moose hunts.. Motion supported 13-0-1. Abstain vote was a statement about no need to make unnecessary vote that does not count for authorization purpose.

134. Out of Area No action.

135. No Action. Out of Area.

136. No Action. Out of Area.

137. No Action Out of Area.

138. No Action. Out of Area.

139. Reauthorization of Brown bear tag exemption. Motion supported 14-0-0.

140. Unit 11, 13, 16A, 16B, 17 Brown Bear tag exemption reauthorization. Motion supported 14-0-0

141. Brown Bear tag exemption reauthorization: Units 4, 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, 26C. Motion supported 14-0-0.

Next meeting: Thursday February 21 Kodiak Proposals , Following meeting Wednesday February 27 agenda to be announced.

Member Comments: Birch spoke about the Fairbanks AC Facebook page as if it was something he would like the Matanuska Valley AC to have. All of us realize when a committee member talks about the AC doing something, it is up to that committee member to go to work. No Committee member objected to Birch establishing and running a Facebook page for the advisory committee.

Andy mentioned the AC still has work on fishery proposals to do this winter. He also mentioned that he is expecting to be absent the next two meetings, and that Birch had agreed to resume secretarial work for the next meeting.

Don mentioned there were some additional game proposals the AC would need to work on.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Minutes taken by: Andy Couch

Approved by: Herb Mansavage, Chair

Date Approved: 2/20/2019



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee  
February 21, 2019  
MTA Building Palmer**

- Call to Order: 7:03 pm by Herb Mansavage
- Roll Call:  
Members Present: Herb Mansavage, Birch Yuknis, Austin Manelick, Dan Montgomery, Tim Stephans, Neil De Witt, Danny Lewis, Mel Grove, Hans Nordstrom, Don Dygert  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Chris Alderman, Dom Nichols, Bob Marshall, Andy Couch, Mont Mahoney, Chad Lipse

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight

List of User Groups Present: Public and ADF&G

- Approval of Agenda: Dan motions, Don 2nds
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Feb 6th approved with no objections, Jan 30th herb approved himself to get in before onitme deadline, (There was the one change on proposal 89, it was written correctly as 0-9-1 which is opposed. not passed.
- Fish and Game Staff Present: Chris Brockman (Wildlife Biologist 2)
- Guests Present: William Shank
- **Board of Game Proposals:**

110	Modify the nonresident bow and arrow goat hunt structure in the Lake George area in Unit 14C from a drawing hunt to a registration hunt		
Oppose	5	5	Neil Motions, Hans 2nds. Austin asked if this would take from the resident quota? Dan said he talked to the area biologist and he said that this harvest would not count agaisnt the current harvests quotas. Birch said he could support if that language was in the proposal. Harvest is not expected to be minimal. Birch asked the Departmetn why they want to change this as it was implemented just a season ago?
111	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
Support	10	0	Neil Motions, HanS 2nds. Don talked to JBER. They want a set date. Consensus was JBER wants it and it is on JBER
112	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
Support	9	1	Neil motions, Hans 2nds. Department was asked if this there is



			any biological concern and if this is the best tool for herd management. Department indicated no biological concern and this is a great tool for herd management. Danny does not believe that cow hunts are good for the herd
113	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	9	1	Neil Motions, Hans 2nds. See notes for 112
114	Open a youth drawing hunt for Dall sheep in Unit 14C		
Oppose	0	10	Neil Motions, Hans 2nds. We had the department clarify "Youth hunt." Mel won't support, as it punishes those without kids. Don feels there are already enough permits for this area. Why should this be a special hunt with a different definition of youth hunt?
115	Establish a separate Dall sheep drawing for second degree of kindred hunters in Unit 14C		
Oppose	1	9	Neil motions, Austin 2nds. Birch states that a nonresident(NR) is a NR. Dan stated this would add 3 permits.
116	Change the brown bear hunt in Unit 14C Remainder to a registration hunt with a bag limit of one bear every year		
Support	10	0	Neil Motions, Dan 2nds. Department states that there is no biological concern for brown bears in this unit. Neil stated that the Anchorage AC had some Anchorage Assembly members come to a meeting and ask for help in harvesting of more brown bears.
117	Extend the hunting season for black bear in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
Support	10	0	Neil Motions, Austin 2nds. Don says there is a low success rate here. Again JBER wants it and it is on JBER. More opportunity.
118	Open a registration black bear hunt for shotgun and muzzleloader only in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Anchorage Management Area (As Amended)		
Support	7	3	Amendment one Add Rainbow Valley(10-0) Amendment 2 add Archery(7-3) Neil states there have been bear attacks here. Proposal as originally written passed 10-0. Later in the meeting some wanted to amend to add Archery. The 3 dissenting votes were mainly based on that this proposal had already been voted on.
119	Open a registration black bear hunt for shotgun and muzzleloader only in the Upper Campbell Creek hunt area in the Anchorage Management Area(As Amended)		
Support	7	3	Amend to add Archery. Hans asked the department if there was any biological concern here. Department said no. Proposal as originally written passed 10-0. Later in the meeting some wanted to amend to add Archery. The 3 dissenting votes were mainly based on that this proposal had already been voted on.
120	Open a black bear baiting registration hunt for shot gun or muzzleloader only within the Anchorage Management Area (As Amended)		
Support	10	0	Amend to add Archery. Birch had faith the department could keep this hunt manageable. (Not overharvest)



121	Allow the harvest of bear with the use of bait in Unit 14C Remainder		
Support	10	0	Dan motions, Neil 2nds. More opportunity
122	Require hunter education for small game hunting in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
Support	7	3	Neil Motions, Dan 2nds. Again JBER wants it and it is there base. Tim felt the base already has enough safety meetings to be able to hunt there and that there have been no accidents in the past.
123	Open a year-round season with no bag limit for unclassified game in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
Support	10	0	Neil Motions, Austin 2nds. Department clarified unclassified game.
124	Extend the trapping season for beaver in Unit 14C		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Austin 2nds. Department states that there is no biological concern in this area for beavers.
125	Modify the Birchwood Management Area boundary in Unit 14C		
Support	10	0	Neil Motions, Dan 2nds. Sometimes we like to support the department. Boundry clarification.
126	Allow additional moose harvest opportunity in Unit 16A by providing an antlerless hunt and/or an "any bull" hunt		
Oppose	1	9	Department stated that this was a BOG generated proposal because the Department's surveys came out after the proposal deadline so the BOG had to make the proposal. Birch stated he is against Board generated proposals. That there are other avenues rather than the Board generating the proposal.
127	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
NA			No Action as not familiar with and not our core area. Birch did want to state that he feels all registration permits should be available online and not just at local locations.
128	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
Support	9	1	It was brought up that this is the proposal Rod Arno (Alaska Outdoor Council) spoke about at an earlier meeting. The additional information from online was read aloud. The Department stated that the BOG spent considerable time on this proposal in Dillingham. Austin likes having areas where people who can't afford or don't want to use expensive offroad vehicles can go.
129	Clarify the ability for trappers to transport furbearers or lawful parts of game as trapping bait within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (As Amened)		
Support	9	1	This was a difficult proposal because it is not really a proposal, but a request for clarification. Amended this proposal (9-1) concerning the 3rd to last paragraph. This amend was to allow for the intent for the regulation to pertain to hunters and that an exception for Trappers should be created.
130	In drawing hunts with a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents, all nonresident permits will be issued from the nonresident allocation		



Oppose	4            6            Neil Motioned, Austin 2nd Currently only Kodiak brown bear would be affected Don stated. Hans is for Non resident being a nonresident. No separate pool and no taking from the resident pool. Dan brought up that currently only 4 permits are taken from the resident pool, although he did not know how or what order they were taken.
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Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Birch Yuknis  
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee  
Date Approved: 2/27/2019



**Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2019  
MTA Building Palmer**

- Call to Order: 7:01 pm by Herb Mansavage
- Roll Call:  
Members Present: Herb Mansavage, Birch Yuknis, Dan Montgomery, Tim Stephens, Neil DeWitt, Danny Lewis, Bob Marshall, Hans Nordstrom, Don Dygert, Mont Mahoney  
  
Members Absent (Excused): Austin Manelick, Chris Alderman, Dom Nickles, Andy Couch, Mel Grove, Chad Lipse  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight, Ten Present  
  
List of User Groups Present: ADF&G, General Public
- Approval of Agenda: Dan motions, Neil 2nds. No objections
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Dan Motions, Neil 2nds. No Objections
- Fish and Game Staff Present: Tim Peltier Wildlife Biologist III
- Guests Present: Cabot Pitts and Robert Cassell
- New Business: The AC agrees that Dan Montgomery, Herb Mansavage and/or Neil DeWitt may speak for the AC at the upcoming BOG meeting in Anchorage March 14-19 and at the Joint Board meeting March 21-25 in Anchorage. The upcoming Board of Fish meeting in Anchorage March 8-12 the AC agrees that Neil DeWitt, Andy Couch and/or Herb Mansavage can speak on behalf of the AC.

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals March 15-19, 2019   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended,	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes



<b>Oppose, No Action</b>			
93	Increase the bag limit for deer in Unit 8		
Oppose	3	7	Neil Motions, Hans 2nds. ADF&G is neutral and feels there is "probably" no biological concern. Dan feels the current harvest is adequate and the Department can manage it. Don states some areas are hunted harder and this could lead to overharvest in those areas. Neil states that one bad snow year can wipe out the herd. Danny supports this proposal, he has hunted Kodiak for 35 years and there are lots of deer.
94	Lengthen the hunting season for goat in Unit 8 Remainder		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Dan supports for those people who want a long hair goat. ADF&G states there is currently no biologic concern, and an EO can close the hunt.
95	Change the bag limit, lengthen the season, and implement reporting requirements for goat in Unit 8 Remainder		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Dan supports. It is a Kodiak AC proposal and they know their backyard. Taking of Nannies can really help control the population. Don concurs with Dan. Plus Nannies taste better.
96	Establish a new registration hunt for goat in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	10	Neil motions and Hans seconds. Birch opposes this as this is an enforcement issue. Dan states that the Kodiak AC did not support this. Neil sees this as a special hunt on private land.
97	Allow the use of muzzleloaders for goat hunting in Unit 8		
Oppose	2	8	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Herb feels the muzzleloader take would be minimal. Don brought up what the Kodiak AC's amendment was. Our AC feels that proposals with options are more difficult to vote on, should present two proposals and we can vote on each individually. Birch brought up that a muzzle loader can also be used in the regular drawing for this area.
98	Lengthen the fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	10	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Don mentions that the early part of October was taken away on the Alaska Peninsula to limit the harvest of sows. Department feels that is why the Oct 25th date was implemented to let the sows den while the boars are still out. Dan mentions that the Kodiak AC opposed and he won't support, the current system works. Birch states if you want more daylight apply for a Spring hunt.
99	Allocate at least 90% of the Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits to residents		
Support as amended	6	4	As amended. (Herb Amended to 80/20 resident/Nonresident split) The author of the proposition was present. Bob Cassel was on this AC two years ago. He quit the AC because two years ago he went to the BOG with this issue and nothing was done. Bob feels the current system for Brown bear permits does not follow the Alaska Constitution. Bob was also not happy with the



			<p>recent policy for allocation adopted by the BOG that put residents on the same level as nonresidents. Dan feels that this proposal would decimate the guide industry on Kodiak. Also that nonresidents may be eliminated from some hunts if there are not 10 permits in a draw to give at least one (10%) to a nonresident. Dan feels that the guide industry is vital to the Kodiak economy. Herb compared this to the lower 48 prestigious tags. There residents have a better chance for those tags than nonresidents. Brought up that even if this were to pass the draw odds for residents would still be low, just not as low. Dan brings up that the Kodiak AC voted this down and that the current system has been in place since 1976/77. Neil brought up that the Anchorage AC amended to 75/25. Don brought up that the guides there have Federal concessions and that limits where they can go. Don opposes on the economic impact to Kodiak and the State. (Non resident tags being more expensive and the Pittman/Robertson match) Hans does not feel that just because something has been this way for a long time (Kodiak Brown bear Tag system) doesn't make it right and that residents need to be more of a priority. Dan states that the current system has managed the brown bear population on Kodiak well. Birch does not feel that the guide industry would be decimated because if the guide offers a quality hunt at a quality price residents would use them for these basically once in a lifetime tags.</p>
100	Create a separate drawing for second degree of kindred brown bear permits in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	10	<p>Neil Motions, Hans seconds. Birch states that a nonresident is a nonresident. That there is a nonresident hunting license and a resident hunting license, there is no second degree of kindred license. Dan is opposed because our AC recently voted to keep the second degree of kindred in the resident pool for the draw. Don is against because what if the hunts are undersubscribed? Could give this pool of people greater odds than a regular nonresident or a resident.</p>
101	Create a resident tag for Kodiak brown bear from the nonresident permit allocation		
NA			<p>No Action based on the comment in the proposal book that the BOG does not have authority to change tag fees.</p>
102	Eliminate nonresident opportunity for the RB230 and RB260 registration permit brown bear hunts in Unit 8		
Support	6	4	<p>Neil motions, Hans seconds. Dan is opposed. This is a road system hunt and would eliminate nonresidents. Herb is for this proposal. Good opportunity for residents. Danny states that the resident local hunters are weekend hunters, that the nonresident guided hunters hunt more often. Dan brings up that the Kodiak AC voted this proposal down. Dan had numbers</p>



			for prior year harvest indicating an increased nonresident participation and a decreasing resident participation.
103	Transfer under-subscribed nonresident Kodiak brown bear drawing permits to the resident drawing permit allocation		
Oppose	3	7	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Neil brought up that the Anchorage AC voted this down.
104	Allow residents to return Kodiak brown bear drawing permits in advance of the hunting season to be reissued to residents		
Oppose	1	9	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Neil brought that the Anchorage AC voted for this proposal. Birch does not like penalizing someone on opportunity over harvest. Don states that the Department expects a certain number of people to not participate and if the Department starts reissuing these permits eventually the Department will be issuing less permits in the future, and the Department agreed. Herb could support if there was a provision for a last minute emergency exception, he likes the idea of more opportunity.
105	Adjust the boundaries of the Kodiak brown bear drawing hunt areas for Kiliuda Bay and Ugak Bay		
Oppose	1	9	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Don is opposed. This proposer is a nonresident guide who wants to align the State and Federal boundaries. a self serving proposal. Dan brings up that guides on Kodiak can only apply one person for each drawing tag. That this would make a smaller area.
106	Provide educational material to encourage Kodiak brown bear hunters to harvest boars and penalize hunters for taking sows		
Oppose	2	8	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Birch feels that more information is good. Don states there already is a video, it may just need to be updated. Dan brings up that these hunts are usually once in a lifetime hunts so a penalty for future hunting here is not much of a deterrent. The Department was not sure if guides are already penalized in some way for shooting a sow with a smaller skull. (Apparently in the past this may have been in place, a sow with a large skull may be a non breeder and therefore not an issue)
107	Prohibit shooting from a boat while hunting in the Ugak Bay area in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	10	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Don brings up that the Kodiak AC new of no known reports of this being an issue. Birch brought up if they want it in one area do it Unit wide. Dan said if one bay make it the whole unit. The Department is of course neutral but that boat based shooting leads to increased wounding loss.
108	Create a controlled use area on the Ayakulic River in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	10	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Birch states if one river do all the rivers in the unit.
109	Require all snares on the Kodiak road system to have a breakaway mechanism		
Support	10	0	Neil motions and Hans seconds. Don gave us a lesson on



