ALASKA BOARD OF GAME Southeast Region Meeting Petersburg, AK | January 11-15, 2019

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Craig Fish and Game Advisory Council Meeting 11/26/18 Craig City Council Chambers

Agenda

I. Meeting called to order 600pm

II. Roll Call: Steve Merritt, Ellen Hannan (Hunting rep/chairperson), Brian Castle , Dave Creighton, Chuck Haydu, Kirk Agnitsch, Raymond Douville (First meeting after April 2 election.) Shellfish rep, absent excused Mike Douville, absent Doug Rhodes 6 members needed for quorum Trolling, hunting, gillnetting, charter fishing, sport fishing, shellfish, subsistence all represented.

III. Approval of agenda. Elections and Board of Game proposals

IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes from 4/2/18. Moved by Fred Hamilton

V. ADFG staff present Craig Schwanke Sportfish Craig and Ross Durendorf acting Game Biologist for the region, from Ketchikan.

VI. Guests present: None

VII. Old business: None

VIII. New Business:

Elections discussed. Kurt Whitehead interested in position vacated by Stu Merchant represented trapping. (We have three members who trap on the board.) Since we have a open seat it can be filled by someone interested. Discussion on waiting until after our proposal to make the Craig AC exclusive to Craig and Saint Nicholas is heard at the March meeting.

Kurt is nominated by Steve Merritt and seconded by Fred Hamilton. He will represent hunting.

Other seats open up in December and will be filled at the scheduled 12/12/18 meeting.

Meeting for 12/12/18 will be missing at least three members. Discussed having them review the proposals by email. Might have to have their votes by email. Fisheries proposals are due by February 20, 2019.

Ross Durendorf presentation:



Introductions and discussed Unit 2 and Regional proposals

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| P r o | Position | # Support | # Oppose | AC Comments, amendments, notes |
| p 1 | Oppose | | 8 | Steve moved, Chuck seconded. Not the same as regular archery, unfair advantages. |
| 2 | Oppose | | 8 | Steve moved, Chuck seconded. Ethically wrong to bait deer that are easily hunted in the traditional manner. |
| 3 | Oppose | | 8 | Steve moved, Dave seconded. Wasteful |
| 4 | Oppose | | 8 | Steve moved. Safety & conservation issue. Unethical, wounding loss. |
| 5 | Support | 6 | 2 | Steve moved, Chuck second. Support even though could move dates. Discussion of supporting illegal moose kills and fewer moose during any bull seasons. |
| 6 | Support | 7 | 1 | Fred moved, Steve seconded. Amend to residents & nonresidents. Important to use the meat of the animal, not just the hide. Fall bear can be very edible. |
| 7 | Oppose | | 8 | Dave moved, Fred seconded. Data gathered by sealing the hides would be lost. |
| 8 | Oppose | | 8 | Current draw system work well and collects data. |
| 11 | Support | 7 | 1 Abstain | Steve abstained. Fred moved & Chuck seconded. Current harvest rates indicate adding 2 weeks to the current season would not significantly impact the harvest. |



| 13 | Oppose | 8 | Steve moved, Chuck seconded. Needlessly burdensome on trappers for little or no reason. |
|----|-----------------|---|--|
| 14 | Oppose | 8 | Fred moved, Brian seconded. Needlessly burdensome on trappers for little or no reason. |
| 16 | Oppose | 8 | Steve moved, Brian seconded. Current season is more favorable to our area. |
| 33 | No action | | Conservation issue |
| 39 | Our proposal | | Deer population is down. Current season is excessive and deer populations are in decline in our area. There is a need to begin conserving harvest. While the Dept estimates this will only save 42 deer from reported harvests we believe that that number is considerably higher than that due to deer harvest reports are voluntary. |
| 40 | Our proposal | | Conservation issue. Currently a resident of Alaska that is non rural qualified can only harvest 2 bucks on federal land and 4 bucks on state land in unit 2. Excessive pressure will be put upon state lands within Unit 2 due to this new non rural qualified bag limit. We felt some means of conservation needs to be taken when this is considered and suggest reducing the nonresident bag limit to 2 bucks. A 2 buck non resident bag limit will not affect the guide industry and is a reasonable amount of harvest to entice out of state hunters while 4 bucks was consider excessive by our committee. |
| 41 | No action | | Conservation. A visual tag requirement should discourage the practice of harvest tickets not being cut. |
| 43 | Support | 8 | Steve moved Fred seconded. Wolf population can support the harvest. |
| 47 | Support | 8 | Steve moved, Dave seconded |
| | | | |

Craig Schwanke presentation: Alaska's 7.5% reduction for King Salmon harvest Changing methodology from the Abundance Index to the Winter Troll Season CPUE



HB 260 allows us to use electronic hunting/fishing license

Ross:

Forest Service LLA ADFG supported conserving old growth timber for critical winter habitat for deer. Comment deadline is Dec. 12??? Cutting this much Old growth will significantly impact deer harvest. There are 3 alternates that will cut varying amounts of old growth.

Moved and seconded the Craig AC support option 5 of the LLA.

Kurt Whitehead will be attending the January 11-15, 2019 Board of Game meeting in Petersburg representing the Craig AC.

Adjourn at 9:15pm



Craig Fish and Game Advisory Committee December 12, 2018 Craig City Council Chamber

I.Call to Order: 6:06

 II. Roll Call:
 Members Present: Kurt Whitehead, Steve Merritt, Ellen Hannan, Brian Castle, Raymond Douville, Mike Douville
 Members Absent (Excused): Chuck Haydu, Kirk Agnitsch
 Members Absent (Unexcused):
 Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
 List of User Groups Present:
 Joel Steenstra, Jeff Reeves-FS, Jessalyn Rintala ADFG, Ross Durendorf-ADFG

III. Approval of Agenda:

IV.

V.Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From November 26, 2018 meeting

- VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Ross Durendorf, Craig Schwanke, Jessalyn
- VII. Guests Present: Joel Steenstra, Jeff Reeves-FS
- VIII. Old Business:
 - Comments on BoG proposals.

Prop 1- Change our vote since we finally understand that they are asking if crossbow can be allowed during the general season. In favor if it is for a general season hunt and opposed if it is together with the archery only season. Change our position to support with notes.

Prop 4- Lots of discussion regarding shooting out of a boat.

Prop 5- Lots of discussion. Hunters shouldn't be allowed to hunt moose on federal lands if they took an illegal bull during the state hunt. Two week season and set quota based on area and liberalize reporting regulations and locations to any fish and game office or the Troopers with a short reporting time frame. As it exists POW hunters have to go all the way to Perersberg.

Prop 6- Require non residents as well. All good.
Prop 7Prop-8, 11, 13, 14,16, 33 All good
Prop 39 Mainly effects Non-Federally qualified hunters. An estimated 42 deer will be saved or possibly less.



Prop 40 change non rural to Non-Federally qualified hunters. This is also an effort to align regualtions for state and federal regulations.

Prop 41 Changed to Support our proposal. All in favor.

Prop 43 Population goal should be between 100-150 total wolves on GMU 2. The population is very hard to estimate so we suggest consulting locals. The current GMU 2 wolf population is very high and the current deer population is much lower than normal.

Prop 44-The goal with this proposal is to align the wolf trapping seasons on all state and federal lands to Nov. 15-March 31. This will help promote a more even take on all lands in unit 2 and allow tide sets to be made two weeks early. All voted and all support.

Prop 47-The elk rarely migrate off Etolin and the goal with this proposal is to help enforcement close a regulatory loophole.

Moved and seconded minutes for 11.26.18 meeting.

IX. New Business:

Tongass LLA comment deadline is Dec. 18 Send a group email to provide a comment representing the Craig AC.

BoF Statewide Finfish and Supplemental proposals:

Prop 161-Moved and seconded to oppose. Dave moved. All oppose. All users already provide timely data.

Prop 162-Moved and seconded to oppose. Dave moved. Too expensive, there's already lots of data provided.

Prop 163-Moved and seconded to oppose. Mike opposed. It's already illegal under wanton waste.

Prop 164-No action

Prop 165-Moved and seconded to support. Dave moved. People can use their charter boat after the season and will improve safety.

Prop 166-Moved and seconded to support. Dave moved. Absolutely. Prop 167-No action.

Prop 168-Moved and seconded to support. Dave moved. Closing a regulatory loophole.

Prop 169-No action.

Prop 170-No action.

Prop 171-Tabled

Prop 172-No action.

Prop 173-No action.

Prop 176-Moved by Kurt and seconded to support with the amendment to move the non-resident harvest allocation to the month of June. We feel it is very important for the charter fleet to be able to harvest kings during the entire month of June.



Prop 177-Support and moved by Kurt with the amendment that the troller's get the first opportunity and the net fishermen only come in when there's a surplus. Prop 178-No Action Prop 179-No Action Prop 180-No action

Dave is gone Feb. 4-18 Mike is gone Jan 1-6 Kurt is gone Jan 11-16 and Jan

,165-173 as well as 176 SE AK King Salmon Management Plan and 177 pertaining to Crawfish Inlet SHA.. Proposals past 173 available online, not in our books.

Adjournment: 9:00PM

Minutes Recorded By:Kurt Whitehead Minutes Approved By:

Date: _____



East Prince of Wales Fish & Game Advisory Committee December 13, 2018 Thorne Bay City Council Chambers <u>MINUTES</u>

Call to Order: 6:10 p.m.

Ms. Jessalynn Rintala with the State of Alaska explains to those present the function of an Advisory Committee and the commitment involved. She then asked if there were any in the room willing to volunteer to sit on this committee. The following list are those willing to serve on this committee:

| Name | Community Represented | Term Expires | Office |
|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------|
| Perry Olson | Coffman Cove | 6/2021 | Member |
| Gregg Cook | Whale Pass | 6/2020 | Member |
| William Pattison | Whale Pass | 6/2021 | Vice Chair |
| JR Parsley | Whale Pass | 6/2020 | Member |
| Ray Slayton | Thorne Bay | 6/2020 | Member |
| Gary Anderson | Thorne Bay | 6/2021 | Member |
| John Ryan | Hollis | 6/2021 | Chair |
| Tyra Huestis | Whale Pass | 6/2019 | Secretary |
| Brian Wilson | Coffman Cove | 6/2020 | Member |
| Bryce Brucker | Coffman Cove | 6/2019 | Member |
| Dave Egelston | Thorne Bay | 6/2019 | Member |

Proposal 43: Change the wolf harvest management strategy in Unit 2

Ross with the State of Alaska Fish & Game explained how this proposal would work and asked for feedback from the committee.

Much discussion followed on the pros and cons of this approach.

Pattison moved to support the proposal with a wolf population number of 100 being the top of the "No Season" bracket, 150 being the top of the "6 week" bracket, 200 being the top of the "2 month" bracket, and a population of more than 200 wolves would allow for a full "4 month" season; also the addition of keeping the existing 14 day sealing language; Slayton seconded the motion. 10 in favor with Olson in opposition. Motion to support Proposal 43 (with changes) passes.

Proposal 44: Extend wolf trapping in Unit 2

Discussion follows about how this would cause the season to overlap the deer rut, increasing the kill rate of deer caught in wolf snares.

Slayton moved to NOT support proposal 44; Egelston seconds the motion. Motion to <u>NOT support Proposal 44</u> passes unanimously.



Proposal 40: Decrease the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 2

Discussion that this is really a non-issue and it will be regulating something that has no impact.

Olson moves to support proposal 40; Brucker seconds the motion. Seven in favor with Egelston, Anderson, Ryan, and Wilson in opposition. <u>Motion to support Proposal 40 passes.</u>

Proposal 39: Shorten the hunting season for deer in Unit 2 on state land; ending November 30th

Discussion that this will make it very confusing for hunters who are not familiar with where state land lines are located and would eliminate beach hunting in December.

Egelston moves to support Proposal 39; Slayton seconds motion Wilson and Olson in favor; all others opposed. <u>Motion to support Proposal 39 fails.</u>

Proposal 41: Require deer harvest tickets to be attached to the animal at time of harvest Discussion that this is impractical in SE Alaska's wet, brushy environment.

Brucker moves to support Proposal 41; Anderson seconds motion Motion to support Proposal 41 fails unanimously.

Proposal 3: Modify the salvage requirement for deer (salvage of rib meat optional)

Discussion of pros and cons of this proposal

Olson moves to support Proposal 3; Parsley seconds motion. Motion to support Proposal 3 fails unanimously.

Proposal 4: Allow harvest of big game from a boat

Discussion that this shooting from a boat is an unsafe practice.

Brucker moves to support Proposal 4; Wilson seconds Motion to support Proposal 4 fails unanimously.

Proposal 6: Change the salvage requirement for black bear where residents don't have to salvage the hide but are required to salvage the meat.

Olson moves to support Proposal 6; Slayton seconds motion

Olson amends his motion to support residents and non-residents must salvage both hide and meat throughout season.

10 in favor of amendment; Ryan opposes due to some bear isn't fit for human consumption. Motion to amend passes.

Vote on support of Proposal 6 with amendment: Olson, Parsley, Slayton in favor; 7 in opposition. <u>Motion to support Proposal 6 fails.</u>

Proposal 7: Eliminate the black bear sealing requirements for resident hunters.

Discussion that this removes any way for the State to keep count on how many are harvested. Cook moves to support Proposal 7; Brucker seconds motion <u>Motion to support Proposal 7 fails unanimously.</u>



Proposal 8: Rescind the guide requirement for nonresidents hunting black bear in SE Region Discussion to try to understand the very confusing wording of proposal.

Olson moves to support Proposal 8; Brucker seconds motion. Motion to support Proposal 8 fails unanimously.

Anderson moves to adjourn meeting; Slayton seconds motion.

Discussion to when and where next meeting will be held. Meeting will be December 26th in Whale Pass, at the Community Library at 5 p.m.

Craig with State of Alaska Fish & Game gives an overview of Proposal 176 (King Salmon Proposal) Unanimous in favor to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned: 9:20 p.m.

Minutes Approved by Advisory Committee Chair John Ryan on December 26, 2018



East Prince of Wales Fish & Game Advisory Committee December 26, 2018 Whale Pass Community Library

- I. Call to Order: 5:04 pm by Chairman Ryan
- II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Gary Anderson, Ray Slayton, Gregg Cook, JR Parsley, Perry Olson, William Pattison, Tyra Huestis, John Ryan (eight present) Members Absent (Excused): Lost call with Ray Slayton early in meeting Members Absent (Unexcused): Dave Egelston, Bryce Brucker, Brian Wilson Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

III. Assign someone to approve minutes: Ryan moves to appoint person to approve minutes; Pattison seconds motion. Discussion that perhaps Chairman should do it. All in favor; Motions passes

Parsley moves that Chairman approves minutes; Huestis seconds. All in favor; Motion passes.

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 5:17 by John Ryan
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jessalynn Rintala in Juneau & Craig Schwanke
- VI. Guests Present: Randy Toman, Caleb Toman, Dolores Loucks, Jeremy Vasquez, Marjean Efta.

Proposal 9: Hunting seasons and bag limits for black bear.

Discussion of how this changes what we currently have. Would remove the drawing permits for non-residents.

Pattison moves to support this proposal with amendment that Unit 2 be included; Parsley seconds.

Discussion of whether there is any support to the decline of the bear population.

Residents are claiming to see increased population, but no official support.

7 in favor; Olson opposed. Motion passes to support Proposal 9 with amendment.



Proposal 10: Sealing of marten, fisher, lynx, beaver, otter, wolf, and wolverine.

Parsley moves to support; Pattison seconds motion. All in favor. Motion passes to support Proposal 10 unanimously.

Proposal 11: Furbearer trapping

Olson moves to oppose Proposal 11; Pattison seconds motion. Discussion is that trapping that late in the season you begin catching females with kits. Also that the prime fur time is over. No scientific study to support increasing season. All in favor; Motion to oppose Proposal 11 passes unanimously.

Proposal 12: Furbearer trapping

Olson moves to oppose Proposal 12; Parsley seconds motion. Discussion is that there is no way to keep track of the population. Also no scientific study in support.

