



Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
For Tuesday January 8, 2019 at Cabela's Conference Room, 155 W. 104th 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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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	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	Eμφ Λίαντ nj, 3ΛΛ 65 inc Αρνφιν UnHφ5C		
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.
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-	-	-	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. Nelson second) that the P. O. B. of the Department be able to set a limit for youth sheep hunts in all general harvest areas.



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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 & 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 nj̄ ʒΛΛʒnφ		
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	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, 2nd- John LaVallve, *Unanimous Approval*

a. Add New Business, Proposal 150, Jerry White, 2nd- Cory Toliver

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

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

IV. Member Elections: Lucinda Alexie; Nomination- John LaVallve, 2nd- 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 2nd- 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 2nd- Thad Tikiun

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Alissa Nadine Rogers
Jaime Kassman
02/20/19

Bethel Advisory Committee 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 nd - 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 st year issue up to 30 permits, and authority to close using E.O. Amendment: Accept SHAC Amendments Question Called. <u>Unanimous Approval</u>
133	5 AAC 85.045(a)(16). Hunting seasons and bag limit for moose.		
Support	10	0	Motion to Adopt- Thad Tikiun 2 nd - 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>Unanimous Approval</u>
139	5 AAC 85.045(a)(16). Hunting seasons and bag limit for moose.		
Support	10	0	Motion- John LaVallve 2 nd - Cory Toliver Yearly reauthorization the brown bear tag gee exemption in Unit 18, 22, 23, and 26A. Discussion/ Question Called: (None) <u>Unanimous Approval</u>
150	5 AAC 85.0445(a)(16). Hunting season and bag limits for moose.		
Support	10	0	Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers 2 nd - 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.

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MEETING MINUTES



October 24–25, 2018
ADF&G Office, 9:00am
570 4th 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, 2nd 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

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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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139	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
Support	11	0	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.		
No Action			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.		
No Action			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.		
Support	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
MEETING MINUTES
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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&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&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&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		
Support	11	1	There are only 25 permits issued and later in season, there has not been harvest. 82% of harvest occurs prior to September 20 th . 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		
Support	12	0	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		
Support as amended	12	0	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		
Support	12	0	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		
Oppose	3	9	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



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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		
Opposed	6	6	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		
Support	8	4	Referenced comments from Proposal 63
66	Change the resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 from four to three brow tines		
Support	8	4	Referenced comments from Proposal 63

Next meeting will be January 22nd (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. 9th; Jan-22

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Vanek, David Martin,
Gary Delman, Ron Vanek, Mike Schuster,
Dave Blossom, Greg Enstewick, 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		
Proposals 57 – 67 were addressed at the January 9, 2019 meeting.			
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		
No Action			See prep. comments on 64 & 66
69	Open a general season hunt for moose in Unit 15B and eliminate the drawing hunt		
Support	11 yes	2 no	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.
70	Open a general season hunt for moose in Unit 15B and eliminate the drawing hunt		
No Action			See # 69
71	Establish a general season moose hunt for Unit 15B east and eliminate the drawing hunt		
Oppose	0 yes	13 no	



71	oppose	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 support as amended oppose	4 yes	4 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 cow 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	8 11	2 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.		

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