			breakaway snares and the poundages. Birch asked if this is a specific area or if so far from a road, just that it should be defined better on what specific area. Danny has taken hunters for buffalo there and a client one time shot a buffalo with a snare on its leg that had been there for a long time. Dan mentions that the Kodiak AC wants this and voted 12-0 for this proposal.
146	Change the bag limit for Tier II moose hunts to any mose and establish a resident antlerless moose drawing hunt in Unit 16B		
Oppose	2	8	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Dan asks the Department why is there even a Tier II hunt in a Unit that is over the population objective. The Department states that the Tier II moose are different than the Fall moose. These are moose that come down from the hills and that the Department wants more direction from the BOG. Also that the Tyonek and Yenlo hills AC's probably would not vote for antlerless hunts and therefore have to use a Tier II. Birch feels the Departments population objective is too low for this area. Dan concurs. Birch brought up that predator management has eneded for this unit as well. Dan feels that overharvest near the accessible points will occur. Herb has hunted this area for a long time and he sees lots of moose. Neil wants to know if any of these "hill" moose are from 16A? The Department does not feel that many moose from 16A cross the Kahiltna to get to 16B.
147	Change the hunting dates for Brown Bear in Unit 9B as follows:		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans seconds. The Department supports 147 over 148. The AC likes the extra week of opportunity over 148.
148	Change the hunting season dates for Brown Bear in Unit 9B as follows:		
NA	NA		See 147
149	Establish seasons and bag limits for mule deer statewide, excluding Sitka black-tailed deer, as follows:		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans Seconds. Every once in awhile we like to support the Department. Don brings up the Department needs animals to test and one way to get them is if they are harvested.



## Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries & Game Proposals

March 21-25, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

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12	Require members to reside within the committee's geographic area		
Support	8	2	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Herb states no offense to Neil but he has to support. Birch concurs. Birch wants clarification on "reside?" six months and a day etc...
15	Amend the emergency closure process to exclude advisory committees that have not meet within the last three years		
Support	10	0	Neil motions. Hans seconds. Good to support the Department every so often.
16	Expand the functions of the advisory committees to encourage the involvement of youth and elders		
Support	8	2	Neil motions. Hans seconds. Birch wanted a more concrete definition of encourage.
19	Simplify the process for removing advisory committee members for having unjustifiable absences from meetings		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans seconds.
22	Allow advisory committee members to discuss and vote by email, excluding actions for antlerless moose reauthorizations or emergency order closures		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Can make minutes at last meeting of year easier.
25	Remove redundant provisions for advisory committee officer regulations and clarify duties of the secretary		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans seconds. It is hard to be secretary and try to participate in meetings effectively.
28	Allow advisory committee representatives to be at the board table during deliberations for those proposals the advisory committee authored		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Good to have no misintrepaton.
32	Repeal the provision for Board of Fisheries members attending advisory committee meetings to be in compliance with the statutory requirement for holding board meetings in specific areas of the state		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans seconds. May encourage BOF members to show up at AC meetings.
38	Require the Board of Fisheries to schedule shellfish regulations for any that have been closed by emergency order for 24 consecutive months		
Support	6	4	Neil motions, Hans seconds. If a fishery has been closed for two



			years the BOF needs to meet to address this issue.
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Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Birch Yuknis  
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chair  
Date Approved: 3/1/2019



**McGrath Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
September 27, 2018  
Captain Snow Center, McGrath**

- I. Call to Order: 12:10 by Chairman Roger Seavoy
  
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present:
  - Lewis Egrass- McGrath
  - Steffan Strick- McGrath
  - Dan Esai - Nikolai
  - Roger Seavoy - McGrath
  - Ken Deardorff – McGrath
  - Vern John – Nikolia Alternate
  - Mike Tierney – McGrath Alternate
  - Ray Collins – McGrath\*

\*Ray jointed at 12:25

Members Absent (Excused):

  - Andrew Runkle
  - Clinton Goods
  - Peter Snow
  - Mark Cox
  - Jesse Grady
  - Jimmy Nikolai

Members Absent (Unexcused): none

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
  
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 10/3/2018 Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Louise Standish & Josh Pierce (DWC), Colton Lipka (DCF), Nissa Pilcher\*(BDS), and Dave Runfola\* (SUBS)  
\*Via teleconference
  
- VI. Guests Present: Brett Gibbons DPS; Kenton Moos, FWS; Elsie Ivey, Barry Solie, Francis Mitchell, Jim Stam, other members of McGrath community
  
- VII. Old Business:  
Chairman Seavoy read letter received from USF&WS re; staffing of positions in McGrath at Innoko Refuge office. Kenton Moos, USF&WS manager addressed the committee and



expressed his hope that they would be able to provide more resources in the future and that they had hired Kellie Peirce for the ranger position here.

#### VIII. New Business:

Dan Esai requested a checkpoint at Blackwater on Big River to make sure of antler restrictions in RM650 hunt. Consensus was that it would be more efficient to use a satellite phone to call Brett Gibbens if it appeared there was a violation. Gibbens could then check at the AC slip on arrival of hunters in MCG.

Additionally, Roger shared comments on the duties of the AC boards and asked for comments from the public. Barry Solie suggested the board include sunset provisions in some of their proposals where restrictions may apply.

#### **ADF&G Staff updates;**

Josh made the point that the board needs to prepare proposals for next year, by May 1, 2018. He suggested some ideas of what those proposals might look like. He said we need to submit a new proposal to continue predator control. Seavoy suggested we reduce the mandatory minimum remaining wolves from 40 to 25 and increase the area of the wolf focus area. He encouraged area pilots to assist Josh in drawing the updated 19D east map for the proposal.

Josh also suggested we look into a winter moose hunt, and a Farewell Registration hunt in order to gather more data on the actual harvest in the Farewell area.

#### **BOG INT proposals to submit during the next cycle**

1. A motion was made to approve creation of proposals for , continued predator control, a winter moose hunt in 19D and 21A, and a registration hunt in the Farewell area. Moved by Egrass, 2nd by Strick. Approved 8/0 (note; Collins voting now)
2. A motion was also made that the moose hunt in 21A should be a registration hunt in order to gather more data from that area. Moved by Strick, 2nd by Egrass. Approved 8/0
3. A motion was made to require transport of all meat of moose, caribou, bison, while still on the bones, in all areas of GMU 19 & 21. As pertains to GMU 21, Josh wanted to talk with the GASH committee to get their input. Moved by Dan Esai, 2nd by Egrass; Approved 8/0
4. A proposal to allow the taking of bears by foot snaring was submitted by Seavoy. Discussion ensued, and it was decided to table this issue for the time being.



5. It was once again proposed to keep the lynx season open to March 31 to harmonize it with the open season on wolverine in the same area. Brett Gibbens said it would make enforcement much easier and, as pointed out several times before, there is no biological reason to not do this. Moved by Strick, 2nd by Egrass; Approved 8/0
  
6. A proposed winter caribou hunt in all of 19D and 21A. Antlerless caribou only. Limited registration permit. ADF&G will set quota of about 40 animals/year. No aircraft use. Season to run January 1 through February 28

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim January 15-19, 2019   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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105	Allow use of set gillnets with 7 ½" mesh to harvest salmon other than king salmon and other non-salmon fish species on the Kuskokwim River for subsistence purposes during times of king salmon conservation		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	It was felt that this proposal was an obvious attempt to actually increase king salmon take rather than protect king salmon
106	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 50 feet of each other in that portion of the Kuskokwim River drainage from the north end of Eek Island upstream to the mouth of the Kolmakoff River		
No Action (NA)			
107	Allow the use of dipnets in the Kuskokwim River drainage subsistence salmon fishery		
<b>Support</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	
108	Add dip nets as legal gear for subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim Area		
NA			
109	Close waters marine waters immediately adjacent to the mouth of the Kuskokwim River to subsistence fishing during times of king salmon conservation		
<b>Support</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	Conserve king salmon
110	Close all fishing in non-salmon spawning rivers of the Kuskokwim River within five miles of the confluence during times of king salmon conservation		
NA			
111	Increase maximum gillnet mesh size to 8 inches in both subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	Obvious attempt to increase king salmon take
112	Allow subsistence fishing for with dipnet gear during times of king or coho salmon conservation		
NA			



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113	Close king salmon fisheries on the Kuskokwim River by emergency order on June 1		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	Thinly disguised effort to increase the harvest of sheefish and likely transient king salmon during the current closed period

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
127	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<p>This proposal was before the committee last year to be considered by the BOG out of sequence. At that time the SHAC committee did not support the proposal to hear it out of sequence and insisted on restrictions should this issue be resubmitted. This committee supported SHAC in their position.</p> <p>Once again we support SHAC.</p> <p>The McGrath Committee can support proposal 127 if, and only if, it contains the restrictions and amendments stipulated by the SHAC committee.</p>



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4	Move the Stony/Holitna Advisory Committee from the Western Region to the Interior Region		
<b>Support</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	Committee felt that it is only common sense to be listed in the region where the committee is located.
5	Designate two seats on the Stony/Holitna Advisory Committee for the community of Georgetown		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Ken Deardorff

Minutes Approved By: Roger Seavoy

Date: 11/8/2018



## MID-LOWER YUKON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

November 8–9, 2018

St. Mary's City Hall; 1:30pm

**Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709**

**CALL TO ORDER: November 8, 2018; 1:40pm**

**ROLL CALL:** Stan Sheppard, William "Bill" Alstrom, Rex Nick, Margaret Guidry, Peter Tyson; alternates: George Beans, Mathew Waskey Sr., Sven Paukan; Absent: Mildred Fitka, Basil Larson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Add invocation; Alstrom motion to approve/ Tyson 2<sup>nd</sup>

**INVOCATION:** Sebastian Cowboy

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** January 9, 2018; Motion to approve Alstrom/ Guidry 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### INTRODUCTIONS:

- **Fish and Game Staff: In person:** Holly Carroll (CF); Teleconference: Jeff Estenson, Chuck Brazil, Deena Jallen, Sean Larson (CF), Jen Peeks (Boards), Pat Jones, Keith Oster (WD), Caroline Brown (SD), Walter Blajeski (AST)

- **Other Agency Representatives:** Michael Jimmy (RIT/USFWS)

- **Members of the Public/Other:** Teleconference: Cyril Okitkun (Kotlik), Kipp Baratoff (Fish People Seafood), Randy Crawford, Edna Crawford (Boreal Fisheries), Jeff Allen, Todd Shoop (International Seafoods of Alaska); In person: Gene Sandone (YDFDA), George Waskey (Mt. Village), Misa Beans (Andreafski), William Luke (St. Mary's), Erik Weingarh (St. Mary's), Clifford Westdahl (St. Mary's), Richard Alstrom (Andreafski), Aaron Elia (Andreafski), Martin Minock (Pilot Station), Sebastian Cowboy, David Beans

**PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY:** 3 minutes per person

- Mathew Waskey (Mt. Village)- Commented that sport hunters often cut antlers into 4 sections before shipping them out. Guides are accountable for all the meat to be taken out, otherwise it ends up in the dump. He suggested that the airplane wheels be made smaller so they don't land on tundra, they do permanent damage. Considering making a new BOG proposal.
- William Alstrom (MLY AC)- Commented on the supreme court decision on the Sturgeon case. That will affect our rivers: the Andreafski, etc. When does that take affect?
- Sebastian Cowboy (St. Mary's)- Thanked the members and the young audience/ fishers for attending.
- William Alstrom- Final comments. Thanked participants. It starts with us. We are important in the process. Thanked other communities for participating. Thanked Holly Carroll. Thanked Jen Peeks. Thanked those on teleconference.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Officer Elections:**



Chair: Bill Alstrom

Vice-Chair: Stan Shepard

Secretary: Margaret Guidry

- **Member terms and expirations: Jen Peeks (ADF&G Boards) provided an update on the current MLY AC roster, term expirations, and community elections.**
- **BOG ACR update: Peeks updated that two ACRs had been submitted by the MLY AC to the BOG. BOG would be taking action on ACR during a teleconference on Nov. 16.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Board of Game Proposals:**

- GMU 18 Overview: Pat Jones (ADF&G)

Sheppard: Are you starting to see either individually or accompanied by bull or calf...I've seen them in heads? They gather up. Jones- we have been watching the same thing happen. Usually late winter early spring, there are a lot of moose.

Bill Alstrom: When you do an aerial survey...do you see a trend in the habitat and animals moving northward? Jones- we haven't started long term projects. The biggest thing we are seeing on the Yukon were from Marshall upstream: willows on islands have been hit hard. A big flood would be good. Willows 3-5 miles off the river are mostly dead...maybe from drought. Lower Yukon: willow communities are under 20% browsing. They look good.

Historically moose have moved down... moose are moving towards the coast.

- Moose and Bear Reauthorization Proposals: 133,139: *See Below*
- Board of Game: Western Region Proposals [DUE May 1, 2019](#)

Peeks provided info on Western Region BOG meeting and the proposal deadline

#### **Board of Fish Proposals:**

- Yukon Area Fishery Overview: Holly Carroll and Jeff Estensen provided overviews of the 2018 summer and fall season.

Mathew Waskey- summer chum, we do dipnet in for commercial... Is there a chance where we can fish with gillnets earlier before the peak of the run. Holly...this year was difficult. Didn't go to gillnets until July. Tracking with 2015. 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest chinook harvest on record.

Eric Weingarth- we left a lot of chum salmon go by, concerned there are over escapement. Have you considered using 6" gear for salmon?