5 in favor; Anderson abstains. Motion to oppose Proposal 12 passes.

Proposal 13: Unlawful methods of taking furbearers; exceptions.

Olson moves to support Proposal 13; Pattison seconds motion. Discussion that having address isn't necessarily desirable, but name or id number is a good idea.

All in favor; motion to support Proposal 13 passes unanimously.

Proposal 14: Unlawful methods of taking furbearers; exceptions.

This proposal would require trappers to post identification signs for traps and snares. Discussion that there would be a LOT of signs and would make traps visible to thieves and causes undo burden to trappers.

Pattison moves to oppose Proposal 14; Parsley seconds. All in favor; Motion to oppose Proposal 14 passes unanimously.

Proposal 15: Hunting seasons and bag limits for small game.

This would lengthen season for waterfowl.



Olson moves to oppose; Anderson seconds. Discussion that the season is driven by the weather. All in favor; Motion to oppose Proposal 15 passes unanimously.

Proposal 16: Hunting seasons and bag limits for small game.

Parsley moves to oppose Proposal 16; Olson seconds. Discussion that this would adversely affect the season in Unit 2. All in favor; Motion to oppose Proposal 16 passes unanimously.

Proposal 176: Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan

Discussion as to whether the allocation of 80% for troll harvest & 20% sport fish harvest is determined by treaty or is it decided by the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Craig said that it is determined by Alaska Board of Fisheries.

This proposal is much more restrictive than the way it is currently written.

35% harvest by residents & 65% harvest by non-resident of the 20% allocated to sport fishing.

Olson makes a motion to support a proposal that protects and manages the King Salmon fishery for Alaskan residents first as required by the Alaska State Constitution with provisional support of Proposal 176 as a starting point for management of the sport fishery; Ryan seconds motion.

Discussion about the 80/20 split does not conform to the requirements of the State Constitution and needs to be modified to benefit Alaska residents more than the commercial fleet. There is an unbalance in the management and the sport fishery shouldn't be shut down while commercial fishery continues. We need to put resources back into the local economy. <u>6 in favor of Motion; Parsley abstains; Motion passes</u>. **Representative of Advisory Committee to Board of Game in Petersburg January 11 & 12.**

William Pattison has expressed interest in attending. Gary Anderson nominates Gregg Cook. Gregg declines due to a conflict of schedule.

Ryan moves that William Pattison be the AC representative; Olson seconds. All in favor. Motion passes unanimously to send William Pattison to BOG.



Kasaan has interest in having a representative on the Advisory Committee.

Would be good to include them in the notice of the next meeting. If they want to have AC members, there has to be 14 day posting period.

Board of Fish statewide meeting is in Anchorage in March.

Suggested that the **next meeting** be held in Coffman Cove at the ferry terminal. Friday, January 18, 2019 @ 5 p.m.

Next SE Alaska finfish & shellfish meeting January 4, 2021.

Note that there is a difference between "personal use" vs. "subsistence" areas.

Ryan moves to adjourn; Pattison seconds motion. All in favor; motion to adjourn passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Tyra Huestis, Secretary Minutes Approved By: John Ryan, Chairman Date: December 27, 2018



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee December 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes Pioneer Hall, Pioneer Park, Fairbanks, AK

Southeast BOG Discussion Excerpt

Roll Call -

| | <u>CHAIR</u> Kirk Schwalm | <u>VICE-</u> <u>CHAIR</u> Mark Richards | SECRETARY Ed Horton | Al Barrette | Chuck Derrick | John Wisniew ski | Warren Giuchici | Richard Doering |
|-------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Present | Х | Х | Х | | | Х | Х | X |
| Absent | | | | | | | | |
| Abs/Excused | | | | Х | Х | | | |
| | Mike Bryan | Levi Lewellyn | Jeff Lucas | Mike Tinker | Mike Quinn | John Siegfried | Vince Holton | |
| Present | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Absent | | | | | | | | |
| Abs/Excused | | | | | | | X (Left at 2100) | |

- **Finalize comments for Southeast BOG Meeting** (Al Barrette is absent so Mark Richards spoke for the Game/Trap Subcommittee)

- Heated discussion on Prop 8 comments Game/Trap subcommittee supported prop 8 by 6-0 vote. Nate Turner from BOG commented that it is US Forest Service driven (they wanted guides), Virgil Umphenour disagreed with the proposition and discussed history of the guide requirement and why it's still needed. Concerns about must-be-guided requirements spreading to other areas and species noted by other members. Moved to adopt subcommittee comments on Prop 8 by the full committee, approved 11-3 vote.
- Further brief discussion on the rest of the Game Subcommittee comments. Discussion with Nate Turner on various proposals.
- Mark Richards motioned to approve Game Subcommittee recommendations, approved unanimously.

- ACR discussion

- ACR 5 & 13 According to Nate Turner, ACR 5 failed, and 13 will be discussed in Petersburg. Motion to table discussion to Feb meeting, approved unanimously.
- Prop 151 motion to Take no Action, approved unanimously
- o ACR 2 Kirk commented on legalities of mule deer take, emphasizes it is not currently



legal. Motion to support ACR 2, approved 12-2 vote. Committee agreed that regulation on take, not extermination, is what is wanted.

• The Fairbanks Advisory Committee encouraged Nate Turner to ensure the committee has time to comment in the future.

Minutes Recorded by Ed Horton Approved by Chair Kirk Schwalm 12/28/2018

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Fairbanks Advisory Committee Game Subcommittee 12/4/2018 Creamers Refuge Conference Room, Fairbanks

- I. Call to Order: 4 Dec.2018 at 6:00pm. Game sub-committee
- II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Al Barrette chair of game sub committee Mark Richards vice chair of FAC Ed Horton Levi Lewellyn Jeff Lucas Mike Quinn

- III. Approval of Agenda: Southeast Board of Game Comments
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: N/A
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mark Nelson, DWC
- VI. Guests Present: Virgil Umphenhour
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:
 - Review proposal for the BOG Southeast meeting 11-15 January.

Note: Many of the proposals we took no action on (TNA). They mostly had to do with season dates, bag limits, and boundaries.

Also the Department's Analysis and Recommendations (A&Rs) of these proposals were not available yet for our review.

At the December 12, 2018 Fairbanks AC Meeting, these recommendations were unanimously approved to be adopted by the committee. All votes should then be changed to a tally of 14 present- all votes following were unanimous except those noted otherwise on the minutes from the meeting on the 12th.



| Alaska Board of Game Southeast Region Meeting Proposals |
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| January 11-15, 2019 Petersburg, AK |

| Proposal Number | Proposal | Descriptior | |
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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 |
| 1 | Allow the | use of cros | sbows in restricted-weapons hunts for the Southeast Region |
| support | 5 | 1 | The majority thought it would be acceptable to allow crossbows as an alternative method and means to restrictive-weapons currently in codified for this region. The one opposing vote stated concerns of special-weapons and season creep for special user groups. |
| 2 | Allow the | feeding of | deer in the Southeast Region |
| TNA | | | |
| 3 | Modify th | e salvage r | equirement for deer in Units 1–5 |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | We believe all edible meat should be salvaged. |
| 4 | Allow the | harvest of | game from a boat in Units 1–5 |
| TNA | | | |
| 5 | Shorten th | ne hunting | seasons and change the bag limit for moose in the Southeast Region |
| TNA | | | |
| 6 | Change th | ie salvage r | equirement for black bear in Units 1–5 |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | We felt the requirements currently are good. |
| 7 | Eliminate | the black b | ear sealing requirement for resident hunters in the Southeast Region |
| TNA | | | |
| 8 | Rescind th Region | ne guide ree | quirement for nonresidents hunting black bear in the Southeast |
| Support | 6 | 0 | The most common for support for this proposal was. The BOG should not further restrict non- residents to hire a guide for a species that is not required by state statue. Another was, The reason why this opportunity was restricted was for conservation of the resource. The resource has appeared to be recovering. Lastly it was noted, the BOG should not use "must be guided" for non- guided species. When harvest and opportunity can be obtained by drawing permits and or registration hunts. |
| 9 | Change th season hu | | ent black bear permit hunts for Units 1B, 1C, and 1D to general |
| Support | 6 | 0 | See Proposal 8 |
| 10 | Require se | ealing of co | yote in Units 1–5 |
| TNA | | | |
| 11 | Extend th | e trapping s | season for beaver in Units 1–5 |



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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 | |
| TNA | | | | |
| 12 | Modify th | e trapping | season for beaver in Unit 1 | |
| TNA | | | | |
| 13 | Require io | lentificatio | n tags for traps and snares in Units 1–5 | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | We have always opposed such requirements. It has been shown not to be profitable to the trapper and does not always work as intended. Such as non- trappers checking to see if a trapper is compliant with the requirement, thus tampering with the set. Also true with Wildlife Protection checking sets. They will contaminate the trap and set site. Anyone can set a trap/snare with some other person's name on it. The scenarios are unlimited to abuse of such a change like this. | |
| 14 | Require tr | appers to r | post identification signs for traps and snares in Units 1–5 | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | See 13 | |
| 15 | Lengthen | the hunting | g season for waterfowl in the Southeast Region | |
| | | | | |
| 16 | Shift the h | nunting sea | son for migratory game birds in Units 1–4 | |
| TNA | | | | |
| 17 | Reserve w | aterfowl h | unting areas in the Sitka area for local hunters | |
| TNA | | | | |
| 18 | Increase t | he bag limi | t for deer in Unit 4 Remainder | |
| TNA | | | | |
| 19 | Close an a 4 to hunti | | I the Greens Creek Mine road system and mine infrastructure in Unit | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | We do not like these "Pogo Mine road restrictions" limiting access and opportunity. | |
| 20 | Change th | ne bag limit | for deer on Douglas Island in Unit 1C | |
| TNA | | | - | |
| 21 | Amend th | e area clos | ed to hunting along the Douglas Highway in Unit 1C | |
| Support | 6 | 0 | We support having more opportunity and access to wild resources. | |
| 22 | Eliminate | the Dougla | s Island Management Area in Unit 1C | |
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| TNA | | | | |



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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 | | | |
| TNA | | | | | | |
| 24 | Clarify the | boundary | description for the RG014 mountain goat hunt area in Unit 1C | | | |
| Support | 6 | 0 | Anything that clarifies clearly what are the boundaries and the public will understand if they are in or out of an area. | | | |
| 25 | Restructu regulatior | | se hunt in Unit 5A Remainder to align with the federal subsistence | | | |
| 26 | Reauthori | ze the antle | erless moose season in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench | | | |
| 27 | Reauthori | ze the antle | erless moose seasons in Unit 1C | | | |
| 28 | Issue perr | l nits for usir | l ng bait or scent lures to hunt black bear in Unit 1C | | | |
| TNA | | | | | | |
| 29 | Shift the h | unting sea | son for waterfowl in Unit 1C | | | |
| TNA | | | | | | |
| 30 | Create a y Refuge | outh hunt | for waterfowl in the Unit 1C Mendenhall Wetlands State Game | | | |
| TNA | - | | | | | |
| 31 | Allow the | use of sub | merged traps in the Juneau closed area in Unit 1C | | | |
| Support | | | We believe this a good opportunity for trappers to harvest fur bearers. | | | |
| 32 | - | - | ns to close trapping and restrict the use of certain traps near roads Skagway Borough in Unit 1D | | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | This is an unnecessary restriction. Trappers and non-trappers should respect each other and be aware of what actives are being conducted in the area. | | | |
| 33 | Open a dr | awing hun | for mounting goat on the Cleveland Peninsula in Unit 1A and 1B | | | |
| TNA | | | | | | |
| 34 | Open a re | gistration h | unt for mountain goat on the Cleveland Peninsula in Unit 1A and 1B | | | |
| TNA | | | | | | |
| 35 | Change th | ne hunt stru | icture for Revillagigedo Island mountain goat in Unit 1A | | | |
| Support | 6 | 0 | - | | | |
| 36 | Increase t | he bag limi | t for deer in Unit 1A | | | |



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| TNA | | | |
| 37 | Reduce th | e harvest o | bjective for deer in Unit 1A from 700 to 350–400 |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | We did not believe changing this will affect much as it is only one part of the IM objective. We recommend the BOG to re-evaluate the positive IM finding. It would appear this should not have a positive finding of IM. |
| 38 | Extend the | e trapping s | season for beaver in Unit 1A |
| Support | 6 | 0 | Increased opportunity is a good and beaver populations are sustainable. |
| 39 | Shorten th | ne hunting | season for deer in Unit 2 |
| TNA | | | |
| 40 | Decrease | the nonresi | ident bag limit for deer in Unit 2 |
| TNA | | | |
| 41 | In Unit 2, | require har | vest tickets for deer be attached at the time of harvest |
| Oppose | 0 | 6 | Unnecessary. There seems to be no problem with the current system. There was only presumption of wrong doing, no citation issued that we know of. |
| 42 | Increase t | he annual h | narvest of wolves in Unit 2 |
| Support | 6 | 0 | We always support more opportunity under sustainable management. |
| 43 | Change th | e harvest n | nanagement strategy for wolf in Unit 2 |
| Support | 6 | 0 | See 42 |
| 44 | Extend the | e trapping s | season for wolf in Unit 2. |
| Support | 6 | 0 | See 42 |
| 45 | Extend the | e resident d | deer season on Mitkof, Woewodski, and Butterworth Islands in Unit 3 |
| TNA | | | |
| 46 | Extend the Unit 3 | e resident o | deer season on Kupreanof Island in the Lindenberg Peninsula area in |
| TNA | | | |
| 47 | Eliminate | the genera | l season elk hunt in Units 1–3 |
| TNA | | | |
| 48 | Change th | e bag limit | and open a fall season for brown bear hunting in Unit 3 |
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| 49 | Increase t | he "up to n | umber" for drawing permits (DL029) for nonresident black bear |
| | hunters w | rithout a gu | ide on Kuiu Island in Unit 3 |
| TNA | | | |
| 50 | Increase the "up to number" for drawing permits (DL030) for unguided nonresident black | | |
| | bear hunt | ers on Kup | reanof Island in Unit 3 |
| TNA | | | |
| 51 | Modify th | e black bea | r sealing requirement for nonresident hunters in Unit 3 |
| Support | 6 | 0 | Making it easy to seal black bears for non-residents is profitable. |
| 52 | Repeal the shorter harvest reporting and sealing requirements for black bears taken by nonresidents on Kuiu Island in Unit 3 | | |
| Support | 6 | 0 | See 51 |
| 53 | Modify the hunting area description within the Petersburg Management Area in Unit 3 | | |
| Support | 6 | 0 | Clarifying boundaries to be more understandable is good. |
| 142 | concerning | g brown bea ommittees n | es not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposal 142 r in Unit 4. It is included in the book for review and discussion by the board nay choose to provide comments on this proposal for the board's |

Adjournment:

| Minutes Recorded By: | |
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| Minutes Approved By: | |
| Date: | |



Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee 25 October 2018 UAS Egan Building 225

I. Call to Order: 6:04 by Atlin Daughtery

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Jason Kolhause, Thatcher Brouwer, Mike Bethers, Ed Buyarski, Jesse Ross, Melanie Brown, Mike Cole, Krstine Trott, Jesse Walker, Nick Orr, Henry Webb Members Absent (Excused): Chris Miller, Richard Yamada, Terry White Members Absent (Unexcused): Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 List of User Groups Present: sport fish/hunt; charter freshwater; processor; nonconsumptive, personal; trapping.

III. Elections: Henry Webb resigns his seat, effectively immediate. Thanks AC for important work, exits the building

Ed Buyarski unanimously reelected to sport fish/hunt/personal use seat. Richard Yamada charter unanimously reelected to saltwater charter seat. Chris Miller unanimously reelected to commercial fishing seat. Jesse Ross unanimously reelected to trapper seat. Atlin Daughterty unanimously reelected to hunting guide seat. Forest Wagner (alebiet not present at meeting) unanimously elected to commercial fishing seat.