- Yukon River Proposals- See Below
- Statewide Proposals- See Below

- **Federal Fishery Proposals –**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- Elect AC Representative and Alternate to attend the AYK BOF meeting: January 15-19, 2019.

**Elect Bill Alstrom to attend, Stan Sheppard as alternate**



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133	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18		
Support	5	0	<p>ADF&amp;G provided an overview. Liberal season...most liberal in North America. Dept. recommendation is that you support this. To control we need a harvest of over 3,000...but we are way under harvesting. ADFG would like support on the antlerless moose hunt.</p> <p>Stan- % of harvest..? Is there a % of cows not bearing calves... With sport hunters are you keeping track of resident vs. sport hunters catch?</p> <p>Pat Jones (ADF&amp;G)- Non-residence have a really small harvest...less than 30...but trending upwards.</p> <p>Eric Weingarh...increase in sale of moose horns...difficult seeing several hundred moose horns being shipped out and ADFG not keeping track of that. Would like to have it registered. I am seeing several hundred being sold. Not any enforcement out there.</p> <p>Jones- the reason we are not involved with horns...at the moment there is not a biological concern. Our harvest just isn't there...</p> <p>Mathew Waskey-Commercial marketing of big game.</p> <p>George Beans- wanton waste...Jones- we have several regulations on wanton waste and the trooper did cite several people.</p> <p>Rex Nick- about 1,000 moose were harvested...through harvest tickets? A lot of people don't fill out their harvest tickets. I think your numbers are way off.</p> <p>Jones- reminded hunters to report their harvest. At some point in the future this population will crash...and we will need to determine ANS...we look at our reported harvest and probably is low. The population is doubling every 3 years. Harvest is not a concern. Will need to get more restrictive. Right now we are riding the wave of good times...they are coming in the future and we are watching that. This is a team effort.</p> <p>Bill Alstrom-moose season goes from Aug. to end of march. We know there is an influx of moose but when you see a good size boat coming up the river with moose antlers.</p>
139	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
Support	5	0	<p>Stan- I've known in the past in the summer....during fishing season. Pat- if happens when the season is closed...DLP...if its in your village doing damage...under those circumstances you are allowed to kill it. Need to report to ADFG and troopers...try to salvage the hide/ skull.</p>

Adjournment: 11:56; November 9, 2018



**Naknek/Kvichak AC Minutes  
October 22, 2018  
Dollies Hall, Naknek, AK**

- I. Call to Order: [7:07] by [William Regan co-chair/Everett Thompson co-chair]
  
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Ralph Zimin, John Wise, George Wilson Jr, Joe Klutsch, Graham Morrison,  
Patricia Adel, Marc Watson, Everett Thompson, William Regan  
Members Absent (Excused): Richard Wilson, Gustie Tallekpallek, Joey Klutsch, Sergie Chukwak  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7  
List of User Groups Present: Subsistence, Commercial and sport fish
  
- III. Approval of Agenda: John Wise made motion, Everett Thompson 2nd passed unanimous
  
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Ralph Zimin made a motion Everett Thompson  
2nd, passed unanimous
  
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:  
Tayn O' Connor-Brito Board support  
Travis Elison Commercial Fisheries  
Lee Borden Sport fish  
Jason Dye Sport fish
  
- VI. Guests Present:  
Lorri Cockwell  
James Young  
Christopher Manes  
Tyson Wright  
Robert Hill  
Pete Caruso  
Eddie Clark  
Chris Klosterman
  
- VII. Elections for AC members:



nominations opens,  
 John Wise nominates Marc Watson  
 George Wilson nominates Everett Thompson  
 Everett Thompson nominates George Wilson  
 Patricia Edel nominates Graham Morrison  
 Graham Morrison nominates Patricia Edel

William Regan asks the public if anyone wishes to run, nominations are closed. William asks for unanimous consent. Ac members and public voted unanimous to keep the ac members and their designated seats.

VIII. ADF&G Staff Updates:

Travis- asked the advisory committee if he needs to go over the 2018 run summary. Everyone in the meeting understands where the season fell and how well it was for all river and districts.

Lee- He talked about the mortality rate on catch and release of kings on the Nushagak system they started and it's too early to draw up conclusions as they are crunching the numbers. He thought the mortality was somewhere around 3-8%

IX. Comments and Concerns AC Members and Public:  
 No public or ac concerns

X. New Business: Discussion of minute approval for AC minutes to be submitted to the Board of Fisheries before the November 14, 2018 meeting: William made a motion George Wilson will write up the minutes and William Regan will approve them. Passed unanimously.

XI. Joe Klutch and George Wilson Jr will be at dillingham to testify  
 XII. A tentative date of late January for our next meeting.

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140	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
support	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, unanimous that everyone felt the exemptions was in the best interest of all

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Bristol Bay Proposals November 28-December 4, 2018   Dillingham, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
18	Repeal limits to subsistence fishing periods in the Nushagak District		
support	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, members felt that discussing issues outside of your district would be an issue but for the majority we felt this issue was an area we all can come together and support as a whole for the good of the area
19	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with dipnets near Dillingham		
Amended	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, to support as amended to include naknek/kvichak river systems . Full support unanimous
20	Allow use of drift gillnets not more than 10 fathoms in length for subsistence salmon fishing in the Wood and Nushagak Rivers near Dillingham		
No action	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, Outside our area no discussion
21	Allow subsistence fishing with hook and line attached to rod or pole in Six Mile Lake		
support	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, unanimous we all felt that support subsistence in any means is important to all alaskan's
22	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Egegik District at any time from May 1 through September 30		
Support	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, Eddie explained the issue of subsistence users in egegik district have to wait for emergency orders to fish. Our alaska constitution states in priority that Subsistence, commercial than sport fish are listed in that order of importance. The ac member and public all agree with that.
23	Clarify that the holder of two drift gillnet limited entry permits may operate up to 150 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		



<b>Oppose</b>	2	7	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, the regulation doesn't change anything,
24	Allow the holder of either two set gillnet or two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate more gear than the holder of a single limited entry permit		
<b>oppose</b>	3	6	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, the fear is it would consolidate the fishery to 900 operations and that would cut individuals out of the fishery. It would create a different class of drift gillnetters. Others felt that it was a much needed change to the fishery. There will always be evolution to this fishery and this could be one of them. A lot of discussion for both sides
25	Allow an individual holding two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate up to 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		
<b>Oppose</b>	3	6	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, similar to proposal 23 same reasons.
26	Allow the owner of two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear from a single vessel		
<b>oppose</b>	3	6	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, similar to proposal 23 same reasons.
27	Allow the holder of two set gillnet limited entry permits in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik districts to operate 100 fathoms of set gillnet gear		
<b>oppose</b>	3	6	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, public feels this is a way to keep permits within the family as generations are getting older and getting out of the fishery or siblings or younger individuals don't want to participate in the fishery. This would allow individual locals to retain permits within the family. Ac members felt this is similar to drift gillnet fishers and consolidating the fishery is not warranted.
28	Allow commercial fishing for salmon, with set net gear only, within the section of the Kvichak River that borders Levelock Village land		
<b>oppose</b>	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, this proposal is allocative and would create a new fishery. unanimous no support.
29	Establish mesh size restrictions for the conservation of king salmon in the Naknek-Kvichak and Ugashik Districts		
<b>support</b>	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, fish and game management already puts these restrictions into EO'S so this is just clarity what they do every year.
30	Increase the maximum length for drift gillnet vessels from 32 feet in overall length to 42 feet in overall length		
<b>oppose</b>	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, this proposal has been brought to the attention of the board every cycle and the concerns are still the same.
31	Delay implementation of the 48-hour district transfer notification period until the third Saturday in June		



<b>support</b>	4	3	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, early fishers like the ability to get crew and gear out in different districts and make sure everything is ready for the season. 2 abstained because they didn't understand the issue
32	Extend duration of late-season fishing periods in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik Districts		
<b>oppose</b>	1	8	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, the majority felt that department has the authority to continue emergency orders late into the season if escapement was not met but everyone seen last two years that the fishing opportunities where extended into august if all systems escapement where met
33	Allow the use of beach weirs in commercial salmon fishing in Bristol Bay		
<b>oppose</b>	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, the state almost lost the whole fishery because of these types of gear
34	Reduce closed waters in the Naknek-Kvichak District		
<b>oppose</b>	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, unanimous this is allocative and the proposal already got more fishing grounds the board cycle before.
35	Reduce closed waters in the Naknek-Kvichak District near Graveyard Creek		
<b>no action</b>	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, no comments
36	Repeal conditions that must be met prior to allowing commercial fishing for salmon in the Alagnak River Special Harvest Area		
<b>oppose</b>	1	8	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, department stated they would have opened the fishery 2018 season when naknek special harvest area opened but because of the king salmon clause it didn't allow them to. The majority stated that the king salmon provision is in there to protect them and any type of fishing weather sport of commercial can't happen until escapements are met. The king salmon escapement is important to the state and locals for many reasons
37	Manage the Naknek and Kvichak sections independent of each other based on the harvestable surplus within each section and establish section-specific harvest allocation criteria so that 84% of each section's harvest is allocated to the drift gillnet fleet and 16% of the section's harvest is allocated to the set gillnet fleet		
<b>oppose</b>	1	8	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, most felt this would be a difficult for the department to management because of the lag of data along with enforcement as well.
38	Repeal provisions to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the escapement of sockeye salmon into the Wood River exceeds 1,100,000 fish and the escapement is projected to exceed 1,400,000 fish		
<b>No action</b>	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, no comment out of our area



39	Open the wood River Special Harvest Area to both set and drift gillnet gear after July 17		
<b>No action</b>	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, no comment out of our area
40	Establish a drawing system for use of the four furthest downriver set gillnet sites in the Wood River Special Harvest Area		
<b>No action</b>	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, no comment out of our area
41	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		
<b>oppose</b>	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, the commercial fleet has bore the burden of conservation for years with both gear restrictions and no commercial openers for King Salmon. The ac sees the department managing in best interest of conservations stocks of king salmon
42	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		
<b>oppose</b>	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, same reasons as proposal 41
43	Establish subdistricts in the Nushagak District		
<b>No action</b>	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, no comment, not within our district
44	Allow any remaining unharvested Togiak District herring spawn-on-kelp allocation to be reallocated to the Togiak District sac roe herring fishery		
<b>oppose</b>	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, the ac did not support any changes to allocate any resources for future fishers
45	Allow unharvested Togiak District sac roe gillnet allocation to be reallocated to the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery		
<b>oppose</b>	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, for same reasons as proposal 44
46	Increase the amount of harvestable surplus Togiak herring allocated to the purse seine fleet from 70 percent to 88 percent		
<b>oppose</b>	0	9	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, for same reasons as proposal 44
47	Adopt the Southwest Alaska Rainbow Trout Management Plan		
<b>No action</b>	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, felt almost all of this management is already within departments policies
48	Modify the sport fishing season in the Naknek River drainage		
<b>support</b>	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, great idea of shortening the season because it is getting into the spawning season. Others stated that these restrictions are against the locals more and more are put on ourselves to protect the resource. Much need for the health of the fishery



49	Prohibit retention of rainbow trout by nonresident sport anglers in a portion of the Naknek River drainage	
<b>support</b>	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, our own proposal that we all worked on last spring
50	Prohibit guiding on the Naknek River drainage during spring from the marker at Lake Camp downstream to the marker at Rapids Camp	
<b>No action</b>	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, great idea but leave it for the proposer to bring to the full board in december
51	Establish a limited guide permit system between September 10 and October 20 in a portion of the Naknek River	
<b>No action</b>	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, department stated this creates a limited entry which the board has no authority to enact.
52	Limit the number of clients a sport fishing guide or sport fishing guide business may have while targeting trout in a portion of the Naknek River drainage	
<b>support</b>	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, our own proposal that we all worked on last spring
53	Establish guide permits in a section of the Naknek River drainage	
<b>no action</b>	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, falls inline with our ac proposal
54	Limit the hours guides or clients can fish on a section of the Naknek River	
<b>support</b>	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, this is done on the kenai and works, notable in september there are a lot of boats on the river still. The locals feels like they can't enjoy the evenings with family and friends without the congested river
55	Limit the days guides or clients can fish on a section of the Naknek River	
<b>support</b>	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, this is done on the kenai as well, locals would really like a day any day for themselves to enjoy our own backyard. Ac members supported this proposal as a secondary option if our Ac proposals were not in support from the board of fish.
56	Prohibit chumming by guides and other commercial users in portions of the Naknek River drainage sport fishery	
<b>support</b>	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, our own proposal that we all worked on last spring
57	Prohibit the use of certain sport fishing tackle in a section of the Naknek River drainage	
<b>support</b>	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, our own proposal that we all worked on last spring
58	Close sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River drainage	
<b>support</b>	9	0 Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, our own proposal that we all worked on last spring
59	Close waters to king salmon sport fishing in a section of the Naknek River drainage	



<b>support</b>	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, same as proposal 58 that we support
60	Create a rod limit for nonresident anglers sport fishing for salmon on a portion of the Naknek River		
<b>support</b>	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, our own proposal that we all worked on last spring
61	Prohibit blocking access to sport fishing locations in the Naknek River		
<b>support</b>	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, our own proposal that we all worked on last spring
62	All sport-caught fish removed from the water in all freshwater drainages of the Bristol Bay Area must be retained		
<b>support</b>	9	0	Everett Thompson made motion to approve and was seconded, great idea, the mortality rate goes up and person's has observed sport fishers that want to take pictures a fish can be out of the water for a long time.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: George Wilson Jr \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: William Regan \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_10-22-18\_\_\_\_\_





**Nushagak Advisory Committee  
Friday October 26, 2018  
Dillingham City Council Chambers**

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

II. **Roll Call:**

**Members Present:**

Frank Woods III chair  
Joe Chythlook Vice Chair  
Dan Dunaway Secretary  
Gayla Hoseth  
Peter Christopher  
Barbara Moore  
Glen Wysocki  
Curt Armstrong  
Susie Jenkins-Brito  
Tom O'Connor  
Joe Wassily by phone Alt for Clarks Pt  
Kay Andrews Alt for Aleknagik  
Walter Kanulie by phone 9:25  
Todd Fritze Alt  
Chris Carr arr 10:15

**Members Absent (Excused):**

Moses Kritz  
Mariano Floresta  
Travis Ball

**Members Absent (Unexcused):**

Richard King

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** total seats 15 quorum 8

**List of User Groups Present:**

Subsistence fishing and hunting  
Commercial drift  
Sport fishing and guiding.  
Commercial Set  
Trapping



Hunting guide

III. **Approval of Agenda:**

Dan Move to adopt Joe second

Approved unanimous

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

No minutes to approve.