Kevin Maier elected Chair, Atlin Daughtery as Vice Chair, Thatcher as Secretary—effective for next meeting.

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Lena Gilberston, *Publications Specialist & Southeast Regional Coordinator*, Roy Churchwell ,Area Mgmt Biologist

V. Guests Present:

Jake Abbot, Alaska State Troopers; Jos Bakker, Irene Morris with Alaksa Wildlife Alliance; Brian Erickson, with Hecla Greens Creek, Peter Robertson (citizen)

VI. Old Business:



VII. New Business:

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| Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action | Number Support | Number Oppose | Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes | | |
| 1 | Allow the | use of cros | sbows in restricted-weapons hunts for the Southeast Region | | |
| S | 9 | 1 | Ed Buyarski speaks in favor of the proposal, notes that training is now required. Atlin notes that it is not a bow. (3 abstain) | | |
| 2 | Allow the | feeding of | deer in the Southeast Region | | |
| 0 | 0 | 12 | Kristine T speaks against the proposal, noting the possibility of wasting disease, and impacts on deer health (grazers vs. feed eaters). Some concern about winter diet impacts on deer. | | |
| 3 | | | | | |
| 0 | 1 | 11 | Nick Orr, AC member, speaks to his proposal. Pros: safety concerns around bears. Trade-off is that there's limited meat available. AWT oppose the proposal. Not a huge issue/very few citations in SE. Regulations are uniform from game animal to game animal, save for bear. Would prefer to avoid confusion. | | |
| 4 | | | | | |
| 0 | 3 | 8 | Nick Orr, AC member, speaks to his proposal, noting that this would make the law uniform across the state. Mike Bethers: suggest it's a common practice, but doesn't like it as an idea, has seen too many wasted animals. Mike Cole: could be a safety threat, given the way guard timber works. (1 ABSTAIN) | | |
| 5 | Shorten th | ne hunting | seasons and change the bag limit for moose in the Southeast Region | | |
| 0 | 0 | 12 | ADFG need regulatory flexibility to manage different populations. ADFG and AWT note that a lot of sublegal moose are shoot in SE. | | |
| 6 | 6 Change the salvage requirement for black bear in Units 1–5 | | | | |
| 0 | 0 | 12 | Jesse Ross speaks against proposal. Noting hides are valuable, and part of the animal that should be used. AWT opposes. | | |
| 7 | | | | | |
| 0 | 0 | 12 | Treated Proposals 6 and 7 together. | | |
| 8 | Rescind th Region | ne guide reo | quirement for nonresidents hunting black bear in the Southeast | | |
| 0 | 0 | 12 | Atlin speaks against proposal, too many non-residents were hunting. Thinks current system is working. | | |



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| 9 | | | ent black bear permit hunts for Units 1B, 1C, and 1D to general |
| | season hu | ints | |
| Ο | 4 | 8 | Some confusion over the necessity of proposal. Draw represents a deterrent to non-resident harvest. Mike Cole speaks in favor of the proposal, noting it creates opportunity. Jason speaks against the proposal, noting that this is conservative, and that it's hard to get ahead on conservation issues. |
| 10 | Require se | ealing of co | yote in Units 1–5 |
| S | 12 | | Good data from seeling hides. |
| 11 | Extend th | e trapping s | season for beaver in Units 1–5 |
| S | 10 | 1 | Jesse Ross supports, doesn't think fur quality will decline in May. Mike Bethers: doesn't think it'll have impact on population. (1 abstention) |
| 12 | Modify th | e trapping | season for beaver in Unit 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 12 | Jesse Ross says too broad of a proposal. Speaks against it. |
| 13 | Require io | lentificatio | n tags for traps and snares in Units 1–5 |
| S | 9 | 2 | AWT supports the proposal, wishes that it were statewide. Jesse R speaks against, notes that trappers get harassed by anti-trappers. Jesse Walker: notes that it's not a huge burden, speaks in favor of it. Most people do it anyway. (1 abstention) |
| 14 | Require tr | appers to p | bost identification signs for traps and snares in Units 1–5 |
| 0 | 2 | 7 | Mike Cole notes that anti-trapping sentiment could mean that this would lead to vandalism. AWT supports, creates transparency, lets other usergroups in area know that trap are near. JDAC: NOTES THAT REQUIREMENT OF ONE SIGN WITH A MAP MIGHT IMPROVE PROPSAL? (3 absentions) |
| 15 | Lengthen | the hunting | g season for waterfowl in the Southeast Region |
| N/A | | | |
| 16 | Shift the h | nunting sea | son for migratory game birds in Units 1–4 |
| S | 9 | 0 | General consensus that alternating seasons isn't a good idea Creates more opportunity, especially for youth hunters who hunt before and after school. More opportunity for teal. (3 abstain) |
| 17 | Reserve w | aterfowl h | unting areas in the Sitka area for local hunters |



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| N/A | | | |
| 18 | Increase t | he bag limi | t for deer in Unit 4 Remainder |
| S | 9 | 2 | Nick speaks in favor of his proposal, noting that this brings regulation in to line with federal subsistence users. Atlin worries this could have impact on heavy snow years. (2 abstain) |
| 19 | Close an a 4 to hunti | | the Greens Creek Mine road system and mine infrastructure in Unit |
| S | 10 | 1 | Hecela representative notes that this a series safety issue. Primary usage is from hunters. Not legal to shoot from the road under state law. Jesse W: notes that he appreciates leaving A Road open, B Road is dangerous. Ed and Mike: suggest putting signage up as an alternative to closing the road. VERY LONG DISCUSSION. Lots of risks, consenus is prudent to take action, this seems reasonable. Kevin speaks out strongly against the proposal, noting that this sets a bad precedent for private entities to annex public land, reducing hunter access, suggests it is incumbent on the mine, which leases public land, to take necessary precautions to protect public access. (1 abstains) |
| 20 | Change th | ie bag limit | for deer on Douglas Island in Unit 1C |
| S as Amended | 7 | 4 | ADFG notes: Most hunters take only 1 doe. Nick proposes making it no does. Jesse Ross notes that we don't have good measures of population through pellet surveys, notes Douglas has a wolf problem. Mike B notes that CBJ road impacts the best habitat, wolves, means douglas deer population is down. General concern over enforcement. AWT notes it would have to be on the honor system. General concern over the population of deer on Douglas. LONG DISCUSSION. Amended : four bucks only for Douglas Island. 7, 4, 1 abstain. (1 abstain) |
| 21 | Amend th | e area clos | ed to hunting along the Douglas Highway in Unit 1C |
| S | 12 | 0 | Unanimous support. |
| 22 | Eliminate | the Dougla | s Island Management Area in Unit 1C |
| S | 10 | 1 | Jesse R speaks in favor of proposal. Notes that wolves have an impact on deer. ADFG would need to see drastic declines in hunter |



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| | | | success, but support this proposal in general. Important to note that we haven't met the trigger points in the Douglas Island MGMT Plan to increase wolf take, but would prefer to not micro-manage Douglas. Douglas isn't enough to support a full pack. (1 abstain) |
| 23 | Expand th | e archery-o | only registration permit hunt area for goat in Unit 1C |
| TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING | | | AWT is neutral. Concern about hunting near heavily used areas, including the Mt Roberts Tramway. Amended: to OCT 1-Nov 30 Season. |
| 24 | Clarify the | e boundary | description for the RG014 mountain goat hunt area in Unit 1C |
| 25 | Restructu regulatior | | se hunt in Unit 5A Remainder to align with the federal subsistence |
| 26 | Reauthori | ze the antle | erless moose season in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench |
| 27 | Reauthori | ze the antle | erless moose seasons in Unit 1C |
| 28 | Issue perr | nits for usir | ng bait or scent lures to hunt black bear in Unit 1C |
| 29 | Shift the h | l nunting sea | son for waterfowl in Unit 1C |
| 30 | Create a y Refuge | l outh hunt t | for waterfowl in the Unit 1C Mendenhall Wetlands State Game |
| 31 | Allow the | use of subr | merged traps in the Juneau closed area in Unit 1C |
| 32 | | | l ns to close trapping and restrict the use of certain traps near roads Skagway Borough in Unit 1D |
| 33 | Open a dr | l awing hunt | for mounting goat on the Cleveland Peninsula in Unit 1A and 1B |
| 34 | Open a re | gistration h | uunt for mountain goat on the Cleveland Peninsula in Unit 1A and 1B |



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| 50 | | - | number" for drawing permits (DL030) for unguided nonresident black reanof Island in Unit 3 |
| 51 | Modify th | e black bea | ar sealing requirement for nonresident hunters in Unit 3 |
| 52 | - | | arvest reporting and sealing requirements for black bears taken by I Island in Unit 3 |
| 53 | Modify th | e hunting a | area description within the Petersburg Management Area in Unit 3 |
| 142 | concerning | g brown bea ommittees r | es not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposal 142 r in Unit 4. It is included in the book for review and discussion by the board. nay choose to provide comments on this proposal for the board's |

Adjournment: 9:46

| Minutes Recorded By: _ | Kevin Maier |
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| Minutes Approved By: | AC |
| Date: | 12.6.18 |



JUNEAU DOUGLAS Advisory Committee 6 December 2018 University of Alaska Southeast

- I. Call to Order: 5:35 by Kevin Maier
- II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Jason Kolhause (Processor), Thatcher Brouwer (Comm fish), Mike Bethers (sport), Ed Buyarski (sport), Jesse Ross (trapper), Melanie Brown (alternate), Krstine Trott (non-consumptive, personal), Jesse Walker (sport), Nick Orr (sport), Chris Miller (comm fish) Forest Wagner (comm fish), Terry White (charter, salt) Kevin Maier (charter, freshwater) Peter Robertson (non-consumptive commercial)

Members Absent (Excused): Mike Cole, Alternative, Atlin Daugherty (hunting guide), Richard Yamada (charter, salt)

Members Absent (Unexcused): Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 List of User Groups Present: sport fish/hunt/personal use; charter freshwater/saltwater; commercial fish; processor; non-consumptive personal/commercial; trapping

- III. Approval of Agenda: Unanimously approved.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Unanimously approved as amended.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Roy Churchill, Area Management Biologist
- VI. Guests Present: Matt Wilson, citizen Jake Abbott, citizen
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:



a. Elections

Peter Robertson – Bear Creek Outfitters Guide. Interested in becoming involved and running for the non-consumptive commercial user seat. Jesse Walker moved. Ed Buyarski 2nd. No objection. Elected by unanimous consent to Non-Consumptive Commercial User Seat

b. Representative to Petersburg for BOG?

January 11th to 15th. Atlin Daugherty interested. Jesse Ross, Keven Maier and Terry White also interested. Jesse Walker moves to send Atlin Daugherty and list Jesse Ross, Kevin Maier and Terry White as alternates or additional representatives should JDAC be able to send more than one rep. Ed 2nd. Passed by unanimous consent.

c. Schedule next meeting to discuss BOF?

Doodle – It will likely be sometime in January

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| 1 | Allow the | use of cros | sbows in restricted-weapons hunts for the Southeast Region |
| 2 | Allow the | feeding of | deer in the Southeast Region |
| 3 | Modify th | e salvage re | equirement for deer in Units 1–5 |
| 4 | Allow the | harvest of | game from a boat in Units 1–5 |
| 5 | Shorten th | ne hunting : | seasons and change the bag limit for moose in the Southeast Region |
| 6 | Change th | ie salvage r | equirement for black bear in Units 1–5 |
| 7 | Eliminate | the black b | ear sealing requirement for resident hunters in the Southeast Region |
| 8 | Rescind th Region | ne guide reo | quirement for nonresidents hunting black bear in the Southeast |
| 9 | Change th season hu | | ent black bear permit hunts for Units 1B, 1C, and 1D to general |
| 10 | Require se | ealing of co | yote in Units 1–5 |
| 11 | Extend the | e trapping s | season for beaver in Units 1–5 |
| 12 | Modify th | e trapping : | season for beaver in Unit 1 |
| 13 | Require id | lentificatior | n tags for traps and snares in Units 1–5 |
| 14 | Require tr | l appers to p | oost identification signs for traps and snares in Units 1–5 |
| 15 | Lengthen | the huntinរ្ | g season for waterfowl in the Southeast Region |



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| 16 | Shift the h | nunting sea | son for migratory game birds in Units 1–4 |
| 17 | Reserve w | aterfowl h | unting areas in the Sitka area for local hunters |
| 18 | Increase t | he bag limi | t for deer in Unit 4 Remainder |
| 19 | Close an a 4 to hunti | | I the Greens Creek Mine road system and mine infrastructure in Unit |
| 20 | Change th | e bag limit | for deer on Douglas Island in Unit 1C |
| 21 | Amend th | e area clos | ed to hunting along the Douglas Highway in Unit 1C |
| 22 | Eliminate | the Dougla | s Island Management Area in Unit 1C |
| 23 | Expand th | e archery-o | only registration permit hunt area for goat in Unit 1C |
| Opposed as amended | 7 | 3 | Jake Abbott, proposal author: suggested an amend to the original proposal. Changing it to a new bow registration hunt in the area draining into Gastineau Channel, north of little Sheep Creek to Lemon Creek. 1 goat by reg. limit with bow only. Oct 1 st to Nov. 30 th . Roy Churchill, ADFG: The Department is opposed because of potential population impacts resulting from easy access. Potential to impact wildlife viewing in area. Also, problematic, because mount Juneau is currently closed in regulation and has been since 1983. Juneau Audubon reintroduced goats in the area for viewing. Prized for viewing purposes. Current harvest in vicinity of the proposed new area not closed by EO often. This year came close to harvest limit. The population has been stable, but smaller than it could be |



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| | | | Goats are relatively sedentary. Don't move much. ADFG would still not support even if Mt. Juneau is removed from proposal Jake Abbott: Resource available. Point management is great system. New area of opportunity for those without boats. Jake Abbott is not interested in a drawing hunt. What is sustainable? Every 100 goats in survey harvest of 6 goats is allowed. Kevin Maier: Interested in excluding Mount Roberts and Mount Juneau drainages because of user conflicts. Jake Abbott: Does not support that idea, because it would not leave much area. Believes as proposal is written and proposed to be amended it is self-limiting. Archery only. A lot of work. The department would still have EO authority and ability to reduce. (4 abstain) |
| 24 | Clarify the | boundary | description for the RG014 mountain goat hunt area in Unit 1C |
| Support | 14 | 0 | Roy Chruchill, ADFG: Hunter confusion about how the boundary. This proposal clears it up. Easier to understand where boundary is if this proposal were to pass. |
| 25 | Restructure the moose hunt in Unit 5A Remainder to align with the federal subsistence regulations | | |
| 26 | Reauthori | ze the antle | erless moose season in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench |
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| 27 | Reauthori | ze the antle | erless moose seasons in Unit 1C |
| Support | 14 | 0 | Roy Churchill, ADFG: Authority to have an antlerless moose season. Occasionally populations higher than carrying capacity. This proposal would allow hunting to limit population if needed. Do not expect to use it in the foreseeable future. Uptick in population? Yes. Slight. But area has a higher carrying capacity and so uptick in population is not a problem. |
| 28 | Issue permits for using bait or scent lures to hunt black bear in Unit 1C | | |
| Support | 11 | 1 | Jake Abbott, proposal author: Area is open to bear baiting, but ADFG does not issue permits. Bear baiting is common in other |