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

Taryn Brito Boards

Jason Dye Sport Fish

Tim Sands Com Fish

Lee Borden Sport Fish

Gabriella Halas Subsistence by phone

VI. **Guests Present:**

Robert Heyano

Bronson Brito

Suzanna Henry USFWS

Angelo Brito

Andy Aderman USFWS

Katherine Carscallen

JJ Larsen

Janet Schlagel

Gary Kline BBNA

Izzy Ross KDLG by phone

Chris Maines BBNA

Heidi Kritz BBNA

Dee Dee Bennis

Kim Williams

Caleb Westphal

Other guests may have joined the meeting but were not noted. A sign-in sheet was posted.

VII. **Election Dillingham designated seat + 2 at large alternates:**

Dillingham seat :

Todd Fritze nominated Joe Chythlook no more nominations.

Joe Chythlook elected unanimous.

Alternates 2- 1 yr term:

Todd Fritze and Steve Perkins nominated

nominee Katherine Carscallen declined.

Kay moved to close nominations.

Todd and Steve elected by unanimous consent



## VIII. Election of Officers

Frank turned gavel over to Taryn

Kay moved, Curt second, Motion approved by unanimous consent: to retain current officers of Frank Woods III chair, Joe Chythlook Vice Chair and Dan Dunaway as secretary.

Dan said he's willing to continue. Joe C said he appreciates the new AC members, its an important public process and he is willing to continue as vice chair. Frank thanked Joe and Dan for their hard work and thanks the AC and public for continued support as chair.

## IX. ADFG and USFWS Staff Updates

### 1. Wildlife Conservation

Biologist Neil Barten not able to attend so Chair gave a short update including the need to address: 17A Antlerless Moose season and' Central / Southwest Brown Bear tag fee exemption. (BOG proposals 134, 140). Barten provided a 2 page handout summarizing the high points of Wildlife Conservation studies and activities.

### 2. Sport Fish Lee Borden

The harvest and effort estimates for 2018 will be available summer 2019. All indications were that sport fishing was good for most of the area.

Nushagak sonar escapement estimates: king 97,000 , sockeye 1.2 million, coho 111,000. Wood River sockeye count was 7.5 million. Plenty of fish.

Upon exceeding the upper sockeye escapement goals on both the Nushagak and Wood Rivers, 2 EO's were issued increasing the sport bag limit from 5 to 10 sockeye.

Nushagak King Salmon sport mortality study, year 2, went well and now there are 300 kings tagged and tracked- it was a good season. Very preliminary estimates of mortality for 2017 and 2018 for each year are 6.7% . Capture methods imitate normal sport fishery as much as possible. It would have been nice to study treble hooks but too difficult to get sufficient sample sizes for both hook types; so only single hooks were used. A more thorough analysis is expected before the Board meeting and a full report is planned for the meeting.

Comment: AC member expressed concern that sport fishery bag limits were increased but local subsistence fishers had to observe limited fishing time on Dillingham beaches for the period July 2-17; doesn't seem fair, does not seem to respect subsistence priority.



Comment: AC member says people from New Stuyahok found wasted jack kings on a beach downstream of the lowithla River outlet.

Comment: There have been reports of roe stripping and wasted pink and chum salmon carcasses near Portage Creek during the sport fishery; apparently people seeking bait. Troopers were notified at the time.

### 3. Commercial Fish Tim Sands:

Announced the Bristol Bay season summary is available, it was an all-time record sockeye run to the Bay and to Nushagak District and Wood River especially. He deferred further discussion for the proposal work.

### 4. USFWS Togiak Refuge Wildlife Biologist Andy Aderman:

Andy discussed the summer photo census of Nushagak Peninsula caribou herd: estimates range from low of 709 to high of 901 animals - reduced from the 1,300 to 1,400 a few years ago. Bull to cows estimated at 25/100, lowest ever estimated. Calf to cow ratio was 34/100. No collars were missed, no indications of migration. There may be a decline in productivity. Most likely the recent winters of good hunting is a main cause for the reduced population - a desired outcome as 1,300 to 1,400 were too much for the range. An old lichen coverage study estimated 48% coverage, 2017 study was 30% - the Service has concerns for depleted range conditions. Very expensive to do lichen studies so they aren't done every year.

Harvest in 2016-17 was 370 reported and 2017-18 about 100 possibly a few more. The USFWS convened the Nushagak Caribou committee earlier this fall; harvest goal was set at 150 animals, allow 2 per hunter to make it worth hunting yet distribute harvest among hunters and communities. Harvest permits may be increased depending on hunting conditions, hunter success as the season progresses. USFWS printed 550 permits, held 50 back for new communities (26) eligible to hunt this herd (Federal Regulations GMU 9 B,C, E 17) and distributed 500 permits among the original 7 villages. 350 issued to date. New villages became eligible this month of October. 10 animals known to be harvested in the Federal area and 1 in the State area to date.

Discussion clarified that same day airborne is allowed January 1- March 31 and shooter must be 300 feet from plane.

### 5. ADFG Board Support Taryn Brito:

Nushagak AC should develop a list of meetings they want a representative to attend for planning.

Board of Fish Bristol Bay meeting is in Dillingham, November 28- Dec 4.

On time comments are due Nov. 14.



Proposal RC 36 There is a Board Generated Proposal RC 36 to clarify special harvest areas: whether they are or are not in the commercial fishing district and addresses set netting in Special Harvest Areas. The current wording may produce unintended consequences- find it at:

[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/fisheriesboard/pdfs/2018-2019/ws/rcs/rc036 BOF AI Cain BB Area and Gear SHA.pdf](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/fisheriesboard/pdfs/2018-2019/ws/rcs/rc036%20BOF%20AI%20Cain%20BB%20Area%20and%20Gear%20SHA.pdf)

AC agreed to take up RC 36 after addressing the book proposals.

Other meetings of interest: \* Alaska Peninsula / Aleutians Feb 21-26 in Anchorage was shortened by one day. \* Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Anchorage March 8-11 \* Joint Boards to address AC issues and Process for adopting regulations March 21-25 in Anchorage.

Board of Game: \* November 16 ACR teleconference - there may be several ACRs for 9B regarding bears. \* South Central meeting March 15-19 in Anchorage.

Break 10:05-10:15

Chris Carr AC member from Portage Creek joined the meeting 10:15

## X. Comments and Concerns

AC members:

Chris Carr asked to add a discussion of roe stripping near Portage and the number of proxy hunts one person is allowed to conduct for winter moose hunts. There are rumors that one person did 7 or 10 proxies last year. Add under New Business

Todd Fritze asked to add clarification of positioning wolf and wolverine with snow-go to New Business. Last winter the BOG meeting ended with unclear resolution except for the caribou portion. Todd says he hopes the AC will write a letter to the BOG.

Taryn reminded the AC that the deadline for Agenda Change Requests for the BOG is November 1, on-time public comments are due November 13 and the BOG will have a teleconference to consider ACRs on Nov 16.

Susie moved Dan 2nd Motion Carried Unanimous: to add the following items for discussion in New Business:

\* Discuss a letter or ACR to the Board of Game regarding their intent last meeting, on positioning of wolves and wolverines with snowmobile.

\* The number of winter moose hunt proxies one person may conduct in a season.



\* Discuss apparent problem of stripping roe from salmon caught in the Nushagak and Wood Rivers.

Public:

A copy of a letter authored by Bristol Bay fisherman Randy Sandvik was circulated. The letter addresses permit stacking, boat length, quality of fish handling and safety. The letter opposes permit stacking and advocates various proposals seeking longer commercial boats citing reasons of quality of fish, efficiency, and safety.

**XI. New Business:**

1. Reauthorization of the 17A antlerless moose season, (BOG proposal 134)

Dan Move Susie 2nd Motion carries unanimous to reauthorize this hunt.

2. Reauthorize Central/Southwest region brown bear tag fee exemption ( BOG proposal 140)

Dan move Joe 2nd Motion carries unanimous to reauthorize brown bear tag fee exemption. Dan spoke in support-this is much less burdensome and the data is still collected when the bear is sealed.

3. Address Board of Fisheries Bristol Bay Finfish proposals and RC 36.

SEE TEMPLATE FOLLOWING for actions.

12:35- 1:10 Lunch Break between action on Proposal 20 and 21.

1:12 Roll call after lunch

Quorum established Gayla, Curt and Joe initially absent but arrived within the next 20 minutes.

3:03 PM Gayla departed meeting quorum intact - as proposal 39 was addressed. One of the members attending by phone may have dropped out as well.

4:29 5 minute break before proposal 40 was addressed.

As the afternoon progressed a couple AC members departed for other obligations. Quorum was maintained.

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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE TAKEN UP AFTER THE AC WORKED THROUGH THE FISH PROPOSALS

3. Discuss Stand For Salmon Ballot Measure :

Agenda item apparently added at request of AC member Gayla Hoseth who was not able to remain at the meeting to discuss this item.

Several member comments to the effect that we should not get into politics. The meeting has run long. Other comments urging support and protection for healthy salmon habitat and wildlife habitat in general.

Joe moved to take no action, Dan 2nd. Motion carries unanimous.

4. Process to approve minutes:

With some discussion. AC understands that Dept of Law wants a single person to approve minutes.

Joe Move, Chris 2nd carries unanimous to: Secretary to type minutes and submit to Chairman to review, approve and forward to Boards on time.

5. Positioning wolf and wolverines

Short discussion on Todd's impressions from some of the BOG immediately post meeting vs current regulation book. Different people have different understanding of final results. Some think the BOG dropped the wolf and wolverines with no intentions of addressing them. Others think BOG may have forgotten about the wolves etc. Others think it was BOG intent to allow positioning and one person thought a Board member said it was fine to position these animals.

Todd moved Joe 2nd- AC supported unanimously : Todd and Frank will compose a letter from the AC to request the BOG clarify their actions regarding position of wolves and wolverines with snow mobiles at the BOG meeting held in Dillingham last winter.

6. Salmon Roe stripping.

During summer of 2018 Chris found pink and chum salmon carcasses wasted with eggs removed. Some fish were taken out of his subsistence net. Others have found similarly wasted fish in creeks near Aleknagik - only the eggs were taken. Several comments from ADFG and AC that this is an enforcement issue and troopers should be notified ASAP. It was noted the Wildlife Trooper was not present at the meeting. Chris was encouraged to contact ADFG staff as well. ADFG staff will bring this to Troopers' attention.

7. Number of Proxies a person may obtain.



Rumors of one or two hunters who may have taken 7-10 moose as proxies last winter. Some feel this accelerated the early closure last winter and didn't give others a fair chance to hunt. Chris would like to see a limit. It was agreed the AC can submit a proposal next year for the next BOG cycle for Southwest Alaska.

XII. Date and Location of next meeting:

At the call of the Chair working with Boards. Keeping in mind Area M comments are due February 7. Possibly address Joint Board concerns at the same time.

Chair said the AC would like to comment Area Biologist Tim Sands for his hard work.

XIII. Adjourn 5:40 PM



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18	Repeal limits to subsistence fishing periods in the Nushagak District		
<b>Support</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<p>Susie move Joe 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Very long discussion with strong feelings on all sides. Some feel the schedule does not give them reasonable opportunity. Several public and AC say it was very irritating that Subsistence is official priority but even with the 2018 the huge run and we are limited to 3 days on local beaches. Commercial was nearly wide open and sport bag limits were increased. Current 3 day schedule is very difficult with 8-5 work schedule, add bad weather days and tide cycles limits access to Kanakanak Beach where a lot of nets are set and site competition can be significant. Do some folks fish overnight just to keep their spot yet risk getting slammed?</p> <p>Many people want to get enough fish quickly to be able to process efficiently - especially smoking drying and canning.</p> <p>Concerns expressed for potential waste if the 3 day schedule is repealed; even with 3 days nearly every year someone catches too many fish and can't get rid of them. Historically the regulation was made to address waste. There were observations that unused fish (sometimes a lot) are seen in the landfill - likely just dumped. Historically the 3 day schedule was due to problems with folks not tending nets and catching too many fish, wanton waste was a problem. 3 day is only in effect for nearby Dillingham beaches. People can go outside boundaries and fish 24/7. Some fish thrown out that are ok just because a gull picked eyes out - that's waste - the fish is often still ok.</p> <p>Going outside Dillingham Beach boundaries requires a skiff and many who fish the beaches don't have skiffs.</p> <p>Opening 24/7 might reduce crowding and site competition; folks could get their fish, get out and allow others access to a site.</p> <p>When the commercial fishery goes into the WRSHA available subsistence areas further restricted.</p>



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			<p>Waste problems are a public education and enforcement issues. With fewer Troopers and all tied up with commercial fishery its hard to get enforcement on subsistence.</p> <p>More education could help. Maybe during peak run, regulation should require permittees to remain on-site. Opponents say on-site requirement is difficult too; people just need to know how to manage their nets and sites. Waste is unacceptable.</p> <p>ADFG comment; even when some folks are warned they really don't "get it" and over do.</p> <p>It was suggested since tide cycle is known, ADFG could publish an annual fishing schedule around best tides. Problem is what constitutes the "right tide" varies by site and user; lots of disagreement on what's right. Also some years there might only be one tide in a day- it can happen for a whole week.</p> <p>What about limiting opening during daylight hours say 9 AM to 9PM, (or 7-7)? Still may conflict with tides, weather, beach access. Once ADFG tried to waive the 3 day restriction and it made some people extremely unhappy.</p> <p>Suggestion to add warnings and information about catching excess fish on the subsistence permit to help educate.</p> <p>There may not be a conservation problem but we don't want a waste problem. Need time or gear restrictions, more self policing and education; something to prevent waste. Maybe open and close similar to the commercial fishery?</p> <p>Roll Call vote.</p>
19	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with dipnets near Dillingham		
Support as amended	12	3	<p>Curt Move Joe 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Author spoke. Intent was to allow only under the subsistence regulations; he didn't want to unleash a Kenai situation but has experienced trying to avoid excess chum and pinks in big years when only needs a few reds or silvers. Intended for official boundaries of Dillingham Beaches ONLY - opposed to expanding up-river, operate dip nets from the beach only not from boats. Admits to trying it briefly and successfully with a small landing net</p>