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| | | | areas. Juneau, Anchorage, and Gustavus are the areas where it has not allowed. This proposal would compel ADFG to issue permits. No evidence that bear baiting has caused conflict with other user group. Allow hunter to harvest a quality animal. Won't result in over harvest. Roy Churchill, ADFG: Concerned that this could condition the bears to food. Not a population problem. Department is neutral. Ed Buyarski: Supports proposal. Bait is effective way to selectively hunt and bait will draw bears away from food sources. Jake Abbott, author: Believes that it is a political issue. Jesse Ross: Juneau has a black bear problem. This could help solve Juneau's black bear problem. Jason Kolhase: Questioned why the department does not issue permits in Juneau area, while it is technically legal to bear bait in area. Roy Chuchill, ADFG: The management biologist professional opinion has been that bear baiting would condition bears to food so they have refused to issue permits. | | |
| 29 | Shift the hunting season for waterfowl in Unit 1C | | | | |
| | | | Same as proposal 16, except just specific to Unit 1C. The JDAC voted to support proposal 16 and this includes area 1C, so we did not vote on this proposal | | |
| 30 | Create a youth hunt for waterfowl in the Unit 1C Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge | | | | |
| Support | 13 | 1 | Kevin Maier, author: General support from the hunting community. Great opportunity for young people. Important to be opening day. Important that we get kids outside. Kids are hanging out inside playing video games Jake Abbott: Why do they need to be accompanied by an adult? Jesse Walker: What is the federal take? Kevin Maier: It is ok as long as it is a portion of the regular season. First three days of the season rather than set dates makes more sense. | | |



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| 35 | Change th | e hunt stru | icture for Revillagigedo Island mountain goat in Unit 1A | | |
| 36 | Increase t | he bag limi | t for deer in Unit 1A | | |
| 37 | Reduce th | e harvest c | bjective for deer in Unit 1A from 700 to 350–400 | | |
| 38 | Extend the | e trapping s | season for beaver in Unit 1A | | |
| 39 | Shorten th | ne hunting | season for deer in Unit 2 | | |
| 40 | Decrease | the nonres | ident bag limit for deer in Unit 2 | | |
| 41 | In Unit 2, | require har | vest tickets for deer be attached at the time of harvest | | |
| 42 | Increase t | he annual ł | narvest of wolves in Unit 2 | | |
| 43 | Change th | e harvest r | nanagement strategy for wolf in Unit 2 | | |
| 44 | Extend the | e trapping s | season for wolf in Unit 2. | | |
| 45 | Extend the | e resident o | deer season on Mitkof, Woewodski, and Butterworth Islands in Unit 3 | | |
| 46 | Extend the resident deer season on Kupreanof Island in the Lindenberg Peninsula area in Unit 3 | | | | |
| 47 | Eliminate | the genera | I season elk hunt in Units 1–3 | | |
| 48 | Change th | e bag limit | and open a fall season for brown bear hunting in Unit 3 | | |
| 49 | | • | umber" for drawing permits (DL029) for nonresident black bear ide on Kuiu Island in Unit 3 | | |
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| 51 | Modify th | e black bea | ar sealing requirement for nonresident hunters in Unit 3 |
| 52 | | | arvest reporting and sealing requirements for black bears taken by I Island in Unit 3 |
| 53 | Modify th | e hunting a | area description within the Petersburg Management Area in Unit 3 |
| 142 | concerning | g brown bea ommittees r | es not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposal 142 r in Unit 4. It is included in the book for review and discussion by the board. nay choose to provide comments on this proposal for the board's |

Proposal 22: Joint Board Book

Allow ACs to discuss and vote by email.

Melanie Brown: Difficult to get quorum in rural Alaska especially in Western Alaska. This could be very helpful for advisory committees in rural Alaska.

Jason Kolhase and Chris MIller: Think it is critical that we come together and discuss proposals in person and allow public to comment. If do this we are eliminating public and fish and game.

Ed Buyarski: This could be beneficial everyone once and a while when it is difficult to organize a meeting.

Opposed. 5 support. 7 oppose. 2 abstain.

Proposal 23: Joint Board Book

Abstentions do not count as no votes as long as they are recorded and so a simple majority of the members who do not abstain will determine how an Advisor Committee votes..

Support. 14 support. 0 oppose



Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Thatcher Brouwer Minutes Approved By: Kevin Maier Date: 12.20.18



Ketchikan Advisory Committee 11-1-2018 ADF&G Conference Room

I. Call to Order: 6:00pm by John Scoblic

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Scoblic, Doherty, Crittenden, Allen, Dale, D. James, Westlund, F. James, Roth, Cohen (phone), Shaw, McQuarrie (phone), Skan, Leach, Williams, Franulovich, Miller Members Absent (Excused): N/A Members Absent (Unexcused): Bezenek Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 List of User Groups Present: N/A

- **III. Approval of Agenda**: Westlund moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Miller. Motion passes 15-0, meeting agenda approved. Randy will serve as alternate and not vote at this meeting.
- **IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**: Last meeting was the election of entire committee, and secretaries had to be elected. No meeting minutes to approve.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Ross Dorendorf (ADF&G-Game), Jessalynn Rintala (Board Support)
- VI. Guests Present: Ryan McCue, Norman Ariola, Liz Harpold, Ginger Fox, Bill Meck, Chad Crittenden, Rose Jahnke, Bob Jahnke

VII. Old Business:

John Scoblic (Chair) introduced himself to the group. Discussed possible areas of improvement for this committee and ways to keep people involved and active. He shared that his role in the committee is to keep things moving and keep order. Also asked committee to make motions in the affirmative/positive. If people want items on the agenda, please send it to John or Sue prior to the meeting. The committee must discuss items as "new business" before they can be voted on in subsequent meetings as "old business."

Scoblic presented the "KTN Advisory Committee Guiding Principles." For section i), added subsection e) which stated "Be proactive as the KTN AC and making proposals for BOF and BOG"



For section ii), add subsection i) which states "Member of the Advisory Committee will be expelled after **three unexcused absences**".

For section iii) section b) under areas of concern the section b will be changed to read "Game Units 1 and 2, and secondarily Unit 3"

Department: Ross requested that if people would like specific data from the department to please request it at least one week in advance of the meeting. This will insure he has time to gather it.

VIII. New Business:

Public Comment:

Norm: Concerned about Chinook salmon in regards to Canada and transboundary rivers. Is worried about the herring fishery and would like to see more conservative openers or the closure of fisheries with poor harvests. Discussed predators, and observable changes to their behavior and numbers.

Bob: Discussed his observations of increased predators and changes in predator behavior such as humpback whales overwintering.

Extra proposals were added to discussion to cover proposals for other Units that affected Ketchikan residents.

Region Wide & Multiple Units

Proposal #1: Dorendorf states that the Department is neutral. Westlund ask Dorendorf if crossbows are legal. Dorendorf replies yes, crossbow is a valid hunting method.

Proposal #2: Dorendorf shared that it was illegal to feed deer, and the law would have to be changed. The Department is neutral. Dorendorf offered to thinks to think about is: Can it actually work? He would be worried about increased deer density leading to more disease outbreaks. Crittenden asked what the criteria for the location of feed plots was? Ross replied on private land. Leach raised the point that people could potentially want to have "pet" deer. He wanted to know what would actually be fed to the deer. Dale brought up the question of what would actually be fed to the deer? Dale clarified that feed plots to hunt couldn't be in town or within ¼ mile of the road. He also asked "Can I shoot the deer that is eating my mom's lettuce?" Meck offered it might be difficult to exclude hunters from people's private property. Shaw shared that predators and other animals will eat the food at feed plots, not only deer will



be attracted. Jahnke felt that it was unethical, and wanted to know if emergency order could address feeding deer during hard winters. F. James he was for and against it. He was for it outside of hunting season and during hard winters. Westlund there are historical precedents set for feeding deer during hard winters such as "tree drops." Franulovich suggested to feed from early January through March due to bear hibernations during that time of year. Williams this proposal could create a learned behavior for deer populations. Dorendorf, in response to feeding them, it would require a large effort to affect the deer population in a positive way during a hard winter. Roth wanted to know if it was illegal to feed deer. Dorendorf responded that it was illegal.

Proposal #3: Dorendorf states the Department is neutral. Dale has an ethical problem with not salvaging the rib meat which could constitute up to 10% of salvageable meat. As a loophole for want-n-waste "it's bologna". F. James shared his opinion and that of his people that harvest should be about meat and not the rack, and that his people believe in taking all the meat. Westlund brings up an ethical opinion about head and neck shots being the appropriate place to shoot an animal, and opposes this proposal. If people are worried about predators to remove the deer from the kill site.

Proposal #4: Dorendorf states the Department is neutral. It is an ethical question for this proposal. Currently people must be 70% disabled to shoot from a boat. It's also a safety concern, and fair chase and shot placement were things to consider. At one-time people could shoot from a boat in Unit 1. SEAK is unique because of all the coastline and boating opportunity related to hunting. Westlund believes this proposal is an ethical issue. Leach wanted clarification on when the rule changed regarding hunting from a boat. Skan leans towards approval because it is legal in other areas of the state. He is against this if people take stomach shots. He offered "if you can't shoot from the land, then you shouldn't shoot them from a boat." Miller asks if this puts the deer at a disadvantage or it's about the difficulties related to shooting an animal from a boat. Dorendorf replied that he was right on both points. Jahnke pointed out that it is hard to shoot well from a smaller vessel that rocks from wave action. He would vote no, if he was a voting member. Roth believes that it should be legal when hunting moose due to the nature of the hunts. McQuarrie would be concerned with enforcement. Miller would like clarification if it is legal to spot a deer from a boat and then shoot from land. Dorendorf informed the committee that it was legal. Harpold wanted to know if amendments could be added to proposals or recommendations. Dorendorf replied that we could.

Proposal #5: Dorendorf stated that the Department is neutral. Regulations make the current hunt difficult. F. James shared that 105 moose were taken this year and a shortened season would result in more moose hunted. Roth offered that there would be more people per square mile and that would equal more moose taken.



Proposal #6: Dorendorf stated that the Department is neutral. Westlund wants meat to be salvaged year round and hides to be tagged. Hides need to be sealed in order to know the actual color of the hide which matters for specific hunts and regulations. Shaw is on the fence for this proposal. He likes to eat spring bear so he salvages the meat. In the fall he is going for the hide, and doesn't salvage the meat.

Proposal #7: Dorendorf stated that the Department is neutral. Dorendorf says the Department gets better data off sealing than harvest reports. Westlund points out that data is important. Jahnke offers that lots of good data is available when sealing is done in person. Dale asked if enough data could be collected off animals harvested by residents. Dorendorf responded that non-residents are generally up here to do trophy hunts which represents a specific portion of the population. For ADFG this proposal is a data issue.

Proposal #8/#9: Similar in nature. Proposal #9 was the one actually discussed. It was authored by the Department. The hunt would be changed to a harvest ticket with or without a guide. F. James was worried about non-resident hunters without a guide using this hunt as a way to harvest the bile from the gallbladder due to its monetary value. Jahnke clarifies that this proposal does not include Unit 1a or Unit 2.

Proposal #10 was skipped.

Proposal #11/#12/#38: Jahnke introduced the proposal. Westlund wanted clarification on what the current season was. Jahnke stated that the current season is Nov 10 – April 30th. He illuminates that there is limited effort in beaver trapping with the majority of it being as a nuisance animal. Westlund wanted a definition of a nuisance beaver. Dorendorf shared that there is not a hard definition. Westlund opposed the proposal due to beaver's ability to create habitat. Shaw commented on the importance of beaver trapping as a source of bait for other furbearers. Leach askes the Department about the volume of current nuisance beavers. Dorendorf states it isn't an issue but does take time. Jahnke shared trapper insight regarding the use of beavers as important bait for wolves and other furbearers especially since the Marine Mammals Act and not being able to use seals any more. Allen wanted to know what time of year these permits were issued. Dorendorf responded that they were issued outside of trapping season.

Proposal #13/#14: Dorendorf stated that the Department is neutral. This proposal used to be a rule in the past, put in 2010 and then since removed. Tags are helpful for enforcement but also pose issues when traps are being used by individuals other than the owner. Jahnke expanded on that statement and gave a history. He shared that he prefers signs to tags on traps. People will take tagged traps and set them illegal, and the owner is being held responsible. Trappers are protected under law that it is illegal for traps to be tampered with if they are set legal. He



commented that "there is no PETA for crab". Shaw shared that trappers are currently putting out signs for traps and the Department generally knows where people are trapping and can inform the public. Westlund chimed in that people mess with shrimp gear. Jahnke also shared that the ATA is printing out traps for commonly traveled trails on the road system.

Proposal #15: Dorendorf stated the Department is neutral and that the regulations in this proposal are really up to the user group. There is only 107 days allowed in the season, and that most people want to have that time in the fall then in the winter.

Proposal #16: Dorendorf stated that the Department is neutral and that the regulations are again up to the user groups. Doherty asked if changing to the proposed regulations would create an enforcement nightmare? Westlund stated that the proposal regulations would be confusing.

Ketchikan Region:

Proposal #33/#34: The proposals are similar but differ in the types of hunts, registration vs draw. Dorendorf shared that this hunt was closed in 2003, in 2004 a similar proposal was brought forward for this hunt and it was rejected by the Board. The area is a peninsula which does not receive much immigration from surrounding populations. Small population size without a lot of movement makes it an interesting management issue. Historically this population inhabited nine mountains and currently inhabits only five. Population is currently stable at 40-50 individuals with age class and sex ratio is unknown. The Departments management strategy is based on a point system. For every 100 goats, the Department allows 6 points to be harvested each year, with nannies being 2 points and billies being 1 point. Allen asks if population could sustain any level of harvest and the accessibility between mountain habitats. Ross responded that the Department generally does not want to allow harvest on populations of 50 or less individuals. Dale has an issue with billy only hunts due to the level of difficulty associated with determining the sex of goats in the field. Jahnke wanted to know when the last population survey was conducted. He commented that they were not rebounding through reproduction. Dorendorf stated that the last survey was done this year and that the Department is thinking about looking into reproduction of the population.

Proposal #35: Allen wanted to know how it would change registration. Dorendorf stated that it wouldn't change the area not necessarily the number of goats able to be harvested. F. James wanted to know of if George Inlet and Mahoney were open for goat hunts because he has observed many goats in that area. Allen wanted to know what the harvest goal was for RG001. Dorendorf stated there was no goal just a limit of 6 points per 100 goats.

Proposal #36: Jahnke introduced the proposal by stating that this proposal is to expand opportunity due to lost opportunity in Unit 2. He has historically utilized the Cleveland



Peninsula and the Department by EO cut the harvest limit from 4 bucks to 2 bucks. He elaborated that the Cleveland Peninsula is composed of 2 units. Dorendorf informed the committee that the best estimates are from pellet counts and that multiple years of data are required for this sampling regime. There were decent population sizes from 1995-1998 but harsh winters took their toll on the population. F. James objects to the proposal. Dale stated that the issues lies in having to punch tags in sequence.

Proposal #37: Dorendorf stated that we had never hit the 700 deer harvest objective. If the harvest objective is not obtained year after year then the department would need to address this through a management activity to meet the objective. This proposal brings the harvest goal to a more realistic number. Steps would need to be taken if the department doesn't meet this goal, which could be predator control. Westlund was concerned about the loss of road access in some areas. He also points out that there is new access in the Shelter Cove road currently being put in place. There will be more effort due to loss opportunity in Unit 2. Dale wanted to know what happens if the objective is met. Dorendorf informed that nothing happens, the department doesn't know this until the end of the season after harvest reports are submitted. Jahnke inquired why such a drastic decrease. Dorendorf stated that 350 is the historic average. Leach asked if left at 700 would predator control be implemented? Dorendorf replied that predator control is inactive at this time. The number 700 was chosen based on what user groups want and older biological data. Westlund suggested being able to harvest more than 4 bucks.

Proposal #38: C. Crittenden introduced the proposal which was based off the loss of lake access in town and a safety concern related to the hazards of ice.

Point of Order: W. Crittenden add a column on the sign-in sheet which community members could be added to a mailing list.

Proposal #39/40: Dorendorf informed the committee that this would be a state regulation. This would affect federally qualified users. This proposal restricts the season and harvest on state and private lands. Non-residents are a small percent of hunters in Unit 2. This proposal would only reduce harvest by 9 deer on average per year. Westlund asked if this included Sealaska land? Dorendorf replied yes. Roth disagrees with the proposal; non-residents bring money into the economy. F. James agrees with shortening the season. Dorendorf informed the committee that non-resident hunters make up 5% of the people who hunt there, and changing it to 2 deer harvest limit would make very little difference. Dorendorf stated that it's a land use practices issue.