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			<p>once. A way to be more selective, avoid waste of non-target fish. Smaller investment for some users. Wanted to avoid any possible conflicts with commercial, sport, other subsistence users and gear. Seeking guidance of AC on mandatory spacing - conflict avoidance.</p> <p>Others warned it is a BIG thing, almost a sport in some parts of Alaska - we don't want that here.</p> <p>AC member from Manokotak would like a dipnet option for Manokotak area. Sometimes do it already; generally objects to ANY restrictions on subsistence activities; prefer to have subsistence wide open.</p> <p>Warning this would open the activity to all Alaskans.</p> <p>What about only allowing it after July 17 when pinks are more likely an issue?</p> <p>Chums can be an issue before July 17.</p> <p>Some envisioned drifting from a boat to dip net - better than the snagging that goes on now.</p> <p>Comment supporting original language, for whole drainage and could be a low impact low waste harvest method.</p> <p><u>Dan and Barb Move to amend, Kay 2nd approved Yes 14 - No 1 to:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Specify Dillingham Beaches only per 5AAC.01.310(d) and Igushik, Weary and Snake Rivers upstream of the commercial fishing districts.</li> <li>2. Specify dip net as defined in State Regulation: 5AAC. 39.105(24)</li> <li>3. Specify Dipnets may only be operated from the beach - not from anchored or drifting boats.</li> <li>4. Specify dipnets may must be operated a minimum of 25 feet from other subsistence gear including other dipnets.</li> </ol> <p>Other commenters support concept to manage harvest, reduce set net site competition.</p> <p>Strong comment warn about attracting unwanted non local effort,</p>



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			trespass and especially crowding concerns.  Final vote as amended Yes 12 no 3
20	Allow use of drift gillnets not more than 10 fathoms in length for subsistence salmon fishing in the Wood and Nushagak Rivers near Dillingham		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<p>Susie Move Gayla 2nd to adopt</p> <p>"There can be as many as 600+ Alaska residents in the area with commercial drift boats qualified to fish subsistence, do we want that kind of effort?"</p> <p>I have advocated for this for years but not quite as this is written, we need a vessel size limit of 20 feet or less. In the fall I see some of the commercial fleet hauling box after box to the airport and I wonder what they are doing. I hear rumors and have seen nets that look up to 50 fathoms drifting near Lewis Point.</p> <p>In the 80's and earlier we drifted right out in front of town to get the fish we needed- I have never understood the prohibition - I support this.</p> <p>There was a discussion of legal personal use of commercial catch; there are no restrictions on number of fish that can be taken for PU.</p> <p>Drifting might reduce waste as people would be tending their nets and would not leave them out overnight or through bad weather like set nets.</p> <p>Concern expressed that too many kings might be taken if large vessels are allowed.</p> <p>We should be very careful, this may attract too much effort.</p> <p>"People from New Stuyahok drift anyway, we want it allowed up by our village. "</p> <p>In our discussion of dip netting we opposed drifting, why would we allow this?</p> <p>If this is allowed near the sport fishery it may cause trouble.</p>



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			I support as written to help people get their fish, so what if a few more people come.
21	Allow subsistence fishing with hook and line attached to rod or pole in Six Mile Lake		
No Action			Susie Move Kay 2nd to: take no action out of area. Support motion unanimous
22	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon in the Egegik District at any time from May 1 through September 30		
No Action			Susie Move Kay 2nd to: take no action out of area. Support motion unanimous
23	Clarify that the holder of two drift gillnet limited entry permits may operate up to 150 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		
Support	15	0	<p>Susie Move Tom 2nd to adopt</p> <p>One of the co- authors spoke in support: Single owners stacking 2 permits is a big departure from the original intent of the D permit designed to help a new comer, or person who lost use of a boat but has a permit, or who could not afford to put their boat in the water. The original D permit regulation designed to reduce gear in the water but give some benefit for the extra permit.</p> <p>Comment: Supporters of this proposal need to present the full history of D permits to the BOF, address economic impacts when prices were really low, runs were low, people were hurting and some folks couldn't afford to put their boats in the water or had lost a boat to break down etc.</p> <p>We don't want to be obstructionists but we want to support continuing the original purpose of the D permit when 2 permit holders had to be on the boat and one person could not own 2 permits at the same time. That extra 50 fathoms makes a big difference in catching power.</p>



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			Different co-author: I'd like to discourage permit stacking and doubling gear by single owners.
24	Allow the holder of either two set gillnet or two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate more gear than the holder of a single limited entry permit		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	Susie Move, Tom 2nd to adopt: We just acted on 23: we want to maintain original practice and intent of D permits. We are clear we don't want individuals stacking permits. This would allow too much concentration of gear in the hands of a few fishers. Makes it hard for locals to get jobs or compete. We should actively oppose not just take no action.
25	Allow an individual holding two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate up to 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	Susie Move, Tom 2nd to adopt: We just acted on 23: we want to maintain original practice and intent of D permits. We are clear we don't want individuals stacking permits. This would allow too much concentration of gear in the hands of a few fishers. Makes it hard for locals to get jobs or compete. We should actively oppose not just take no action.
26	Allow the owner of two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear from a single vessel		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	Susie Move, Tom 2nd to adopt: We just acted on 23: we want to maintain original practice and intent of D permits. We are clear we don't want individuals stacking permits. This would allow too much concentration of gear in the hands of a few fishers. Makes it hard for locals to get jobs or compete. We should actively oppose not just take no action.
27	Allow the holder of two set gillnet limited entry permits in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik districts to operate 100 fathoms of set gillnet gear		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	Curt Move Tom 2nd to adopt:



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			AC member - An east side set netter commented : This was once legal and sunsetted and died. There is no need for this I'm opposed to it. Just trying to copy like the drift net proposals we just addressed. This has come up before and was shot down.
28	Allow commercial fishing for salmon, with set net gear only, within the section of the Kvichak River that borders Levelock Village land		
<b>No Action</b>			<p>Susie move , Gayla 2nd to take no action.</p> <p>Discussion It appears Levelock is trying to build a fish plant and wants easy access to fish for their plant, save transport time and costs.</p> <p>AC member inclined to support this for the village and help logistics fort them. Its a small thing but gets confusing and concerning with the allocation talk. Allocation drives management more than I expected .</p> <p>We should take action to support local efforts. Help them.</p> <p>Boards indicated that Iliamna Ac opposed this.</p> <p>Other AC members not comfortable as it might mess up current allocation plan and its far afield for most members of our local area.</p> <p>Voting on motion to take no action Y 10 -- No 4.</p>
29	Establish mesh size restrictions for the conservation of king salmon in the Naknek-Kvichak and Ugashik Districts		
<b>Support</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<p>Dan Move Susie 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Dan I support , makes it easier for the department and informs fleet. Susie saves time for the department.</p> <p>This is mostly housekeeping.</p>
30	Increase the maximum length for drift gillnet vessels from 32 feet in overall length to 42 feet in overall length		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<p>Curt Move Susie second to adopt</p> <p>A letter from a Randy Sandvik was circulated among the AC. Letter listed points in favor and some against longer vessels.</p>



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			<p>AC member comment: current rule is archaic and I favor allowing longer boats. I recall when a 32 foot Rawson seemed huge and innovative, like a cruise ship. This restriction is no longer useful. Other AC members were very opposed, loss of vessel value, current 32 ft boats are big enough and innovations have allowed chillers, other improvements to fish quality. Look how HUGE some of the newest boats are and they are still 32 feet. Those who have the biggest boats now would be the only ones who could get even bigger boats. Bigger boats would put those with small boats at a disadvantage. Bigger boats could tend to bully smaller ones.</p> <p>This would only help the D boats.</p> <p>Set Net AC member: we have enough problems with 32 footers messing up or wrecking our set net lines, even bigger boats could do even more damage to our gear and lines - I don't want that.</p> <p>We have seen proposals like this cycle after cycle. A lot of the concerns against them are valid; "I don't think a local can buy a bigger boat now, maybe not even buy a regular 32' and get into the fishery now. I'm opposed."</p>
31	Delay implementation of the 48-hour district transfer notification period until the third Saturday in June		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<p>Todd Move Tom &amp; Joe 2nd to adopt This amounts to creating early season "free week" everywhere in the Bay until the 3rd Saturday in June. Fishers wouldn't have to "drop a card" (register). Currently and historically, Nushagak and Togiak have been exempted and do not have "free week". This would put the Nushagak King Plan wide open as early June is when we have had king openers if there are enough fish.</p>
32	Extend duration of late-season fishing periods in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik Districts		
			Tom move and Susie 2nd to take no Action



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No Action			<p>AC member from Togiak asked: last year was really late, would this have had an effect there? - ADFG said NO</p> <p>When asked if ADFG can extend by 1 day by EO ADFG answered YES</p> <p>Another AC member expressed concern that shorter closed time could hurt coho escapement.</p> <p>Vote on motion to take no action Y 13 -- N 1</p>
33	Allow the use of beach weirs in commercial salmon fishing in Bristol Bay		
Oppose	0	14	<p>Susie move Tom 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Several comment that this is just renaming a fish trap and fish traps are outlawed in the constitution.</p> <p>Comment: I think the arguments they make in support are invalid.</p> <p>We are getting high quality fish now with current gear.</p>
34	Reduce closed waters in the Naknek-Kvichak District		
Oppose	0	13  1 abstain	<p>Susie Move Gayla 2nd to adopt</p> <p>This proposal does not address conditions for erosion criteria established by the Board in 2016.</p> <p>A Dillingham set netter who fishes the area of concerns says: because of the erosion, none of us are fishing on our leases. But I would ask the AC not to support this; this proposal will not support the criteria we came up with to determine erosion complaints.</p> <p>Another set netter using that area is opposed.</p>
35	Reduce closed waters in the Naknek-Kvichak District near Graveyard Creek		
No Action			<p>Susie move Dan 2nd to take no Action</p> <p>Vote on motion Yes 14 -- No 0</p> <p>Discussion of use and history of the area. There is a huge erosion problem, a bank collapsed changing route of a creek. DNR cancelled a set net site and people began fishing further up the creek.</p> <p>Troopers reviewed regulations and had a different interpretation than what was being used by the set netters. Since it is Graveyard Creek, there is an upstream boundary to the commercial district vs a slough- such as Queen Slough in the Nushagak. State can't seem</p>



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			to produce GPS boundary coordinates for fishers to use.
36	Repeal conditions that must be met prior to allowing commercial fishing for salmon in the Alagnak River Special Harvest Area		
No Action			Susie move Gayla 2nd to Take No Action: ADFG explained they have accuracy problems counting kings in the Alagnak and will be removing the king goal. There are already provisions for a Levelock net fishery. This special use area hasn't been used in 10 years. Vote to take no action Yes 14 -- No 0
37	Manage the Naknek and Kvichak sections independent of each other based on the harvestable surplus within each section and establish section-specific harvest allocation criteria so that 84% of each section's harvest is allocated to the drift gillnet fleet and 16% of the section's harvest is allocated to the set gillnet fleet		
No Action			Dan Move Susie 2nd take no action. Several comments that intent was not clear. Vote take no action Yes 14 -- No 0
38	Repeal provisions to open the Wood River Special Harvest Area when the escapement of sockeye salmon into the Wood River exceeds 1,100,000 fish and the escapement is projected to exceed 1,400,000 fish		
Opposed	1	13	Susie move Joe 2nd to adopt Author of proposal spoke in support: the section is ineffective, need to find better alternatives during big runs, does not follow original intent of the Board when WRSWA was formed (to protect Nushagak reds and kings), processors don't or won't buy fish up there, originally expected to provide opportunity for Igushik set netters too but they don't go up there. Suggested alternatives: allow smaller mesh in the district earlier in the season, in big years move northern boundary farther north to expand the district. Further, author objects how gear allocation has been implemented there after July 17 when the regular district allocation ends July 17.



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			<p>AC members: But this huge year even with 700+ boats and all the set nets lots of fish got through whole district and still a lot of fish were caught in the WRSHA and escapement was far over 1.8 upper goal and reached 7.5 million.</p> <p>ADFG and others noted that moving upper boundary north would interfere with subsistence users and possibly some set net sites. Others suggest alternatives would still not slow record runs like 2017 and 2018.</p> <p>ADFG noted: We think this is a useful tool to reduce escapement; in 2018 - 800,000 + and in 2017 700,000?? reds were taken in the WRSHA, several fishers have commented that by opening the WRSHA, they felt it spread out the fleet and set nets and allowed for more effective fishing for most fishers. ADFG further suggested that WRSHA is a useful tool in controlling escapement and foregone harvest. Biologist Sands discussed how he managed allocation and how he understood the regulations.</p> <p>An AC member asked about some sort of in-season adjustment to allocation set to drift as it seems the drifters have lost something. Could a sliding scale be adopted?</p> <p>ADFG noted for 2018, do the math, actually the set net fleet was shorted about 1.4 million fish.</p> <p>ADFG discussed their efforts to avoid a line fishery to improve fleet efficiency.</p> <p>Member was concerned the discussion was distracted to allocation when the proposal addresses the WRSHA; there is another proposal that deals with allocation better.</p> <p>Several comments to the effect that WRSHA can be a useful tool and should not be eliminated, it has been really good for some fishers who go up there and provides a safety valve some years. Another member hopes the Board can clarify guidelines for using the WRSHA.</p>



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39	Open the wood River Special Harvest Area to both set and drift gillnet gear after July 17		
Opposed	0	13	<p>Susie move Dan 2nd to adopt 1 (2?) member departed, meeting quorum intact. Public comment: "everything is allocative and gear allocation was adopted to make the WRSWA an orderly fishery" - before, it was chaotic with gear conflicts - supports alternating gear types. Opposed to openers with where both gear types are in the water at the same time. One member felt the fishery was ok when both gear types fished concurrently. Season to season different gears have different advantages - this year the fish were small and ran deep - set nets couldn't stop them and drifters might have caught more. Some years fish are on the beaches to set net advantage.</p> <p>Another member said 2 gear types at the same time reduces overall effectiveness of the opener but set nets can't stop the fish in there and it probably should be more of a drift fishery. He strongly supports the option of harvesting in the WRSWA , we need to find a way for gear types to share the opportunity. Public comment: we are talking about some record years here and we shouldn't change everything based on some unusually big runs. Also its a mistake to change a few things just because industry can't keep up. AC member warned some of the worst regulations come from over-reaction or panic. The allocation plan is one of them. I don't think we can fix that regulation with just another proposal. There is no way that this one change will curb over-escapement. A member expressed concern for impacts the WRSWA might have on Muklung king run.</p>
40	Establish a drawing system for use of the four furthest downriver set gillnet sites in the Wood River Special Harvest Area		
			Curt move Susie 2nd to adopt