Proposal #41: Dorendorf stated that this is an attempt to stop illegal harvest. This is an enforcement issue. Dorendorf felt that it would not fix the issue. Westlund likes this proposal.



Roth offered that Ziplocs and rubber bands are cheap. Allen asked how many tags would need to be purchased. Dorendorf said 2000-3000 tags at 5 cents apiece. Williams informed the committee that traditionally the tribes hunt for their elders.

Proposal #42: The proposal is going to be withdrawn and the committee did not discuss it.

Proposal #43: Dorendorf shared that the department uses genetics to determine population sizes. This would change from harvest guideline to a population objective. Exact numbers will be discussed at the Board of Game meeting. Allen wanted to know how it would change an endangered species listing. Franulovich asked about the wolf rubs, does the dominant male predominate the rubs. F. James was concerned about Coronation Island.

Proposal #44: Dorendorf stated that it aligns state and federal seasons.

Proposal #45/46: Dale wanted to discuss these as new business this meeting.

Proposal #47: Dorendorf will look for additional information. This proposal was brought up by Westlund who would like to discuss this further at future meetings.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday November 15, 2018 at the ADF&G Conference Room. Ten members said they could attend, and two plan to call in.

Adjournment: 9:30pm

Minutes Recorded By: <u>Crittenden/Allen</u> Minutes Approved By: <u>KTN AC</u> Date: <u>11-15-18</u>



Ketchikan Advisory Committee 11-15-2018 ADF&G Conference Room

I. Call to Order: 5:30pm by John Scoblic

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Scoblic, Doherty, Crittenden, Allen, Dale, D. James, Westlund, F. James, Roth, Shaw, McQuarrie, Leach, Miller Members Absent (Excused): Skan, Franulovich Members Absent (Unexcused): Cohen (Alternate), Williams (Alternate) Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 List of User Groups Present:

III. Approval of Agenda:

Westlund moved to approve agenda, F. James seconded it.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

F. James moves to approve the minutes, Westlund seconds the motion. Passes 13-0 unanimously.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Ross Dorendorf (ADFG-Game), Jessalynn Rintala (Board Support), Kelley Reppert (ADFG-Sportfish), Boyd Porter (ADFG-Game)

VI. Guests Present:

Norman Ariola, Liz Harpold, Rose Jahnke, Bob Jahnke

VII. Old Business:

Discussion of New Business #5: Prop. 176 King Salmon Sport Fish regulation alignment.

Reppert: modification of king salmon plan to meet new Pacific Salmon Treaty regulations. If we stay with current regulations we will exceed harvest. This is a "housekeeping" proposal so we stay in compliance with the Treaty.

Three changes resulted from the Treaty:

- 1. Southeast Alaska Winter Troll CPUE will be used to determine harvest tier
- 2. 7 Tiers are established instead of harvest range
- 3. Payback provisions provided for reduction in harvest allocation

Westlund, this is without industry input, places the burden on inside waters. Hatchery fish are caught in inside waters and don't count against the Treaty harvest limit. Sitka and Craig count for the majority of the king harvest and are caught primarily in March, April, May,



June. **Reppert**, management of sportfish harvest of kings is not based on inside/outside waters. **Westlund**, has upcoming proposal to address this issue. **Doherty**, would like to see CWT data, commercial troll doesn't catch enhanced fish on the outside, enhanced fish are caught on the inside. Can't restrict commercial without restricting sportfish. **Scoblic**, subsistence is also restricted. To spread the burden of conservation a proposal will be taken up in March. **Reppert**, requests lead time to be able to gather and prepare data for presentation. This plan does not address wild stocks or stocks of concern. **Scoblic**, the PST is the law and we have little choice in this matter. **Westlund**, this is for the next 10yrs, this is an important issue, **James Sr**., in agreement and doesn't want to hurt commercial fishermen.

Prop 176 will be old business at the next meeting. Need to have data requests to **Reppert** by next Monday-Tuesday.

Roth, motion to adopt Guiding Principles, 2nd **Crittenden**. **Scoblic** added ii) j) 3hr limit to meetings. Question has been heard. **Westlund**, calls the question.

Motion passes 13-0

VIII. New Business:

1. Prince of Wales Landscape Level Analysis(Comment Deadline December 18, 2018)

Please read before next meeting. This item of business should be addressed if people like hunting on POW.

Dale, "It's like eating shrimp takes a long time to digest", in reference to the analysis.

2. BOF Hatchery Committee(Comment Deadline 01/02/19 for BOF AYK Jan. 15-19 2019)

ACR(Agenda Change Request) were brought forward at BOF to address VFDA(Valdez Fisheries Development Association) pink salmon and CIAA(Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association) pink salmon. Anti-hatchery sentiment, concerns of competition between hatchery-wild and wild fish, ocean carrying capacity, straying and rearing locations.

Perry, is there an advisory committee, do we know who is on it? **Doherty**, we need to be ready to make a comment at the next meeting. **McQuarrie**, there is a surplus of hatchery fish returning to hatcheries because commercial fisherman can't fish for them in common property fisheries. **Liz**, should KTN AC reach out to other groups. **Scoblic**, reach out to all Southeast AC's.

3. King Salmon Sport fish regulation alignment newly assigned Prop 176 (Comment Deadline 01/02/2019 for BOF AYK Jan. 15-19 2019)

Addressed as Old Business.

4. Crawfish Inlet THA management plan newly assigned Prop 177 (Comment Deadline 01/02/2019 for BOF AYK Jan. 15-19 2019)



Management plan would provide for THA harvest of hatchery produced king and chum salmon in Crawfish Inlet by troll, purse seine, and drift gillnet.

The Department in consultation with NSRAA, shall, by emergency order, open and close the THA for harvest.

5. Statewide Finfish and Supplemental issues (Comment Deadline 01/02/2019 March 9-12, 2019)

Scoblic, Prop 161, 162, 165, 16, 18, 171, 172, and 173 could affect us. At our next meeting we will discuss who will attend BOG meeting in January in Petersburg. **James Sr.**, lobbying is the most important part.

Set next meeting date: Set for 12/13/2018 5:30pm ADFG Conference Room



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| 1 | Allow the | use of cros | sbows in restricted-weapons hunts for the Southeast Region |
| Oppose | 4 | 9 | Only affects us for future hunts |
| 2 | Allow the | feeding of | deer in the Southeast Region |
| Oppose | 1 | 12 | Ethics and enforcement |
| 3 | Modify th | e salvage re | equirement for deer in Units 1–5 |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | Want/waste |
| 4 | Allow the | harvest of | game from a boat in Units 1–5 |
| Oppose | 5 | 8 | Possibility of non-lethal shot, SEAK extensive shoreline, weather results in rough seas, potential enforcement issues, it has been allowed in other regions |
| 5 | Shorten th | ne hunting | seasons and change the bag limit for moose in the Southeast Region |
| Oppose | 0 | 12 | Additional moose will be killed, regulations should be changed to address illegal harvests, more hunters if shortened season in one area |
| 6 | Change th | e salvage r | equirement for black bear in Units 1–5 |
| Oppose | 0 | 12 | Higher quality hides of fall bears |
| 7 | Eliminate | the black b | ear sealing requirement for resident hunters in the Southeast Region |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | Concerns regarding data collection for management by ADF&G |
| 8 | | | quirement for nonresidents hunting black bear in the Southeast |
| No Action | 13 | 0 | |
| 9 | Change th season hu | | ent black bear permit hunts for Units 1B, 1C, and 1D to general |
| Support | 13 | 0 | Support of ADF&G regulation changes to address management |
| 10 | Require se | ealing of co | yote in Units 1–5 |
| No Action | | | If Board doesn't support Prop #11, then we support Prop #38 |
| 11 | Extend th | e trapping s | season for beaver in Units 1–5 |
| Support | 13 | 0 | Adds 2 weeks to return to previous regulation |
| 12 | Modify th | e trapping | season for beaver in Unit 1 |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | Definition of a nuisance beaver caused concern |
| 13 | Require id | lentificatio | n tags for traps and snares in Units 1–5 |
| Oppose | 0 | 10 | Trap identification can be costly, potential tampering of legal sets resulting in illegal sets |



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| 14 | Require tr | appers to p | post identification signs for traps and snares in Units 1–5 | |
| Oppose | 1 | 12 | Excessive and burdensome | |
| 15 | Lengthen | the hunting | g season for waterfowl in the Southeast Region | |
| Oppose | 0 | 12 | | |
| 16 | Shift the h | unting sea | son for migratory game birds in Units 1–4 | |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | Enforcement issue and confusing regulations | |
| 17 | Reserve w | aterfowl h | unting areas in the Sitka area for local hunters | |
| 18 | Increase t | he bag limi | t for deer in Unit 4 Remainder | |
| 19 | Close an area around the Greens Creek Mine road system and mine infrastructure in Unit 4 to hunting | | | |
| 20 | Change th | e bag limit | for deer on Douglas Island in Unit 1C | |
| 21 | Amend th | e area clos | ed to hunting along the Douglas Highway in Unit 1C | |
| 22 | Eliminate | the Dougla | s Island Management Area in Unit 1C | |
| 23 | Expand th | e archery-o | only registration permit hunt area for goat in Unit 1C | |
| 24 | Clarify the | boundary | description for the RG014 mountain goat hunt area in Unit 1C | |
| 25 | Restructur regulation | | se hunt in Unit 5A Remainder to align with the federal subsistence | |
| 26 | Reauthori | ze the antle | erless moose season in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench | |
| 27 | Reauthori | ze the antle | erless moose seasons in Unit 1C | |
| 28 | Issue pern | nits for usir | ng bait or scent lures to hunt black bear in Unit 1C | |



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| 29 | Shift the h | nunting sea | son for waterfowl in Unit 1C | |
| 30 | Create a y Refuge | outh hunt | for waterfowl in the Unit 1C Mendenhall Wetlands State Game | |
| 31 | Allow the | use of subr | nerged traps in the Juneau closed area in Unit 1C | |
| 32 | | | ns to close trapping and restrict the use of certain traps near roads Skagway Borough in Unit 1D | |
| 33 | Opop a dr | owing hunt | for mounting goat on the Cleveland Peninsula in Unit 1A and 1B | |
| Oppose | 0 | 12 | KTN AC supports ADF&G, population can't sustain a hunt | |
| 34 | _ | | unt for mountain goat on the Cleveland Peninsula in Unit 1A and 1B | |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | Concerned about language for a specific user group | |
| 35 | | | cture for Revillagigedo Island mountain goat in Unit 1A | |
| Support | 13 | | Will result in additional opportunities in adjacent areas | |
| 36 | | he hag limi | t for deer in Unit 1A | |
| Support | 10 | 3 | It is generally understood that this proposal is in response to opportunity being limited in other areas, specifically Unit 2 due to recent Federal Subsistence restrictions on non-federally qualified hunters. The committee understands that the population on the Cleveland is largely unknown at this time due to minimal population studies. It is believed that this proposal would provide additional harvest opportunity while providing more data to the Department to be used in management of the area in question. | |
| 37 | Reduce the harvest objective for deer in Unit 1A from 700 to 350–400 | | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | Opposition related to the timing of the proposal. Changes in road access, decreased hunting opportunity for KTN residents in Unit 1A, and decreased wolf predation. The committee recommends leaving harvest goals at the current level. | |
| 38 | Extend th | e trapping « | season for beaver in Unit 1A | |
| No Action | 13 | 0 | The committee agrees that that Prop #11 is more encompassing. If Prop #11 does not pass, then the committee supports this proposal. | |



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| 39 | Shorten th | ne hunting | season for deer in Unit 2 | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | Increases the gap between rural and non-rural users, taking more opportunity away from non-rural hunters | | |
| 40 | Decrease | the nonresi | ident bag limit for deer in Unit 2 | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 12 | Regulation change would have little effect | | |
| 41 | In Unit 2, | require har | vest tickets for deer be attached at the time of harvest | | |
| Oppose | 1 | 12 | Ethical and enforcement issue, the committee does not believe that this will be an effective regulation change | | |
| 42 | Increase t | he annual h | narvest of wolves in Unit 2 | | |
| No Action | 13 | 0 | | | |
| 43 | Change th | ie harvest n | nanagement strategy for wolf in Unit 2 | | |
| Support | 10 | 1 | The committee recognizes that this proposal is aimed to keep wolves from being ESA designated, leading to reduced ADFG management authority. That is undesired by members of this area. | | |
| 44 | Extend the | e trapping s | season for wolf in Unit 2. | | |
| Support | 12 | 0 | Brings State regulation inline with Federal | | |
| 45 | Extend the | e resident o | leer season on Mitkof, Woewodski, and Butterworth Islands in Unit 3 | | |
| Support | 13 | 0 | General support of lengthening the season | | |
| 46 | Extend the Unit 3 | e resident o | leer season on Kupreanof Island in the Lindenberg Peninsula area in | | |
| Support | 13 | 0 | | | |
| 47 | Eliminate | the genera | l season elk hunt in Units 1–3 | | |
| Oppose | 6 | 6 | Split vote resulted from one member abstaining due to lack of information provided related to the intensity of illegal harvests. Ethical and enforcement issues were discussed. | | |
| 48 | Change th | e bag limit | and open a fall season for brown bear hunting in Unit 3 | | |
| 49 | | | umber" for drawing permits (DL029) for nonresident black bear ide on Kuiu Island in Unit 3 | | |
| 50 | | | umber" for drawing permits (DL030) for unguided nonresident black reanof Island in Unit 3 | | |



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| 51 | Modify th | ie black bea | r sealing requirement for nonresident hunters in Unit 3 | |
| | | | | |
| 52 | - | Repeal the shorter harvest reporting and sealing requirements for black bears taken by nonresidents on Kuiu Island in Unit 3 | | |
| 53 | Modify th | e hunting a | rea description within the Petersburg Management Area in Unit 3 | |
| | | | | |
| 142 | The Board of Game does not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposal 142 concerning brown bear in Unit 4. It is included in the book for review and discussion by the board. Advisory committees may choose to provide comments on this proposal for the board's consideration. | | | |
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Adjournment: 9:13pm

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Minutes Recorded By: _Crittenden and Allen___ Minutes Approved By: KTN AC at 12/13/18 meeting Date: _____12/14/2018___



Petersburg Advisory Committee December 6, 2018 PMC Conference Room

I. Call to Order: 6:30pm by Chairman Max Worhatch

Roll Call: Members Present: Max Worhatch Joel Randrup Bob Martin David Benitz Kirt Marsh Ben Case Frank Neidiffer Jerry Dahl Stan Malcom Megan O'Neil Clyde Curry

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Members Absent (Excused): Arnold Enge Ted Sandhofer

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7

List of User Groups Present:

- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kevin Clark comfish
 Patrick Fowler sportfish
 Tom Schumacher (by phone)



VI. Guests Present:

Trooper Cody Litster Guests continued: Dave Thynes Dan McMahon Doug Corl Joe Viechnicki (KFSK reporter) Eric Grundberg Don Spigelmyre

VII. New Business:

Elections:

The seat held by Max Worhatch had expired. He was re-nominated and elected to another 3 year term in an undesignated seat. Visitors Eric Grundberg and Don Spigelmyre expressed a desire to be on the AC and were elected to 3 year undesignated terms as well. They were immediately seated on the committee making 13 out of 15 members present.

Chairman Worhatch asked to be relieved of the Chairmanship as it conflicted with his new job. Martin was nominated and elected to the Chair. Spigelmyre was elected to replace Martin as secretary. Randrup remains vice-chair.

Some Board of Fish proposals where discussed and a summary will be provided soon.