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<b>Opposed</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	ADFG thought it was not legal or within Board authority. Others wondered if its legal or how it could be conducted. Comment: years past we tried to let the cannery do it, and the cannery wouldn't even go for it.
41	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		
<b>Opposed</b>  see recommen dation	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<p>Chris Move Susie 2nd to adopt Public comment, 41, 42, 43 all address the king plan, the AC should ask the BOF to form a working group to review the whole plan and develop recommendations. Sonar equipment has changed and seems to under count kings, ADFG no longer can forecast kings, all this will take a lot of time. A working group could take the time needed and bring back to BOF at a later date. Several members agree with this idea. Susie withdraws here second " Tiny "fixes" aren't helpful. AC member Chris who participates in the sport fishery business agrees, says we're down to a 10 day season, I can't book after the 4th of July, fish are small, I get closed down too often, I withdraw my motion.</p> <p>Susie Move and Chris 2nd to: New motion to Take No Action on 41, 42, 43 and ask Board to form a working group to address the whole Plan. Motion carries unanimous.</p> <p>AC member Dan suggest we should OPPOSE 41-43, we don't want action on those proposals without a full review of the plan.</p> <p>Dan Moves for reconsideration. Susie 2nd Motion Carries Unanimous.</p> <p>Susie Move, Joe Second to oppose 41, 42, 43 and ask Board to establish a working group to review whole plan.</p>



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			<u>Motion carries unanimous</u> : AC Opposes 41, 42, 43 and recommends the Board form a working group of stakeholders for full plan review.
42	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	See discussion for 41 above
43	Establish subdistricts in the Nushagak District		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	See discussion for 41 above
44	Allow any remaining unharvested Togiak District herring spawn-on-kelp allocation to be reallocated to the Togiak District sac roe herring fishery		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b> <b>1</b> <b>abstain</b>	Susie move Chris 2nd to adopt Used to be very lucrative but little or no market now. We shouldn't give it away because its not used right now, keep it in case market comes back. If we can't use it, it should go to local subsistence - they have to go farther now to get roe on kelp. Frustration that processors seem to control fishery and market now. Tenders make more than fishermen. On an average season now, seiners take all their quota gillnetters take less than 20%.
45	Allow unharvested Togiak District sac roe gillnet allocation to be reallocated to the Dutch Harbor food and bait herring fishery		
<b>Opposed</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	Susie move Chris 2nd to adopt The food and bait fishery keep trying to take our unused quota. It would be better to share and keep it among Togiak based gear groups than to give up to Dutch Harbor, we'd never get it back. We should look for alternate uses and markets, don't give it up.
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			Curt Move Susie 2nd to adopt



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<b>Support as amended</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<p>Author spoke to his proposal: there is a surplus of herring for the gillnetters that isn't taken even in their biggest recent year 2014; in 2017 15 gillnetters only took 20% of their allocation while seiners took all their allocation. I used an average of several years to write my proposal. We need to keep the fishery in Togiak vs Dutch Harbor - if they take it, we won't get it back. For the last 3-4 years gillnet has take a very small portion of their allocation - this should not hurt the remaining gillnetter(s?).</p> <p>I agree keep the harvest in Togiak it would be easier to adjust allocation among Togiak gear groups than to recover it from the Dutch Harbor fishery . We could g this proposal to try it out for 3 years. It seems like the gillnet fishery is getting phased out - I hate to see that.</p> <p>Dan I move Todd 2nd to amend the proposal from the current regulation dividing the Togiak harvest allocation of 70% seine and 30% gillnet to a harvest allocation of 80% Seine and 20% gillnet and to sun set in 3 years. Motion to amend carries 9-3</p> <p>Vote on amended proposal carries 11-1</p>
47	Adopt the Southwest Alaska Rainbow Trout Management Plan		
<b>Support</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<p>Tom move Dan 2nd to adopt Mostly book keeping but apparently author wants full plan in one place for reference and clarity; its too hard to find and get the full picture with the pieces scattered throughout the regulations. We should support it, it is a good document and should be easier to for the public to find, use, and understand.</p>
48	Modify the sport fishing season in the Naknek River drainage		



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No Action			48- 61 are out of the Nushagak area and the AC agreed unanimously to take NO ACTION
49			Prohibit retention of rainbow trout by nonresident sport anglers in a portion of the Naknek River drainage
No Action			
50			Prohibit guiding on the Naknek River drainage during spring from the marker at Lake Camp downstream to the marker at Rapids Camp
No Action			
51			Establish a limited guide permit system between September 10 and October 20 in a portion of the Naknek River
No Action			
52			Limit the number of clients a sport fishing guide or sport fishing guide business may have while targeting trout in a portion of the Naknek River drainage
No Action			
53			Establish guide permits in a section of the Naknek River drainage
No Action			
54			Limit the hours guides or clients can fish on a section of the Naknek River
No Action			
55			Limit the days guides or clients can fish on a section of the Naknek River
No Action			
56			Prohibit chumming by guides and other commercial users in portions of the Naknek River drainage sport fishery
No Action			
57			Prohibit the use of certain sport fishing tackle in a section of the Naknek River drainage
No Action			
58			Close sport fishing for king salmon in a portion of the Naknek River drainage
No Action			
59			Close waters to king salmon sport fishing in a section of the Naknek River drainage
No Action			
60			Create a rod limit for nonresident anglers sport fishing for salmon on a portion of the Naknek River



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<b>No Action</b>			
61	Prohibit blocking access to sport fishing locations in the Naknek River		
<b>No Action</b>			
62	All sport-caught fish removed from the water in all freshwater drainages of the Bristol Bay Area must be retained		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<p>Dan Move Chris 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Dan - I'm opposed, ADFG says studies show no detectable harm, would make outlaws out of every person who had to lift even the smallest fish out of the water to unhook, would make violators out of too many people for no biological gain. How would anglers unhook even tiny fish?</p> <p>Todd, I'm very opposed.</p> <p>Often a big part for some folks is an out of the water photo and if there is no biological harm why make them violators?</p>
<b>RC 36</b>	Board Generated Proposal to address upstream boundaries of commercial fishing districts.		
<b>Action pending</b>			See additional meeting minutes following this template.

**RC 36** Board Generated Proposal to address upstream boundaries of commercial fishing districts.

Discussion:

ADFG is not fully informed but it appears to attempt to address concerns Troopers have interpreting where commercial boundaries are for in-river special harvest or management



areas of Bristol Bay. Apparently the issue came to light in the Naknek Special Harvest Area summer of 2018.

**Comments:**

Public - this should be addressed by a subcommittee of the AC and addressed AFTER staff comments.

There could be very significant impacts to subsistence users and regulations.

It might open entire drainages to commercial fishing - I don't think we want that or that it was intended.

We need a lot more information. The state doesn't even seem to know much about it.

**MOTION:** Dan move Todd 2nd to: form a subcommittee for the AC when data and more information are available on this proposal; to meet before the November BOF meeting and develop a response. Meeting to be at Dillingham ADFG office, November 26, 10 AM.

**Carried Unanimous**

Committee will be Curt Armstrong, Tom O'Connor, Frank Woods, Dan Dunaway.

Adjournment: 5:40 P

Minutes Recorded By: Dan Dunaway  
Minutes Approved By: [Signature]  
Date: 11-5-18



**Paxson Fish & Game Advisory Committee**  
**10/23/2018**  
**Mi 180 Richardson Hwy**

- I. Call to Order: at 7:50 pm by Chair John Schandelmeier
- II. Members Present: John Schandelmeier, Steve Chmielowski, Gary Alcott  
Members Absent (Excused): Mark Schlenker, Greg Swope, Alan Echols  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: 1 ADFG (who was it?) , Jesse Hankins, BLM
- VI. Guests Present: Rich Holmsted,
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:  
Elections were held (and then a quorum was achieved to conduct further committee business) with the following results:  
Gary Alcott and Rich Holstrom were elected for 3 year seats, terms expire 6/2021  
Mark Schlenker and John Schandelmeier were elected for 2 year seats, term expires 6/2020.  
Alan Echols was elected for 1 year alternate, term expires 6/19.  
These were done by unanimous consent.  
Officers were elected as follows: John Schandelmeier, Chair, Mark Schlenker, Vice-Chair  
and Steve Chmielowski, Secretary. These are 2 year terms.

The committee then went into discussion on proposals.

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22	Allow advisory committee members to discuss and vote by email, excluding actions for antlerless moose reauthorizations or emergency order closures		



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Support	2	0	1 abstain Fairbanks AC wants to use email among members about proposals and local issues. Not all of our members have e-mail, but the use of electronic mail to reach some of our members who are away or busy with their businesses would benefit by doing some of the preliminary discussion by email.
24	Add language to clarify advisory committee meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act and modify noncompliant provisions		
Support	4	0	Allow 2 or more to call a meeting. Good. It is not just the job of the Chair to determine when a meeting is necessary.
28	Allow advisory committee representatives to be at the board table during deliberations for those proposals the advisory committee authored.		
Support	4	0	Allow AC to sit at the table while proposals are being deliberated.
29	Allow advisory committee representatives a seat at the board table during deliberations on proposals affecting their region. This is important. The Board has a hard time remembering what specific testimony has taken place. Having advisory members at the table would allow for the position of the advisory committee to be clarified.		
Support	4	0	Allow AC to sit at table when it is affecting specific area. Members are surprised this is not already in effect. This should have been a given. The idea behind Advisory committees was always that they knew their home area better than anyone on the BOG
33	Amend the Joint Board's procedure for establishing fish and game regulations		
Support	4	0	Proposals submitted by board must be submitted by the Board before the proposal deadline, the same as any advisory or individual proposals.
34	Amend the Joint Board Petition Policy to correct a contradiction with the subsistence proposal policy		
			1 abstain – no special interest in allowing subsistence
37	Repeal the boards' Subsistence Proposal Policy		
Support	2	0	No special interest in allowing subsistence. We believe as a committee that present regulations generally cover this.

### Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Proposals Discussion

128	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled use area description
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	0	4	We support 123 proposal only. This new proposal will cause endless confusion. What is in place now is very clear.
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
Oppose	2	2	Enough hunting pressure already. This proposal ties to predator control in our view
140	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	4	0	yes

We had considerable discussion on a proposal dealing with hunt pressure in Unit 13B, including the lack of quality opportunity for local hunters. The proposal we put together does away with the Community Hunt entirely and replaces it with a much simpler set of regs which allow for local opportunity while still meeting the test for “All Alaska residents being subsistence users.”

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Chmielowski  
Minutes Approved By: John Schandelmeier  
Date Approved: 2/20/2019



**Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2018  
Seldovia Multi-Purpose Room**

- I. Call to Order: 1800 by Michael Opheim, Chairperson
- II. Members Present: Keith Swick, Alvin Swick, Walt Sonen, Jordan Cameron, Stephen Payton, Allison Miller  
Members Absent: Keith Gain, Bryan Chartier  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4  
  
List of User Groups Present: none
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: none
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: none
- VI. Guests Present: none
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business: Discussion of Proposals

<b>Comments on Joint Board, BOF and BOG proposals</b>			
<b>Mandatory-</b> Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
<b>BOG, BOF or JB</b>	<b>Proposa I Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>	
<b>Supports or Opposes?</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal</b>
<b>Joint Board</b>	<b>20</b>	Amend the removal for cause provisions	
Support	7	0	Seems like it might make things more efficient rather than leaving a hole in our board.
<b>Joint Board</b>	<b>22</b>	Allow advisory committee members to discuss and vote via email, excluding actions for antlerless moose reauthorization.	



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Support	7	0	Opheim says this would be nice for times when fishing boats are out fishing and we need to vote on something without calling a meeting to order. Miller expresses concern about the precedent this sets, but A. Swick says it has been helpful in the past.
<b>BOF</b>	<b>165</b>	Allow a fishing guide vessel to de-register after registration in a calendar year	
Oppose	0	7	Concern over misuse of the proposed provision.
<b>BOF</b>	<b>166</b>	Require rockfish to be released at depth	
Support	7	0	Seems like an easy affordable fix to control wanton waste.
<b>BOF</b>	<b>171</b>	Criteria for the allocation of fishery resources among personal use, sport, and commercial fisheries	
Oppose	0	7	The priority level commercial fishing is placed at in this proposal is not aligned with our community - not at a high enough priority.
<b>BOG</b>	<b>62</b>	Separate the early and late season registration goat hunts for the Seldovia and Port Graham	
Oppose	1	6	Let the population grow a bit. There is no harm in letting the herd get up to numbers so that they are able to repopulate areas they have been known to habitat in the past. Supporting comment: Felt that ADF&G had put this forward as a management decision and it seemed to provide a caveat for continued subsistence usage. Person is not a goat hunter and am not familiar with the hunt/seasons, but the proposal seems reasonable with registration for the early hunt still restricted to Seldovia in person.
<b>BOG</b>	<b>61</b>	Establish a new drawing hunt for goats near Seldovia in Unit 15C	
Oppose	0	7	The regulations for the Seldovia area goat hunt are well designed as is. Users don't feel that it should change.



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<b>Supports or Opposes?</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal</b>
<b>BOG</b>	<b>65</b>	Change the bag limit for moose in Units 7 15 from four to three brow tines.	
Support	7	0	The committee reviewed Proposals 63 – 78 and chose 65 to discuss. Of all the many proposals that deal with the moose bag limit for unit 15C, this one is most aligned with the simplicity and succinct nature of the advisory committee’s thoughts.
<b>BOG</b>	<b>83</b>	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C.	
Support	7	0	The board has historically supported the department in this proposal, and chooses to do so again this year.
<b>BOG</b>	<b>87</b>	Close the ptarmigan season in Unit 15C	
Oppose	0	7	The committee wonders what the person who submitted this proposal is seeing elsewhere, because we don’t believe the ptarmigan populations are low. Where is this lady’s yard? Not enough information in this proposal.
<b>BOG</b>	<b>86</b>	Reduce the bag limit for spruce grouse in Units 7 and 15	
Support	7	0	The department must have good reason to propose it, we are in support of preservation.
<b>BOG</b>	<b>91</b>	Prohibit the discharge of certain weapons used for hunting and trapping within 1/2 mile of any residence in Unit 15C	
Oppose	0	7	A lot of discussion on the different contexts between rural and more populated areas. The board does not find this proposal suitable in the diverse regions located within unit 15C.
<b>BOG</b>	<b>77</b>	Establish a drawing hunt for antlerless moose in unit 15C north of the south fork of the Anchor River	
Support as Amended	7	0	AMENDED: 50 inch, 3 brow tine



<b>Comments on Joint Board, BOF and BOG proposals</b>			
<b>Mandatory-</b> Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
<b>BOG, BOF or JB</b>	<b>Proposa l Number</b>	<b>Proposal Description</b>	
<b>Supports or Opposes?</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal</b>
			Cameron amends to be sure that the new regulation follows the amended bag limit regulations we have previously supported, 50" 3 brow tine.
<b>BOG</b>	<b>93</b>	Increase the bag limit for deer in unit 8	
Support	7	0	This is a good proposal because it allows for emergency response to the fluctuating numbers of deer populations.