Board of Game proposals took up the rest of the meeting:



| Alaska Board of Game Southeast Region Meeting 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 | | | |
| 1 | Allow the | use of cros | sbows in restricted-weapons hunts for the Southeast Region | | | |
| NA | | | | | | |
| 2 | Allow the | feeding of | deer in the Southeast Region | | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | Disease concerns due to concentration of animals | | | |
| 3 | Modify th | e salvage re | equirement for deer in Units 1–5 | | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | Rib meat salvage requirement is not unduly burdensome | | | |
| 4 | Allow the | harvest of | game from a boat in Units 1–5 | | | |
| | | | There was some concern about unethical shots being taken from a bouncing or distant boat. Another member rebutted that many good shots are passed up by the time the hunter gets to the beach and spooks the animal and must decide whether to take an inferior shot as it moves away. One member was concerned about boat hunters shooting into an unknown backstop and endangering other hunters in the woods. Most members felt that Units 1-5 were unreasonably prohibited from shooting from a boat since it is allowed in the rest of the state. 2 abstentions. | | | |
| 5 | | | seasons and change the bag limit for moose in the Southeast Region | | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | While there was frustration with the number of illegally antlered bulls accidentally taken, it was felt that an "any bull" hunt could easily deplete the population and so was not a preferred option. The current 30 day season was also very popular with members who start the crab, shrimp, and dive fisheries on October 1 and would therefore miss this proposed season. | | | |
| 6 | Change th | ne salvage r | equirement for black bear in Units 1–5 | | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | Committee felt that in its experience fall bears are not tasty enough to warrant this special exception which might make it difficult to investigate and enforce the current non-resident hide salvage requirements. Taking the hide back to town was not seen as overly burdensome. | | | |
| 7 | Eliminate | the black b | ear sealing requirement for resident hunters in the Southeast Region | | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | Committee felt that there was value to ADFG from the data gathered by sealing. | | | |



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| 8 | Rescind th Region | ne guide reo | quirement for nonresidents hunting black bear in the Southeast | |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | Committee was sympathetic but preferred Proposal #9 as it encompassed specific area concerns. | |
| 9 | Change th season hu | | ent black bear permit hunts for Units 1B, 1C, and 1D to general | |
| Support | 13 | 0 | This should adequately protect local black bear populations while allowing better non-resident hunting opportunity. No one spoke against this. | |
| 10 | Require se | ealing of co | yote in Units 1–5 | |
| NA | | | | |
| 11 | Extend th | e trapping s | season for beaver in Units 1–5 | |
| Support | 13 | 0 | Plenty of beavers. Low value makes it unlikely to be overharvested. Makes sense to align with wolf season. | |
| 12 | Modify the trapping season for beaver in Unit 1 | | | |
| NA | | | | |
| 13 | Require io | entificatio | n tags for traps and snares in Units 1–5 | |
| Oppose | 1 | 12 | Most members felt that unethical or illegal trappers would not use tags anyway. One trapper objected to this special requirement applying to Units 1-5 when it is not required in the rest of the state where trapping is more common. | |
| 14 | Require tr | appers to p | post identification signs for traps and snares in Units 1–5 | |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | No discussion. Committee seemed to view this in much the same way as Proposal #13 | |
| 15 | Lengthen | the hunting | season for waterfowl in the Southeast Region | |
| NA | | | | |
| 16 | Shift the h | nunting sea | son for migratory game birds in Units 1–4 | |
| Oppose | 2 | 8 | There was much discussion and diverse opinion on the season timing. Both the early and late periods seemed especially valuable. Early for access to Sandhill Crane and late because Christmas vacation offered opportunity for school kids to hunt ducks and geese. There was considerable support expressed for some sort of | |



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| | | | compromise that might allow both ends of the season to be accessed, but not if it meant giving up the December school vacation opportunity. 2 abstentions. | | |
| 17 | Reserve w | aterfowl h | unting areas in the Sitka area for local hunters | | |
| NA | | | | | |
| 18 | Increase t | he bag limi | t for deer in Unit 4 Remainder | | |
| Support | 10 | 1 | While this might mainly affects Juneau residents, the committee felt it worth expressing our lack of opposition if there are plenty of deer for harvest. Member opposed did not say why. | | |
| 19 | Close an a 4 to hunti | | I the Greens Creek Mine road system and mine infrastructure in Unit | | |
| NA | | | NA until Proposal #43 | | |
| 20 | Change th | e bag limit | for deer on Douglas Island in Unit 1C | | |
| NA | | | | | |
| 21 | Amend th | e area clos | ed to hunting along the Douglas Highway in Unit 1C | | |
| 22 | Eliminate | the Dougla | s Island Management Area in Unit 1C | | |
| 23 | Expand th | e archery-o | only registration permit hunt area for goat in Unit 1C | | |
| 24 | Clarify the | e boundary | description for the RG014 mountain goat hunt area in Unit 1C | | |
| 25 | Restructure the moose hunt in Unit 5A Remainder to align with the federal subsistence regulations | | | | |
| 26 | Reauthori | ze the antle | erless moose season in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench | | |
| 27 | Reauthori | ze the antle | erless moose seasons in Unit 1C | | |
| 28 | Issue perr | l nits for usir | ng bait or scent lures to hunt black bear in Unit 1C | | |
| 29 | Shift the ł | l nunting sea | son for waterfowl in Unit 1C | | |



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| 20 | Create e : | | for waterfould in the Unit 10 Manderholl Matlanda State Come | |
| 30 | Refuge | outh nunt | for waterfowl in the Unit 1C Mendenhall Wetlands State Game | |
| | heruge | | | |
| 31 | Allow the | use of sub | merged traps in the Juneau closed area in Unit 1C | |
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| 32 | | - | ns to close trapping and restrict the use of certain traps near roads | |
| | | within the | Skagway Borough in Unit 1D | |
| 33 | Open a dr | awing hunt | I t for mounting goat on the Cleveland Peninsula in Unit 1A and 1B | |
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| 34 | Open a re | gistration h | nunt for mountain goat on the Cleveland Peninsula in Unit 1A and 1B | |
| 25 | Change th | | lature for Devillagizade Island mountain goat in Unit 14 | |
| 35 | | le nunt stru | icture for Revillagigedo Island mountain goat in Unit 1A | |
| 36 | Increase t | he bag limi | t for deer in Unit 1A | |
| | | | | |
| 37 | Reduce th | ne harvest c | bjective for deer in Unit 1A from 700 to 350–400 | |
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| 38 | Extend th | e trapping : | season for beaver in Unit 1A | |
| 39 | Shorten t | he hunting | l season for deer in Unit 2 | |
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| 40 | Decrease | the nonres | ident bag limit for deer in Unit 2 | |
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| 41 | In Unit 2, | require har | vest tickets for deer be attached at the time of harvest | |
| 42 | Increase t | l he annual l | harvest of wolves in Unit 2 | |
| NA | | | | |
| 43 | Change th | ne harvest r | nanagement strategy for wolf in Unit 2 | |
| Support | 13 | 0 | Committee supports wolf trapping and hunting and the benefits to the deer population. This seems like a promising improvement to | |



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| | | | wolf management if the numbers are chosen well. | | |
| 44 | Extend th | e trapping : | season for wolf in Unit 2. | | |
| NA | | | | | |
| 45 | Extend th | e resident o | deer season on Mitkof, Woewodski, and Butterworth Islands in Unit 3 | | |
| Support | 8 | 4 | Long discussion. General support for longer season if the population can sustain it. Some skepticism that deer numbers are high enough. Another member disagreed and felt the numbers have rebounded nicely. Some interest in just shifting the short season two weeks later into the rut. Most members like the proposal as written, but if it is too much for the Board, would be in support of shifting the short season into the rut. One abstention. | | |
| 46 | Extend the resident deer season on Kupreanof Island in the Lindenberg Peninsula area in Unit 3 | | | | |
| | 8 | 4 | Considered and voted at same time as Proposal #45. | | |
| 47 | Eliminate | the genera | l season elk hunt in Units 1–3 | | |
| Support | 13 | 0 | Good to curtail poaching loophole | | |
| 48 | Change th | ne bag limit | and open a fall season for brown bear hunting in Unit 3 | | |
| Support | 12 | 0 | We feel that a few bears taken during the fall deer and moose hunting season will not harm the Unit 1B parent population from which the Unit 3 bears come. There are very strong local safety concerns from Petersburg residents about the growing brown bear population on Mitkof Island. The existing spring hunt gets very little participation so we think it is reasonable to add a fall hunt. | | |
| 49 | Increase t | he "up to n | umber" for drawing permits (DL029) for nonresident black bear | | |
| | hunters w | <u>vithout a g</u> u | ide on Kuiu Island in Unit 3 | | |
| Support | 13 | 0 | No objection | | |
| 50 | Increase the "up to number" for drawing permits (DL030) for unguided nonresident black bear hunters on Kupreanof Island in Unit 3 | | | | |
| Support | 13 | 0 | No objection | | |
| 51 | Modify the black bear sealing requirement for nonresident hunters in Unit 3 | | | | |
| Support | 13 | 0 | No objection. 30 days seems reasonable. | | |
| 52 | Repeal the shorter harvest reporting and sealing requirements for black bears taken by | | | | |



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| | nonresidents on Kuiu Island in Unit 3 | | | | | |
| Support | 13 | 0 | No objection. 30 days seems reasonable. | | | |
| 53 | Modify the hunting area description within the Petersburg Management Area in Unit 3 | | | | | |
| Support | 13 | 0 | We strongly support this local proposal. Bow hunting near town has the potential to remove nuisance and road hazard deer and to provide more hunting opportunity within the no shooting area. We do see the need to close off a "donut hole" that would become legal in town between the ball field and Sandy Beach and would support amending this proposal so that area remains closed. | | | |
| 142 | The Board of Game does not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposal 142 concerning brown bear in Unit 4. It is included in the book for review and discussion by the board. Advisory committees may choose to provide comments on this proposal for the board's consideration. | | | | | |
| NA | | | | | | |

Adjournment: 9:00pm

Minutes Recorded By: _Bob Martin_____

Minutes Approved By: Randrup, Malcom, Worhatch

Date: Dec 28, 2018_____



Sitka Fish and Game Advisory December 6, 2018 Harrigan Centennial Hall, Lincoln Street

I. Call to Order: [6:05 pm] by [Jon Martin Board President]

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: 11

Randy Gluth, Steve Ramp, Stacy Wayne, Eric Jordan, Jon Martin,

Heather Bauscher, Mo Johnson, Karen Johnson, John Murray, Joel Markis,

Tad Fujioka

Members Absent (Excused): 3

Luke Bastian, Andrew Thoms, Jeff Feldspauch

Members Absent (Unexcused):0

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: Trollers, Guide, hunting, resident sport fish, shellfish, at large, guide, seine, power troll, trapping

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Stacy moves, Steve second
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Troy Tydinco, Steve Bethune,
- VI. Guests Present: Matt Donohoe, Jeff Farvour, Mike Vaughn
- VII. Old Business: no old business
 - a. Elections for Open Seats
 - i. Guide Seat: Luke Bastian nominated to guided hunting seat
 - ii. Hand Troll: vacant

VIII. New Business:

- a. Discussion of Sitka AC representatives to BOF or BOG meetings
 - i. Jon Martin will be attending BOG meeting in Petersburg
 - ii. Looking for a representative to attend finish in anchorage.
 - 1. If interested please communicate your interest by email. TBD

b. BOF proposal 176: Comments due January 2nd

- i. Troy Tydinco ADF&G presentation:
 - 176: King Salmon management plan- replacement for what is currently there. In the PST- they made some changes to how all the fisheries are going to be managed (not speaking to 177 yet)



- 2. Some reductions were made in overall harvest limits in AK- to put state king management plan in alignment- they changed the tier system. All currently based on AI- switch to CPUE
- 3. In addition to changes in harvest limit they are changing the tier structure. Department goal to shift all criteria under each AI to try to align and keep all allocations the same.
- 4. This is a framework for the board to take up for how they are going to manage the sport fishery.
- ii. Intention of this proposal is so the state plan is in alignment with the new changes in the Pacific Salmon Treaty, avoid in-season changes, and recognize that if overharvest occurs- those fish need to be paid back by harvest reductions for the next season.

Discussion:

Advisory Committee:

-Concerns over the shift in the model from AI to CPUE and how this will impact allocation harvest rates for residents vs non-residents and the potential impacts to the charter fleet. Differences between AI and CPUE model discussed in depth as illustrated in the handout provided by Steve Ramp.

- Recognize that there are stocks of concern throughout southeast and that we all must take a bit of a hit on this for conservation concerns.

- Dialogue about who should take more of a cut- potentially have the non-residents take 100% of the reduction- concerns of how that would impact the local economy through impacts to the charter fleet, guides, and tourism. Decided against going farther in that conversation.

- Concerns over potential overages and the mandatory harvest reductions for following seasons

Public:

Matt Donohoe: Concerns that they will have to pay back fish if go over. Don't like the shift in the time of year that the data is gathered and how that impacts the baseline that the harvest numbers are based on. Will likely further penalize ourselves by being over conservative in management to avoid overharvest.

Motion:

Eric Jordan: Due to a lack of information regarding- treaty language, data reflecting CPUE we do not feel that we have enough information to make and educated decision regarding this proposal. Therefore we make a recommendation that we advise the Board of fish and the department to do whatever they need to do to conserve king salmon, Rebuild the stocks, and provide stability to the fisheries. Stacy-Second.

Vote: Unanimous support- Motion Passes to advise board of fish that "Due to a lack of information regarding- treaty language, data reflecting CPUE we do not feel



that we have enough information to make and educated decision regarding this proposal. Therefore we make a recommendation that we advise the Board of fish and the department to do whatever they need to do to conserve king salmon, Rebuild the stocks, and provide stability to the fisheries."

*Big thank you to Troy for spending so much time working with us on this

- c. **Discussion of BOG proposals**: Presentation by Steve Bethune Area Manager ADF&G
 - i. **Proposal 1** allow use of crossbows in hunts open to muzzle loaders etc. Still be closed to bow only hunts. Sort of a moot point because we don't have any of those special hunts. It was a statewide proposal and then they decided to deal with this regionally. Etolin Island hunt is considered archery only. So does not apply
 - ii. Motion: Stacy- No recommendation.
 - iii. Vote: Unanimous support No recommendation on this proposal.
- d. Proposal 2- Private land- intentional feeding of deer for hunting.
 - i. ADF&G: Southeast AK not conducive to this type of agricultural feeding. Baiting, food plot type hunts come with concerns of spread of disease like Chronic Wasting Syndrome
 - ii. Discussion: Doesn't apply to us- No action.
- e. Proposal 3- Removal of requirement to harvest rib meat of deer.
- f. Motion to adopt Proposal 3: Steve Ramp, second John Murray
 - i. ADF&G: Neutral- Proponent wants the harvest of rib meat to be optional. It would cause lack of alignment with federal regulations.
 - ii. Discussion
 - iii. Randy: I can see both sides on this. The rib cage can expand to the brisket etc. Personal values thing
 - iv. Vote: Adopting: 0, Oppose: 10, Abstain: 1
 - v. Vote: Motion to adopt Proposal 2- Fails

g. Proposal 4: Allow the harvest of game from a boat:

- i. Motion to adopt Randy, Second Steve Ramp
- ii. ADF&G is neutral- Steve Bethune:
- iii. Has been illegal since 1972- Some confusion. Made a change that applied only to freshwater in the mid 90s. In 2003 illegal to hunt black bears. You can get "shoot from boat" permit for disabled hunters. Sitka office issues more than any other office in the region.
- iv. Concerns of overharvest in heavy snow years, accuracy issues and concerns of wounding loss.
- v. Even though this is just deer it would also apply to goats and bears.
- vi. Discussion:



- vii. Randy- I know a heck of a lot of people who shoot from boats and get cited for this. Whether they admit it or not. I think it could be overturned for deer but not for brown bear. Certain part of the community that wait for snow.
- viii. Stacy- Has had numerous instances where hunting beach fringe and had moving boat shooting at the beach. Didn't know that she was there and doesn't think it is a safe or ethical practice in terms of risking wounding an animal. Should not be encouraging behavior like this.
- ix. Randy: It is legal everywhere else outside of southeast. Hunters don't shoot enough deer even when there is a bunch of deer on the beach. Starvation drives loss of deer. In terms of wounding loss- if you are not ethical enough to follow up after pull the trigger it would not matter what you are on.
- x. Jon: I would not want to apply this to bear and imagine the mess that would make. I believe in fair chase and do not support this for bear. Would be nice for my father to be able to shoot from the boat.
- xi. Eric: There was a person from Sitka that was shot on the beach from someone on a boat. Ocean swell, wind is blowing, even if you are a really good marksman how can you be accurate in those conditions. What is this is opening the door for. This violates fair chase, wounded deer are hard to find. We will have fatalities from boats swamped and everything.
- xii. Jon: Guys do this all the time.
- xiii. Stacey: We should not be encouraging this. It is dangerous and unethical.
- xiv. Randy: Still have all the same ethics issues regardless. People breaking the rules and violating ethics whether boat based or land based. Abuses of all kinds regardless. This would make it easier for old gentlemen to more easily acquire deer.
- xv. Mo: I can't even consider shooting deer from a boat hunting. I would be embarrassed. I disagree that it doesn't make a difference with the wounding loss. This came up at other meetings. Shoot from the boat the deer runs into the woods and don't go get it. Its wasteful- are we going to support a wasteful activity regardless of where the deer population is at? I know this happens all the time, not an excuse to change the rules.
- xvi. Randy motion: Proposal applies only to deer, Steve Ramp second
- xvii. Vote 7 yes, 3 no, 1 abstain
- xviii. Motion as amended
- xix. Vote: yes 4 no 7- Motion to adopt Proposal 4: Fails

h. Proposal 5: Change the bag limit for moose

- i. Randy Moves to adopt, Jon second
- ADF&G- Steve- The way this is written it would change all the moose seasons across the board in southeast. It was meant for Petersburg, Wrangell area. The author is most concerned about one specific hunt. Either month long season or a derby style hunt that last 5-7 days. You



could shoot any bull and not be concerned with antler configurations. Registration hunt. Shooting about 100-110 a year at present. 8% illegal take. Compares favorably (Kenai penn. around 25%). We would have fewer illegal bulls. There is some wanton waste. Derby style and less opportunity would be a concern.

- iii. Discussion:
- iv. Tad: I remember a hunt around Gustavus that used to do a derby style hunt and it was not safe. Even with any bull- there was still illegal moose take. So is there some room to compromise? Steve: That would mean a completely different proposal. This is the least restrictive antler configuration in the whole state. These moose are not like the ones up north.
- v. Stacey: Current management is good and currently stable
- vi. Motion to table- Eric, second Randy
- vii. Vote yes- 6, no-5. Motion passes- Table Proposal 5
- i. **Proposal 6- change salvage requirements for black bear and salvage of hide and skull.** Randy motion, Joel second
 - ADF&G- Steve- Require salvage of meat year round and hide optional. Has to do more with individual hunting ethics. Meat salvage requirement goes back to bear baiting. Board made a compromise that carried over from allowing bear baiting but requiring meat salvage.
 - ii. Troopers- concerns of tracking down people who are violating. Concerns with enforcement and differences between residents/non-residents
 - iii. Discussion:
 - iv. Tad: Now it is possible to sell the hide.
 - v. Randy: I can understand someone wanting only the meat.
 - vi. Jon: This doesn't make any sense this is residents only. So non-residents are still not required to take the meat? I don't like this and knowing numbers of non-residents taking bears.
 - vii. Stacey calls the question:
 - viii. Vote: Unanimously opposed: Motion to adopt Proposal 6: Fails

j. Proposal 7- Eliminate black bear sealing requirements for residents

- i. Steve Ramp motion, Randy second
- ii. ADF&G- Steve- Black bears are hard to count, this would remove sealing requirements. Before with tickets we can only get data on hunting efforts. About 25% difference between sealing and hunter harvest tickets submitted. Sealing data much more reliable. 55% non res, 45% residents. There are areas that are only resident efforts. So we would lose our data from those areas completely. We can sustainable manage either way but it's much easier with sealing.



iii. Troopers- Could lead to wasted investigative time and it would be harder to enforce difference in regulations.

Discussion:

- iv. Joel: I think there may be some burden but not too much more to the hunter and is part of what is involved in taking the animal. Valuable date comes from this
- v. Vote: yes- 1, no- 10 Motion to adopt Proposal 7 Fails
- vi. Proposal 8- 'Eliminate distinction between guided and unguided non-resident hunters'
- vii. Steve Ramp: motion to adopt, Joel second
- viii. ADF&G: Require all non-resident to be draw permit only. Historically black bear there was not much concern. Outdoor tv shows lead to nonresident hunters flocked to southeast and went to places with road systems. Conservations concerns over black bears- no- guided nonresident hunts by draw permit. Even with the draw permit so successful there are thoughts to remove some of these hunts.
- ix. Discussion
- x. Jon: Particularly on Kuiu I and Kupreanof I- very successful and some significant impacts and maybe we are at a more sustainable level. There's still opportunity to get a bear. Hire a guide or not.
- xi. Tad: Appalled that they allowed people to buy their way into the hunt by hiring a guide.
- xii. Jon: Not to allocate more to guides it was more to get the harvest of nonfemale bears. Less detrimental impact to the population. Opportunity is there either way. Intent was to get that under control. Maybe it's time to let that go away.
- xiii. Vote: Yes-2, No- 9. Motion to adopt Proposal 8 Fails

k. Proposal 9- Remove underutilized draw hunts

- i. Tad motion to adopt, Steve second
- ii. ADF&G: Steve Bethune- When we issued these draw permits three areas of concern Kuiu island, Kuprenof island, didn't want to spread the problem. 10 discreet areas. Been successful in bringing harvest down and have areas with underutilized hunt areas. We don't have enough hunters that are utilizing them.
- iii. Joel Question
- iv. Vote- unanimous support. Motion to adopt Proposal 9 Passes
- I. Proposal 13- unlawful method of taking furbeards: Require tags on traps.



- i. Steve motion to adopt, Tad second
- ii. Steve Bethune- Extensive trail systems and conflict with the public. Southeast is the only place that requires this trap marking. Starting 2007trap tag required for enforcement and accountability. Since so much is federal land working to comply with federal regs. State and Federal board also revoked it later.
- iii. Troopers- id tags for traps. Required for take. Gear set unlawfully this is the only way to have a lead. There's been a number of issues with trap management and unable to investigate due to no marking. Most of these issues are linked to road system. Whose operating gear and to help with conflicts between trappers.
- iv. Discussion:
- v. Thoms comments: All other types of traps are tagged so why not tag these traps.
- vi. Tad: Had an issue with traps being stolen and then used illegally,. Also animals trash around and then lose tags. Trapping association opposed because they don't see the real benefit to it.
- vii. Jon: conflicts arise with other trappers these things happen. I keep tags on my traps. I think it's nice for folks to know who is running their lines. Convenience for transparency and honesty.
- viii. Randy: It can be onerous to keep all those tags up to date. Restrict the whole community on this, and it's been overturned once already.
- ix. Vote: yes-9, opposed-2 Motion to adopt Proposal 13: Passes

m. Proposal 16- Shifting the window of the waterfowl season to two weeks earlier

- i. ADF&G- Steve- Federal window maximum of 107 days. See gradual changes as you work your way through the region. Decreased ability to select males, less opportunity for sea ducks, takes away the Christmas time hunting, Impacts wintering birds.
- ii. Mike Vaughn- Author of the proposal. Back in 2006 I tried to change the season. Trying to back track that now. Haven't had as much success and hear all over town about the ducks that are present earlier in the season. Not using the latter part of the season so much. Ever since it was changed there are folks wanting it changed back. It took opportunity away from folks and find that he is hunting earlier in the season more often. So trying to change it back.
- iii. Motion: Steve Ramp- move to approve proposal 16 without the alternating dates.
- iv. Vote: Unanimous- Support Motion to adopt Proposal 16: Passes

n. Proposal 17- Guided waterfowl hunting boundaries

i. ADF&G Steve- There's been a total of 5 guided waterfowl hunts in Sitka since 2010



- ii. Mike Vaugh- Author of the Proposal: Did not intend to create a resident vs non-resident conflict. Grew up hunting in high pressure public areas. Do see the potential for someone to develop a waterfowl guide hunting business. Primarily for seas ducks, not concerned about the sea ducks so much. More concern about local areas fishing coho on the creek limits ability to get dabblers. Much of the hunting based on the tide and putting all effort into setting up one area. So if people move in you lose that opportunity. Wouldn't want to see guide hunting on dabbler ducks. Could result with conflicts. Trying to stay out ahead of the game before conflict occurs.
- iii. Discussion:
- iv. Guide Seat Comment: Luke Bastian- I am only guide currently doing duck hunts. I have never sold puddle duck tours. Hunters can shoot puddle ducks close to home (in lower 48).
- v. Jon: Does not seem like there's conflict. Maybe take this on later if becomes a problem. There is currently guided activities happening in our backyard. It's like allocation. There are ways to work this out without regulation.
- vi. Stacy calls question:
- vii. Vote: support 2, oppose 8, abstain 1-Motion to adopt Proposal 17: Fails

o. Proposal 18- Bag limit of deer for Juneau Residents

- i. Motion to adopt Stacy, Karen- second
- ii. Steve Bethune- Increase bag limit from 4-6, Juneau residents would benefit the most. Deer numbers are high. Admiralty has some of the highest deer counts in southeast. 115 Juneau hunters harvest 4 deer a year. Juneau residents take 30% or so. Department is neutral.
- iii. Vote: support- 1. Oppose- 10. Motion to adopt Proposal 18: Fails

p. Proposal 177- Crawfish Inlet Comments due January 2nd

- i. Eric moves to adopt this, Randy second.
- ii. Almost 3 million almost all 3yr olds. Much larger return than expected. Had a deal with Silver Bay to do the cost recovery. In one opening the trollers caught almost a million fish. Had a proposal to allow gillnet access and somehow regarding dept of law- they could not. So this is to change this so that they can have access to these fish. It's on the record- this does not mean gillnetters will be in there next year which is not true. We expect at a most conservative estimate more than 3 million fish in crawfish 7-10lb fish. Gillnetters are really interested in getting in there. Last 10-15 years they are above their allocated range. Seiners have been under. This should fix the seiner deficit.
- iii. NSRAA has the power to let the gillnetters in only if this passes the BoF.
- iv. Eric: Uncomfortable with this language



- v. Tad: This is out of cycle but it could be proposed in 2019 because they do not intend to take action on it for next year. So they could wait to do this.
- vi. Mo: They should have the gillnetters in there already this year. I don't agree with a lot of the deals because local folks have suffered because of it. I am willing to give time to the gillnetters. It seesaws back and forth. If you take extreme measures and the gillnetters got whacked at Deep inlet. Don't favor such an extreme shift. Gillnetters deserve an opportunity down there. Even cost recovery boats couldn't keep up. Terrible quality fish, have to stay on top of them- so many. Understand the regulation was in effect. They should have had an opportunity when there is that much fish. If NSRAA needs this to pass. At least they can have the opportunity to do it.
- vii. Motion to change language in b) The department in consultation
- viii. Eric: supportive of the gillnetters and this community. I get tired of being attacked by them too. Supportive of Mo's statement I supported the motion.
- ix. Question vote on the proposal as amended.

x. Vote: Support-9, oppose 2-Motion to adopt Proposal 177 Passes

With amendment: The department, in consultation with the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA), [SHALL] <u>MAY</u>, by emergency order, open and close the Crawfish Inlet Terminal Harvest Area ..."

- q. Representation at BOG- Jon Martin will be going to Petersburg
- r. Representation at Fin Fish in Anchorage- will be discussed over email
- s. **Next Meeting TBD** there will be an email. Hopefully after Christmas before comments are due for January 20th

Adjournment: 9:49pm Eric motion, Stacy second

Minutes Recorded By: _Heather Bauscher_ ___ Minutes Approved By: _Full AC_____ Date: __12/27/2018_____



Alaska Board of Game Southeast Region Meeting Proposals January 11-15, 2019 | Petersburg, 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 |
| 1 | Allow the | use of cros | sbows in restricted-weapons hunts for the Southeast Region |
| NA | | | |
| 2 | Allow the | feeding of | deer in the Southeast Region |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | Feeding wildlife, especially big game, can be problematic for a number of reasons. It can spread disease, habituate animals to human food sources, expose animals to increased risk from predators, artificially increase population levels above the habitat's natural carrying capacity, and provide opportunities for unethical harvest such as shooting deer at feeding stations. |
| 3 | Modify th | e salvage re | equirement for deer in Units 1–5 |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | Packing out deer ribs is not difficult. Every effort should be made to use every useful part of the deer. |
| 4 | Allow the | harvest of | game from a boat in Units 1–5 |
| Support | 8 | 0 | Hunting from boats does not pose a threat to big game populations. It is already a common practice in Units 1-5 and it is a legal practice elsewhere in the state. |
| 5 | Shorten the hunting seasons and change the bag limit for moose in the Southeast Region | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | The current antler restricted moose hunting system was developed in response to very short and uncontrolled any bull hunts. This system is working well to allow for longer hunting seasons while also conserving breeding age bulls. |
| 6 | Change the salvage requirement for black bear in Units 1–5 | | |
| NA | | | |
| 7 | Eliminate the black bear sealing requirement for resident hunters in the Southeast Region | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | ADFG gets valuable data from hide sealing that is used to manage black bears. |
| 8 | Rescind the guide requirement for nonresidents hunting black bear in the Southeast Region | | |
| NA | | | |

| 9 | Change the nonresident black bear permit hunts for Units 1B, 1C, and 1D to general | | |
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| | season hunts | | |
| Support | 8 | 0 | ADFG has addressed black bear conservation concerns through other means and a nonresident drawing permit hunt is no longer required. |
| 10 | Require se | ealing of co | yote in Units 1–5 |
| Support | 8 | 0 | Coyote populations seem to be expanding in Southeast, along with trapping and hunting pressure. Information about coyote numbers and distribution would be valuable for managing harvest. |
| 11 | Extend th | e trapping s | season for beaver in Units 1–5 |
| NA | | | |
| 12 | Modify th | e trapping | season for beaver in Unit 1 |
| NA | | | |
| 13 | Require ic | entificatio | n tags for traps and snares in Units 1–5 |
| Support | 9 | 0 | Wildlife Troopers support this proposal. Would make enforcement easier. |
| 14 | Require tr | appers to p | post identification signs for traps and snares in Units 1–5 |
| Oppose | 1 | 8 | The wording of the proposal is confusing and vague. People could use the signs to tamper with traps. Minority opinion: It is nice to know where trap lines are located, for many reasons—to avoid disturbing someone else's traps, to avoid problems with dogs, and to know where it is okay to set one's own traps. |
| 15 | Lengthen | the hunting | g season for waterfowl in the Southeast Region |
| Oppose | 0 | 8 | September 1 start date is a better change than adding time at the end of the season. ULCAC will support proposal 16. |
| 16 | Shift the h | unting sea | son for migratory game birds in Units 1–4 |
| Support | 8 | 0 | The first two weeks of September are an excellent time for waterfowl hunting, especially in northern Southeast. Those 2 weeks also provide an opportunity for waterfowl hunting before the moose season begins on September 15. |
| 17 | Reserve w | aterfowl h | unting areas in the Sitka area for local hunters |
| NA | | | |
| 18 | Increase t | he bag limi | t for deer in Unit 4 Remainder |
| NA | | Ŭ, | |
| 19 | Close an a 4 to hunti | | I the Greens Creek Mine road system and mine infrastructure in Unit |
| NA | | | |
| 20 | Change the bag limit for deer on Douglas Island in Unit 1C | | |
| Support as amended | 9 | 0 | Amendment #1: Include Sullivan Island along with Douglas in the proposed bag limit change. #2: Change the bag limit <i>on Sullivan Island only</i> to 4 BUCKS total. |
| 21 | Amend th | e area clos | ed to hunting along the Douglas Highway in Unit 1C |
| NA | | | |