Next meeting December 14.

Adjournment: 1930

Minutes Recorded By: Allison Miller  
Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim  
Date Approved:10/24/2018



**Seldovia Board of Game Advisory Committee  
12/14/18  
Multi-Purpose Room**

- I. Call to Order: 1800
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Bryan Chartier, Walt Sonen, Stephen Payton, Allison Miller  
  
Members Absent: Keith Gain, Keith Swick, Alvin Swick, Jordan Cameron, Michael Opheim  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4  
  
List of User Groups Present: none
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: none
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason
- VI. Guests Present: none
- VII. Old Business: Revisiting previously discussed BOG propositions  
Proposition 61: Miller moves to adopt, Sonen seconds. Motion passes. Chartier suggests that local registrations should get first priority, and then other folks who are not here during registration should also have an opportunity to harvest goats. Suggests that there should be a dedicated number or percentage for local in-person registrations. Miller makes the amendment to Proposition 61 as follows: I move that at least 10 tags/permits be distributed in Seldovia on the first wednesday in June. Left over permits will be distributed at the Homer and Soldotna Alaska Fish and Game offices at a later date. 4 in favor of amendment. 0 opposed. Amendment adopted. 4 in favor of amended proposition 61, 0 opposed. Amended proposition approved.  
  
Proposition 62: Miller moves to adopt. Payton seconds. Jason explains that this is a housekeeping issue in realigning hunt numbers to make the process simpler in-house. 4 in favor. 0 opposed. Motion passes.  
  
Proposition 60: Payton moves adopt. Sonen seconds. Chartier would like to see hunting season out of the breeding season. This would allow goats to breed without interruption. 4 in support of adoption. 0 opposed.  
  
Proposition 82: Sonen moves to adopt. Payton seconds. This committee has always approved and voted in favor of this proposition in the past. Payton and Miller remember discussion about the antlerless hunt on Kalgin Island at the last meeting, but aren't sure why the committee



didn't vote on it. Jason offers that moose population has not significantly declined on the island, so adopting this proposition should have the same affects on populations this year. As we have always voted in favor in the past, he suggests that we approve. 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

VIII. New Business: Elections

Miller nominates Cutter Grahn for a seat on the Seldovia Fish and Game advisory committee.

Chartier seconds.

Paper ballots are filled out by committee members. Votes are tallied by Miller, as followed.

Jordan Cameron, 4 votes

Bryan Chartier, 4 votes

Cutter Grahn, 4 votes

Keith Swick, 4 votes

Officers will remain the same, as follows: Michael Opheim Chair, Allison Miller Secretary, Bryan Chartier and Stephen Payton alternates.

Next meeting: Prior to March 8, specifically to discuss BOF propositions. Need to consult with other board members before deciding on a date.

Adjournment: 1945

Minutes Recorded By: Allison Miller  
Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim, Chair  
Date: 1/25/2018



**Seward Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
November 8, 2018  
Seward City Council Chambers**

- I. Call to Order: [7:03] by Chair McCracken
  
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Andrew Bacon, Kenn Carpenter, W.C. Casey, Mark Clemens, Dianne Dubuc, Jim Hubbard, Nathan Smith, Bob White, Jim McCracken  
Members Absent (Excused): Ezra Campbell, Trent Foldager, Arne Hatch  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6  
List of User Groups Present: 1-10, 12
  
- III. Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved by consensus of the committee
  
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: The approval of the minutes for the April 4, 2018 meeting was postponed until the next meeting
  
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:  
Jeff Selinger, ADFG  
Trooper Ben Endres, AWT
  
- VI. Guests Present:  
Kristen Bates, Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association (CIAA)  
Jess Swett, CIAA Board representative for the City of Seward
  
- VII. A. Jeff Selinger began his presentation by discussing moose harvest data in Unit 7. Selinger reported 4 moose harvested in unit 7, down from 6 last year. There were also 3 sublegal moose harvested for which citations were issued. Discussion followed regarding the causes of low moose populations in Unit 7. **Selinger** stated that the low populations were due to poor quality moose habitat on the Eastern Kenai Peninsula. Members of the AC pointed out that historically moose harvests had been quite high in unit 7. Chair **McCracken** asked about appropriation of intensive management funds. Selinger stated that unit 7 was not an intensive management area due to the low harvest numbers.  
**Casey** asked what the plan was for increasing moose populations in unit 7. Selinger stated that there was currently no plan, and cited the poor quality habitat as being the limiting factor. **McCracken** asked how low the moose population has to go before we hit



crisis levels. The discussion turned toward what the Advisory Committee could do to bring this issue forward and begin addressing solutions with ADF&G.

Selinger stated that we could draft a letter of concern, and send it through his office or straight to the Board of Game. Selinger suggested that we discuss the need to promote and increase regeneration of willow, aspen and birch in riparian areas. Since ownership of these riparian areas is mainly US Forest service, Selinger suggested that we work with that agency on effecting a habitat management plan to promote moose population.

B. Trooper Ben Endres reported no trends in illegal F&G activity. Endres reported writing a couple tickets for overharvest of salmon and a couple for over age lagoon fishing during the youth fishery. **Carpenter** thanked Trooper Endres for his presence at Kids Fishing Day at First Lake in May.

VIII. Old Business:

Kids Fishing 2018 report and 2019 outlook: **Carpenter** reported 80+ kids attended the 2018 event. Families from Yakutat, Petersburg, and Eagle River attended. There were lots of prizes distributed to participants, including: 54 rods & reels, 10 tackle boxes and 60 grab bags; with contributions from the Fish House, Kenai Cache, Trustworthy Hardware. This year prizes were given to kids who caught first fish in different age brackets.

2019 Kids Fishing will be the third Saturday in May. Carpenter agreed to chair the event.

IX. New Business:

1. Game Proposals – See vote sheet below
2. Fish Proposals – See vote sheet below
3. Joint Fish & Game Proposals – See vote sheet below
4. Authorization for committee member to travel to BoF or BoG meetings

Motion: **(Hubbard / Casey)** Authorize Diane Dubuc to travel to Board of Fish and Board of Game meetings. Passed unanimous.

X. Citizens comments- none

XI. Schedule for next meeting / future agenda items:

**Dubuc** proposes to discuss the Fall LCI BOF meeting—to occur in November 2018

AC Consensus is to schedule next meeting in the spring after the BoF and BoG meetings. Next meeting should also coincide with deadline for LCI proposals as well. Chair McCracken will contact board support re: proposal book publication/comment deadline



Seward AC would like to host a reception on first night of the 2019 LCI Board of Fish meeting. **Casey** proposes a subcommittee to organize the reception. Volunteers for the committee were: Hubbard, Carpenter, Smith, McCracken, Dubuc (**chair**)

XII. Adjournment at 10:07 PM (Clemens)

**Item IX 1.**

Alaska Board of Game Proposals			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
85	Reduce the resident bag limit for black bear in Units 7 and 15		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
86	Reduce the bag limit for spruce grouse in Unit 7 and 15		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
87	Close the ptarmigan season in Unit 15C		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	
92	Open a hunting season for tundra swan in Units 7 and 15		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Smith</b> supported this proposal because hunting opportunity existed in other states, while Alaska served as a breeding ground for tundra swans. <b>Seward AC</b> opposed this proposal because the wording was vague, there is concern about the misidentification of tundra vs. trumpeter swans given the vast majority of swans in units 7 and 15 are trumpeter swans.
78	Establish resident drawing hunts for “any bull” moose in Units 15 and 7		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Seward AC</b> was concerned that Unit 7 could not support the increased hunting pressure this would bring about
89	Close the trapping season for beaver in an area of Units 7 and 15C		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	
113	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
<b>Support</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Chair McCracken</b> voted No in commemoration and recognition of former Seward AC member Billy Miller
74	Open a resident drawing hunt for moose in Unit 15C		
<b>Support</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	



**Item IX 2.**

Alaska Board of Fish Proposals			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
161	Require weekly reporting of salmon harvest by all permit or license holders as follows		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Seward AC</b> considered proposals 161 & 162 together and oppose both proposals moving forward statewide; and would prefer instead to consider these proposals on an area-specific basis during the appropriate board cycle
162	Require biweekly reporting of all sport, personal use, and subsistence king salmon catch as follows		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Seward AC</b> considered proposals 161 & 162 together and oppose both proposals moving forward statewide; and would prefer instead to consider these proposals on an area-specific basis during the appropriate board cycle
166	Require rockfish to be released at depth		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Seward AC</b> brought forth this proposal to promote rockfish conservation and awareness that these fish can be released safely if done properly. It was noted in discussion that charter sport fishing vessels will be required to use deepwater release mechanisms in the near future and that this proposal would require the same of private anglers
171	Criteria for the allocation of fishery resources among personal use, sport, and commercial fisheries		
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	
172	Define “bow and arrow” as follows:		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	



**Item IX 3.**

Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries & Game Proposals March 21-25, 2019   Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
13	Change the advisory committees having jurisdiction for the Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay area by removing Mt. Yenlo and Denali Advisory Committees		
<b>Support</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Seward AC</b> comments that the specific area of concern is removing jurisdiction of the above mentioned ACs from waters of the North Gulf Coast from Gore Point to Cape Fairfield, or also referred to as Eastern District, Lower Cook Inlet. The Seward AC was advised, on drafting the proposal, that Cook Inlet/Resurrection Bay was a defined 'area of jurisdiction' and it would be appropriate to word our proposal to cite that specific area.
20	Amend the removal for cause provisions		
Support	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	
21	Amend the advisory committee vacancy rules		
Support	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	

Minutes Recorded By: Andrew Bacon  
 Minutes Approved By: Jim McCracken, Chair  
 Date: January 8, 2019



**Minutes**  
**Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting /Teleconference**  
**Friday, Dec.7, 2018**

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

- 2 new members were elected to the committee – Ruby Egrass and Gail Vanderpool
- Bad weather may cut some of us off – if so, please call back.
- We have a lot to accomplish - 4 meetings to make comments on /1 BOG, 2 BOF, & 1 Joint Boards, so members of the public, when recognized are limited to 3 minutes to speak.

**The Roll Call & Quorum**

Due to bad weather for air access to meeting, only Doug Carney and Frank Egnaty were present, along with some community members. All others participated telephonically.

- Lime Village – Rick Breckheimer & Fred Bobby attended /also Faron Bobby - alternate
- Stony River – David Bobby & Charlie Gusty were absent
- Sleetmute – Doug Carney & Frank Egnaty were present
- Red Devil – Barb Carlson & Ruby Egrass were present / also Gail Vanderpool – alternate

**Quorum was met, with 6 out of 8 members attending . 2 alternates also attended.**

**Others Attending - (all telephonically)**

- Josh Peirce, Area Biologist / McGrath
- Nissa Pilcher ADF&G Boards Support / Fairbanks
- Georgetown Traditional Council members – Rebecca Wilmarth / Red Devil, Katy Wilmarth, Meredith Witte(?), & Will Hartman / Anchorage
- 5 Sleetmute community members attended in person. Sandra Greger, Margaret Murphy, Madison Mellick, Susan Hubbard, Taylor Hayden.

**Members' Concerns - Chair**

- Any agenda additions to Other Business for this meeting?
  - 1 - BOF Statewide proposals 161,162, 163, & 164 have been added toward the end of the agenda.
  - 2) - Fred Bobby wants to talk to SHAC about a bear pred. control proposal for the Lime Village area. (This was on the agenda at the last meeting, but Fred was unable to attend.)
- Any proposals to comment on besides the ones listed ?- None
- Anything for future meetings? Nothing brought up.

**Approval of Agenda –*Approved***

**Approval of Minutes** – Reading of the minutes from the SHAC meeting of Sept.19 &20, 2017 were deferred until the next committee meeting.

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



- **Fred** - *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. Folks are armed whenever they are walking or riding around within the village. But the bears are savvy and run in the brush when they detect humans nearby, so people seldom get a shot at them. Predator control along the Stony River, from Stink Creek to Can Creek would do the job.*
- *Gail V. – Fred lives there and knows what's going on in that part of GMU 19, we need to support him. Members & other attendees voiced agreement.*
- *Fred the bears are looking for calves*
- *Rick – agreed with Fred*
- *Josh – are they brown or black bears?*
- *Fred – mostly blacks*
- *Barb asked Fred, what time of year would be best?*
- *Fred - In Spring, as soon as they leave dens & before fishing season.*
- *Josh – Springtime is the best, when there are no leaves and calving cows draw bears in.*
- *Doug –*

The committee voted unanimously to have the Chair & Fred write a proposal and get it to BOG before the May, 2019 deadline for 2020 Region 3 proposals.

#### **Josh Peirce**

- Had emailed a printed version of his power point presentation to SHAC members & there were some hard copies at the meeting.
- Went over the spring twinning survey and the Nov. 2018 composition count, as well as comparing calf:cow & bull:cow ratios to past years

BOG proposals discussion & votes made included the following –

- The 19A predator control program will be up for renewal in 2020. ADF&G will have a proposal to renew - support was asked for and given unanimously .
- ADF&G will make a proposal for the same “meat on bone” requirement throughout GMU 19 & 21A & 21E, which got unanimous support from SHAC.

#### **Doug Carney**

**BOG Meeting /** March 15-19 Southcentral / Anch. / comment deadline - March 1

19A moose hunt proposal 127 (was deferred proposal 165 from the March, 2017 BOG meeting), with the list of SHAC amendments, which was voted on unanimously. SHAC amendments were simplified but retain the hunt conditions recommended from last years' BOG meeting. (see comments)

**Joint Boards Meeting /** March 21-25 / Anch./ comment deadline - March 7 / Proposals to consider – 3, 4, 5, 12

**For Proposals 3,4 & 12 -proposal discussion and votes are included in comments.**

**Proposal 5 discussion was lengthy, and has been saved in a document - which can become an RC, if BOG wants that information.**Vote & reasons are in comments.



**Barb Carlson**

**BOF Meeting /** Jan. 15-19, Arctic, Yukon, & Kusko Finfish / Anch. / comment deadline – Jan. 2

- Fisheries update / lead discussion and explained proposals to committee

- Proposals to consider – **107-** dipnets (**108 & 112**) / **105 & 111** – mesh size / **113 & 114** –relax early gillnet closure / **109, 110, 115, 116, 117** – opening or closing areas to gillnets / **118, 119, 120, 121, 122** sportfishing regs.

**BOF Statewide Meeting/** March 8-11 / Anchorage / comment deadline – Feb.20

- Proposals 161 & 162 - reporting salmon catch in a more timely manner, including subsistence caught fish.
- 163– dealing with wanton waste of non-salmon species
- 164 – dealing with wanton waste of Sheefish

## Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
127	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
Support as amended	6	0	<p><b><u>SHAC supports Proposal 127 with SHAC amendments, for a limited, experimental registration moose hunt in the closed area of 19A in Fall, 2019.</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Nov., 2018 comp count showed a good bull: cow ratio and an OK calf: cow ratio when compared to the count in Nov. 2017.</b></li> <li>• <b>Enough years have passed to see the effects of the bear control program, with a greater # of mature cows having calves.</b></li> </ul> <p>There was not much discussion required about 127, since it was discussed at length as proposal 165 at the Sept 19-20, 2017 SHAC meeting. One change made, was the dropping of proxy hunts, to require antlered bulls rather than any bull. Those meeting minutes and SHAC recommendation list from that meeting can become RCs for the board’s use.</p> <p><u>Note –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part of proposal 165 / 127 says that permits would be issued at the store in Sleetmute.</li> <li>• SHAC opposed / opposes that, and offered the tribal council office as its and the tribal council’s preference, with the area biologist issuing permits.</li> <li>• Also, the store / Hill Enterprises is no longer a license vendor.</li> </ul>



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			<p><b><u>SHAC Amendments to 127</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permit holders can't apply for, or hold any other moose permit in the Kuskokwin River drainage</li> <li>• 5-day opening Sept.1-5</li> <li>• Permits issued within the hunt area in July (<u>similar to RM615 in GMU 18 &amp; RM650 in 19D</u>)</li> <li>• Permits must be applied for in person</li> <li>• Up to 75 permits for <u>any antlered bull</u> may be issued / 30 permits the 1<sup>st</sup> year – to insure herd growth.</li> <li>• 1 permit per household</li> <li>• Hunt reporting must be done within 15 days of season closure</li> <li>• If the 2-year average bull: cow ratio drops below 35 bulls: 100 cows the hunt area will close</li> <li>• If moose numbers drop below the ANS - the area will return to a closure rather than go to a Tier II hunt.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Some background on the 19A hunt closure</u></b></p> <p>The 2006 moose closure originated with the four village councils in the area, (Lime Village, Stony River, Sleetmute, and Red Devil), and some members of the "Old" Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee, (CKAC). This course was taken after watching the continuing moose population dive during the two, (2004-2005), registration hunt seasons. At the 2006 Region 3 BOG meeting, BOG voted to make eastern 19A a closure area, and western 19A was put into Tier II. There was no harvestable surplus in the closure area at that time.</p> <p>CKAC members from Stony River and Sleetmute wanted a closure on moose hunting, with any future harvestable surplus to be used to build the herd rather than having a Tier II hunt. Those 2 villages along with Red Devil &amp; Lime Village are the 4 villages that SHAC now represents.) These 4 village traditional councils made resolutions in support of this closure.</p> <p>Since the closure went into effect in Fall, 2006, the SHAC Chair and the last 2 biologists have been making a list of hunt condition options to include in any future hunt opening. These are listed as amendments in</p>



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			<p>the comments section on Proposal 127.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Nov. 2016 &amp; Feb, 2017 survey results have not led to any movement in these villages for an opening. At the March, 2018 BOG meeting in Dillingham, SHAC opposed proposal 165 (127) to open the closed area for a moose hunt.</li> <li>• The November, 2017 composition survey showed very low ratios – 34 calves: 100 cows &amp; 36 bulls: 100 cows – a huge drop from Nov, 2016, and on the lower end of allowing for herd increase.</li> <li>• The Nov.2018 comp. count showed better ratios compared to 2017 – 40 calves: 100 cows &amp; 52 bulls: 100 cows, shows acceptable calf; cow, and excellent bull: cow ratios.</li> </ul>

Adjournment: 5pm, Dec. 7, 2018

Minutes Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher & Barb Carlson  
Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney  
Date: 12-15-2018



Called to order 11:00 am Moses Kritz

Roll call, Present: Kenneth Nukwak, Norman Gloko, Moses Kritz, Frank Logusak, Joe Alexie, Roger Wassillie, Thomas Dock, Lester Moore, Mickey Sharp, Darren Byayuk, Stan Nanalook Jr. Jimmy Coopchiak.

Dan N started taking notes of the meeting starting from number VII after election of officers.

VII: ADF&G Up date by Jason Dye – radio tags, catch and release data re: sport fishing, and enforcement. 2017 report ready and 2018 report will not be ready till next year for chinook salmon. Questions asked about chinook salmon re: sport fishing in all areas of Bristol Bay Boundary closure in the Togiak district were there catch increase or decrease? High seas catch was questioned

Set net sites on the west side vs east side of Togiak bay

Sport fishing should close as fishing is closed for commercial fishing

Manokotak asked about sport fishing about chinook open with no closer

Proposal for board of fish in 3yrs missed this year

Question on Yellow fin sole

Joint board meeting March 07,2019 in Anchorage

May of 2021 proposals for Bristol Bay

Moses requested break

12:37 called back to order

VII: No update on musk ox overview report not seen to date

1. Form committee H
2. Feasibility study H
3. HWhere to transplant
4. Habitat

Requested to put on next meeting agenda

VIII: Kenneth Nukwak asked about hunting wolves, control of wolf population, predatory control of wolves also to be put on January meeting agenda

Aerial survey moose population east and west side including Klukuk east towards Manokotak and west towards Togiak to protect moose from predatory wolves



Also asked by Kenneth was what can Togiak advisory do to help Manokotak

Proposals:

Proposals: 30, 31, 33, 44, 45, 46, and 62 were all opposed by Togiak AC

X: 1) Frank Logusak motioned seconded by Jimmy Coopchiak to reauthorization of the 17A antlerless moose season, and the Central/Southwest region brown bear tag fee exemption

Game Proposals 134 and 140 supported unanimously

Dated and time of next meeting January 2019

Adjourned 1356 hrs

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a horizontal line and a large, circular flourish.



**Tok Cutoff / Nabesna Road Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes of 2/27/2019  
Meeting held at Slana School**

- I. Call to Order: 5:07 by Ernie Charley
- II. Roll Call: Amanda Abraham  
Members Present: Ernie Charley, Cole Ellis, Robert Herrington, Bill Horner, Eddie Green, Amanda Abraham  
Members Absent (Excused): Christy Ellis, Wayne Shafer, Keith Webster  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5  
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Ernie Charley
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: n/a
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frank Robbins from Glennallen ADF&G, Jeff Wells and Jeff Gross from Tok Fish and Game
- VI. Guests Present: James Abraham, Victoria Rego
- VII. Old Business: n/a
- VIII. New Business:



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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, Voting Notes
128	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
Oppose	0	6	Oppose the admitted proposal as is. Support the original Clearwater Creek proposal 123 as it was written.
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
Oppose	2	4	Oppose hunting cow moose even though current proposal would not disrupt the current bull moose cow population.
141	Reauthorize the resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Support	6	0	Support proposal as is.

### Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Proposal discussion

28	Allow advisory committee representatives to be at the board table during deliberations for those proposals the advisory committee authored		
Support	6 for	0 against	We agree that the advisory committee should be at the table and apart conversation and the deliberation on their proposal. It would give the advisory committee true voice in what is happening to their proposal.
29	Allow advisory committee representatives a seat at the board table during deliberations on proposals affecting their region		
Support	6 for	0 against	We agree that the advisory committee should be represented at the table when there are proposals presented that affect their region. They need to be able to represent their community and know and voice how their community will be affected.

Adjournment: 6:54 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Amanda Abraham  
Minutes Approved By: Ernie Charley, Chair  
Date: 2/28/2019



Submitted By  
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On 3/1/2019, the Tyonek Fish & Game AC discussed and voted on Board of Game Proposal 146, to change the bag limit for Tier II moose hunts to any moose, and establish a resident antlerless moose drawing hunt in Unit 16B. With 6 of 9 committee members present, the committee unanimously voted to support this proposal. (6-0-0) It is the belief of the committee that the data provided by ADF&G indicate the availability and need for this additional harvest.



## Whittier Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2019 at City of Whittier Council Chambers

Meeting was called to order by the Chair Jon Van Hyning at 1:08 pm.

(Advise Guests of Public Testimony signup sheet)

Members Present: Jon Van Hyning, Ric Vrsalovic, James Norris, Gordon Scott, Huey Mason, II

Members Absent Excused: Steve Aberle, David Goldstein, Milton Stevens, David Pinguoch,

Members Absent Unexcused: Brad Von Wichman, Mike Durtschi

Introduce Fish and Game staff present. Charlotte Westing via teleconference, Sherry Wright

Public present: Dan Wright

Minutes of February 10, 2018 meeting were approved by the Chair.

Public testimony - none

Old Business – There was some discussion about BOF meetings.

New Business

The committee started with comments on Southcentral Game Proposals while our biologist was on the teleconference.

Charlotte Westing started with an update on deer population.

### **Board of Game Southcentral Region Proposal Discussion**

Prop 57

Charlotte gave some background on this proposal. There's not enough information in the proposal to explain what the proponent wants this to do. No action.

Prop 58

There is an antlerless moose hunt under Federal regulations only. No action.

Charlotte updated the committee on the black bear population in the Sound. They collared 20 bears and have subsequently collared more bears and moving into the analysis portion of the study.

She has been able to fly goat surveys and seeing good numbers for the most part. This year there were fewer kids count from previous years in the area near Whittier.

Select an AC rep for the BOG meeting March 15-19. -- No rep

Prepare comments on Statewide finfish proposals, if any

Jody Mason brought up a discussion of Modern Recreational Fishery Act that became law on January 2nd which gives the states more control over federally managed fisheries in their area. It will take several years to unfold and develop. In sport fishing, this will primarily affect halibut fishing.

### **Board of Fisheries Statewide Finfish Proposal Discussion**



### Prop 161

This basically adds subsistence and personal use for more timely reporting. If it would help in management, committee would support. If added sport fishing others would support, so everyone had the same reporting requirement.

Amended to include all fisheries 3-2 Support

Final vote 5 - 0 Support as amended

### Prop 162

Whittier fish are mostly hatchery fish, but there is interest in getting good timely information for all fish harvested. Similar to Prop 161, timely harvest information is good for management.

Final vote 5 – 0 Support

### Prop 165

This proposal makes no sense.

Final vote 0-3-2 abstentions don't know enough about it for vote. Opposed

### Prop 166

This has already been approved as going into effect January 1, 2020. We approved the original proposal. No action

Jon Van Hyning made a comment that thornyhead rockfish don't have a swim bladder so they are not affected by the pressure when released; however, they are still considered a rockfish that must be retained for commercial bottom fishing. This would have been a good proposal for statewide finfish and he would like to see this issue resolved.

Select an AC rep for BOF meeting March 9 – 12 Jody Mason (parking only)

### **Joint Board Proposal Discussion**

#### Prop 12

There is no definition of demarcation by using the term geographic area. Not sure what she is trying to accomplish. Many people have local knowledge because they harvest from another portion of the state than they live. Local members of the public have the ability to determine who serves on their local advisory committee. Processors also should have a say in how the fishery is managed.

Final vote 0-5 Opposed

#### Prop 15

If an AC is inactive, why should Fish & Game be forced to activate them just to get an opinion for emergency closures?

Final vote 5 – 0 Support

#### Prop 17

This cleans up the regulations.

Final vote 5 – 0 Support



### Prop 19

This would simplify the process for committees who are experiencing trouble getting a quorum.

Final vote 5-0 Support

### Prop 20

This proposal cleans up the regulation and goes hand in hand with what Proposal 19 asks for.

Final vote 5 – 0 Support

### Prop 25

This removes redundancy and is housekeeping.

Final vote 5-0 Support

### Prop 26

Some believed this would save time and money. Others felt putting a Joint Board meeting at the end of either a Fisheries or Game meeting would over tax board members. They are highly focused during either of those meetings. It would also depend on how many additional proposals there were. There are too many if's in considering this proposal.

Final vote 0 – 4 – 1 abstention because doesn't understand how it would work. Opposed

### Prop 28

Like the concept, but think the Board will not like it. This would have been beneficial at some recent meetings and often the Board is unaware of varied aspects of what a proposal will do on the ground. The Board currently has the ability to call on Advisory representatives, but having a presence at the table would make it easier for Board to call on them.

Final vote 5 – 0 Support

### Prop 29

Sometimes there are proposals from others that do affect our area, and having the ability to provide information would be helpful. Regardless of either Prop 28 or 29, the AC must have the ability to have a member present when Board and staff are in closed consultation. AC representatives should not be excluded from the sanctuary area, as often staff and board members are meeting during deliberations there as well and should be included in those conversations.

Final vote 5 – 0 Support

### Prop 30

It would be good for the sponsor to have an opportunity to testify. There is a lack of balance and transparency with staff and public at the worksession.

Final vote 5 – 0 Support

### Prop 33



Some of this issue also occurs with last minute department comments on proposals. Board generated proposals seem to occur with department consultations during the board meeting. These should have been submitted by the deadline to allow for full public and advisory committee review.

Final vote 5 – 0 Support

Prop 38

The problem with PWS Shrimp was it was taken off the books and it took 10 years of fighting after the shrimp rebounded because a commercial fishery regulation had to be created. Where this might work for razor clams, it also could work against it and be difficult to re-open. Support believes that emergency orders shouldn't go on forever – it should be revisited.

Final vote 1 – 4 Opposed

Select an AC rep for JB meeting March 21 – 25 – Jon Van Hying

Statewide Stocking plan comments, if any – no comments

ELECTIONS were held with the following results

Huey “Jody” Mason and Gordon Scott were re-elected for three-year terms to expire 6/2021. Milton Stevens and Brad Von Wichmans re-elected as alternates for one-year terms to expire 6/2019.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

The next regular Whittier Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting will be an election meeting with date to be determine.

Minutes taken by: Jim Norris

Approved by Chair Jon Van Hying

Date Approved: 1/9/2019