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| 22 | Eliminate the Douglas Island Management Area in Unit 1C |
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| NA | |
| 23 | Expand the archery-only registration permit hunt area for goat in Unit 1C |
| NA NA | |
| 24 | Clarify the boundary description for the RG014 mountain goat hunt area in Unit 1C |
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| NA 25 | |
| 25 | Restructure the moose hunt in Unit 5A Remainder to align with the federal subsistence |
| NA | regulations |
| 26 | Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench |
| NA | |
| 27 | |
| NA | Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C |
| | |
| 28 | Issue permits for using bait or scent lures to hunt black bear in Unit 1C |
| NA | |
| 29 | Shift the hunting season for waterfowl in Unit 1C |
| NA | |
| 30 | Create a youth hunt for waterfowl in the Unit 1C Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge |
| NA | |
| 31 | Allow the use of submerged traps in the Juneau closed area in Unit 1C |
| NA | |
| 32 | Modify the regulations to close trapping and restrict the use of certain traps near roads |
| | and trails within the Skagway Borough in Unit 1D |
| Oppose | 18There have been no problems in Skagway with pets or people and |
| | traps. This really limits trapping opportunities in Skagway. Minorit |
| | opinion: Uncomfortable with opposing the will of an elected body. |
| | This is the Skagway Assembly's attempt to make things right. |
| 33 | Open a drawing hunt for mounting goat on the Cleveland Peninsula in Unit 1A and 1B |
| NA | |
| 34 | Open a registration hunt for mountain goat on the Cleveland Peninsula in Unit 1A and 1B |
| NA | |
| 35 | Change the hunt structure for Revillagigedo Island mountain goat in Unit 1A |
| NA | |
| 36 | Increase the bag limit for deer in Unit 1A |
| NA | |
| 37 | Reduce the harvest objective for deer in Unit 1A from 700 to 350–400 |
| NA | |
| 38 | Extend the trapping season for beaver in Unit 1A |
| NA | |
| 39 | Shorten the hunting season for deer in Unit 2 |
| NA | |

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| 40 | Decrease the nonresident bag limit for deer in Unit 2 |
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| NA | |
| 41 | In Unit 2, require harvest tickets for deer be attached at the time of harvest |
| NA | |
| 42 | Increase the annual harvest of wolves in Unit 2 |
| NA | |
| 43 | Change the harvest management strategy for wolf in Unit 2 |
| NA | |
| 44 | Extend the trapping season for wolf in Unit 2. |
| NA | |
| 45 | Extend the resident deer season on Mitkof, Woewodski, and Butterworth Islands in Unit 3 |
| NA | |
| 46 | Extend the resident deer season on Kupreanof Island in the Lindenberg Peninsula area in Unit 3 |
| NA | |
| 47 | Eliminate the general season elk hunt in Units 1–3 |
| NA | |
| 48 | Change the bag limit and open a fall season for brown bear hunting in Unit 3 |
| NA | |
| 49 | Increase the "up to number" for drawing permits (DL029) for nonresident black bear hunters without a guide on Kuiu Island in Unit 3 |
| NA | |
| 50 | Increase the "up to number" for drawing permits (DL030) for unguided nonresident black |
| 50 | bear hunters on Kupreanof Island in Unit 3 |
| NA | |
| 51 | Modify the black bear sealing requirement for nonresident hunters in Unit 3 |
| NA | |
| 52 | Repeal the shorter harvest reporting and sealing requirements for black bears taken by |
| | nonresidents on Kuiu Island in Unit 3 |
| NA | |
| 53 | Modify the hunting area description within the Petersburg Management Area in Unit 3 |
| NA | |
| | The Board of Game does not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposal 142 |
| 142 | concerning brown bear in Unit 4. It is included in the book for review and discussion by the board. Advisory committees may choose to provide comments on this proposal for the board's consideration. |

NOTE: These proposals were discussed at two separate meetings of the ULCAC: 18 OCT and 30 NOV. Separate minutes for both these meetings have been submitted to Boards Support.



Upper Lynn Canal ADF&G Advisory Committee 18 October 2018 Haines, Alaska

Call to Order at 5:05 pm by Tim McDonough

Roll Call:

| Members | Present/ Absent/ Teleconference |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Tim McDonough (TM) - Chair | Р |
| Ryan Cook (RC) - Vice Chair | Р |
| Derek Poinsette (DP) - Secretary | Р |
| Darren Belisle (DB) - Skagway | А |
| Stuart DeWitt (SdW) - Haines | Р |
| Shannon Donahue (SD) - Haines | Р |
| Daniel Hotch (DH) - Klukwan | Р |
| Kip Kermoian (KK) - Haines | А |
| Will Prisciandaro (WP) - Haines | Р |
| Luke Rauscher (LR) - Skagway | А |
| Marie Rose (MR) - Haines | Т |

Members Present: 8 Members Absent: 3 Number Needed for Quorum: 6 Quorum Present: Yes

Fish and Game Staff Present Commercial Fish: Sport Fish: Rich Chapell Wildlife: Carl Koch (T) Anthony Crupi

Others Present



Previous Meeting Minutes

SD moves to approve. RC 2nd. Unanimous.

Agenda

RC moves to approve. SdW 2nd. Unanimous.

Agency Reports

Chapell: Good coho fishing and escapement. Recent rains has helped the fish get to the spawning grounds.

Koch: Great moose season. No sub-legals. 7 spike-forks, at least 6 were yearlings. Could indicate good recruitment.

Anthony Crupi: Brown Bear Study

Crupi: Information to be gained is important for managing hunting in the Valley. Current estimate ~400 in Haines area. It is not a good estimate that is based on any real local data. F&G shoots for 4% harvest level—16 bears. The collar data will be used for finding trails and habitats for the snare study, which will give us a population estimate. 20 collars/year for 2 years. 2020 start snare study.

BOG Proposals

- 1. Skip
- 2. DP moves to oppose. SD 2nd. 8 oppose. 0 support. Feeding wildlife, especially big game, can be problematic for a number of reasons. It can spread disease, habituate animals to human food sources, expose animals to increased risk from predators, artificially increase population levels above the habitat's natural carrying capacity, and provide opportunities for unethical harvest such as shooting deer at feeding stations.
- 3. WP moves to oppose. TM 2nd. 8 oppose. 0 support. Packing out deer ribs is not difficult. Every effort should be made to use every useful part of the deer.
- 4. DP moves to support. WP 2nd. 8 support. 0 oppose. Hunting from boats does not pose a threat to big game populations. It is already a common practice in Units 1-5 and it is a legal practice elsewhere in the state.
- 5. WP moves to oppose. SdW 2nd. 8 oppose. 0 support. The current antler restricted moose hunting system was developed in response to very short and uncontrolled any



bull hunts. This system is working well to allow for longer hunting seasons while also conserving breeding age bulls.

- 6. Skip
- 7. RC moves to oppose. SD 2nd. 8 oppose. 0 support. ADFG gets valuable data from hide sealing that is used to manage black bears.
- 8. Skip. Issue is addressed by proposal 9.
- 9. WP moves to support. RC 2nd. 8 support. 0 oppose. ADFG has addressed black bear conservation concerns through other means and a nonresident drawing permit hunt is no longer required.
- 10. RC moves to support. WP 2nd. 8 support. 0 oppose. Coyote populations seem to be expanding in Southeast, along with trapping and hunting pressure. Information about coyote numbers and distribution would be valuable for managing harvest.
- 11. Skip
- 12. Skip
- 13. TM moves to support. DP 2nd. TM tables so that Trooper Chwialkowski can be consulted at next meeting.
- 14. Save for next meeting for the same reasons as proposal 13, above.
- 15. WP moves to oppose. RC 2nd. 8 oppose. 0 support. September 1 start date is a better change than adding time at the end of the season. ULCAC will support proposal 16.
- 16. WP moves to support. SdW 2nd. 8 support. 0 oppose. The first two weeks of September are an excellent time for waterfowl hunting, especially in northern Southeast. Those 2 weeks also provide an opportunity for waterfowl hunting before the moose season begins on September 15.
- 17-20. Skip. Don't apply to Haines area.

Travel to BOG Meeting. January in Petersburg.

SD will attend if possible. RC alternate.

F&G Habitat Communications

TM reads an email that he sent to David Rogers after having a phone conversation with him.

Hi David,

Thanks for making time to visit with me this morning. I thought I'd recap what I felt I expressed as our major concerns.

Historically in the SE region, decisions made by F&G Habitat division on permitting projects have favored applicants point of view and ignored or not given much weight to local F&G biologists opinions. We'd like to see that change, (specific examples are available to support this claim if you'd like to see them) towards more weight given to fish habitat concerns and less towards ease of project completion.

In the future it would be great to make F&G Habitat permit decisions more transparent which would include an explanation of how the input of different agencies was taken into consideration and why decisions and particulars



of those decisions are made.

Again, thank you for your time. I look forward to corresponding in the future if the AC has specific concerns you might be able to help us with.

Best, Tim McDonough Chair ULC F&G AC

TM: Jackie Timothy can't respond further until Commissioner Cotten responds. No response yet from the commissioner.

Next Meeting 30 NOV. 500PM. ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS.

Adjournment: 640pm

Minutes Recorded By: _DP_____ Minutes Approved By: _AC_____ Date: _11/30/18_____



Upper Lynn Canal ADF&G Advisory Committee 30 November 2018 Haines, Alaska

Call to Order at 5:00 pm by Tim McDonough

Roll Call:

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| Shannon Donahue (SD) - Haines | Р |
| Daniel Hotch (DH) - Klukwan | А |
| Kip Kermoian (KK) - Haines | Т |
| Will Prisciandaro (WP) - Haines | Р |
| Luke Rauscher (LR) - Skagway | Т |
| Marie Rose (MR) - Haines | Р |

Members Present: 9 Members Absent: 2 Number Needed for Quorum: 6 Quorum Present: Yes

Fish and Game Staff Present

| Commercial Fish: | |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| Sport Fish: | Rich Chapell (RCh) |
| Wildlife: | Carl Koch (CK) (Telephone) |

Others Present

Trent Chwialkowski (TC), Wildlife Trooper Jenna Kunze, Chilkat Valley News Henry Leasia, KHNS



Previous Meeting Minutes

WP moves to approve. SD 2nd. Unanimous.

Agenda

KK moves to add "6b: Dredging in anadromous streams" to the agenda. SD 2nd. Unanimous.

Agency Reports

None.

BOG Proposals

- 20. RC moves to support with amendment: "Add Sullivan Island to proposed Douglas Island change. And bucks only on Sullivan." WP 2nd. KK: Will reduce opportunity. CK: Not much pellet count data for Sullivan. Unanimous.
- 13. (Motion to support is on table from last meeting.)

TC: Issue for Troopers is early gear and late gear enforcement. Troopers support this proposal. In the last few years there have been several cases of bears and mountain goats snared out of season. DB: Is trapper harassment an issue. TC: No, this just requires a driver's license number or trapping license number. Vote: Unanimous.

- 14. WP: Seems confusing and vague. TM: In the Yukon trappers mark their trap lines with little blue triangles. It's nice to know where the trap lines are. DP: I like knowing where people are trapping so that I can avoid those areas out of courtesy. And also, if you are looking for places to set traps it's nice to know where someone else is already trapping.
 SD moves to support with amendment: Change wording: "Require a sign at the start and end of trap or snare lines." Remove the requirement for a name and address. WP 2nd. KK moves to amend wording to change "sign" to "symbol". No 2nd. Vote: 4 Yes, 5 No. Fails.
 DB moves to oppose. WP 2nd. DB: People could use signs to tamper with traps. Vote: 8 Yes, 1 No (SD).
- 12. DB: We have requested that this proposal be removed. It was just a placeholder.
- 32. DB moves to oppose. RC 2nd.

DB: There have been no problems in Skagway with pets or people and traps. TM reads the proposal. CK: ADF&G is neutral. No biological emergency. The AC is the proper place for



the discussion of this issue. LR: This really limits trapping opportunities in Skagway. CK: If this proposal fails, Skagway will still be in violation of fish and game management rules. DB: This was passed at an assembly meeting with very little discussion. It passed unanimously. DP: I am uncomfortable opposing the will of an elected body. KK: I agree. TM: I think it is appropriate for the AC to express opposition to the actions of elected officials. WP: This proposal is the Skagway Assembly's attempt to make their trapping ordinance legal. This is them trying to make things right.

Vote: Yes 8, No 1 (DP). AC opposes 32.

Must submit by December 28.

Travel to BOG Meeting. January in Petersburg.

SD will attend.

BOF Proposals

177. WP reads proposal. RC moves to support. DP 2nd.

WP: This will clarify the regulations and allow gillnet gear in Crawfish Inlet. MR: What do trollers think about this? WP: Trollers have priority areas, but they aren't capable of cleaning up after big returns like 2018. NSRAA already has more cost recovery than they need. NSRAA board will still manage the fishery so that all gear types get their allocation. Vote: Unanimous.

Must submit by January 2.

176. TM reads. RC: Brian Elliott supports. Tabled until next meeting.

Recreational Gold Dredging in Anadromous Waters

KK: Had a long conversation with Director of Habitat. How do we get a permit modified? He suggested we send a letter to him asking for a change in administrative code. He will tell us what we need to do. RC: The DNR page classifies this as recreational.

F&G Habitat Communications (Jackie Timothy)

TM: Talked to Jackie Timothy personally after she sent her email response. Jackie said that the F&G AC's do not have the right to give input to F&G Habitat or to comment on Habitat permits. DP/KK/SD/others: That is not true!



Recent Email Correspondence with Ms. Timothy (in reverse order):

From: Timothy, Jackie L (DFG) <<u>jackie.timothy@alaska.gov</u>>
Date: Friday, November 30, 2018
Subject: follow up to our conversation
To: tim mcdonough <<u>annandtim1@gmail.com</u>>
Cc: "Kanouse, Kate M (DFG)" <<u>kate.kanouse@alaska.gov</u>>, "Ott, Alvin G (DFG)" <<u>al.ott@alaska.gov</u>>, "Rogers, David E (DFG)" <<u>david.rogers@alaska.gov</u>>, "Haight, Glenn E (DFG)" <<u>glenn.haight@alaska.gov</u>>

Hi Tim –

Thank you for following up; I appreciate you wanting to make sure you heard me accurately. Your notes below are correct, and I have provided additional information in Red below.

From: tim mcdonough [mailto:<u>annandtim1@gmail.com</u>]
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2018 3:32 PM
To: Timothy, Jackie L (DFG)
Cc: Kanouse, Kate M (DFG)
Subject: follow up to our conversation

Hi Jackie,

I wanted to follow up with what I heard in the conversation and make sure I got right. You did an excellent job.

"We (AC's) don't get to have input on F&G Habitat permitting decisions," That is correct. Habitat biologists work with project proponents from the project design phase to help them meet their objectives while also protecting the resources and habitats for which we are responsible. We coordinate with area management biologists to get available resource data. We also conduct our own research when it is necessary to inform permitting decisions. Once we've figured out how to avoid, minimize and mitigate impacts, we write fish habitat permits that incorporate all I have described here. I assume this means at any point in the process, before a permit is issued, after it comes out or when it is being carried out. Would that be your position? Yes. The advisory board's responsibility is the management of fish and game resources (e.g., allocation, gear type, openings and closings, etc.) and to inform the boards of fish and game as described in statute.

You personally or Kate, who I assume might take your place when you retire, (You shouldn't assume that. This is a classified position, not an appointed one. You need to have the education, experience, knowledge, skills, and abilities described in the class code to qualify for the position) have given and will continue to give full consideration of local biologists when making permitting decisions and would be willing to share those considerations with the biologists and AC's that might have an interest in the outcome. We consider the information the area management biologists provide, and especially appreciate factual resource information and data. We disregard contradictory statements from the same individual, inconsistent information among biologists, things not allowed by statute, and personal, rather than biological, opinions (Certainly we (the AC) don't expect Habitat to be our secretary and include us in all you debate and decide , and no, I'm sure it doesn't specifically say in law that you even need to, but it seems a perfect opportunity to become more transparent and achieve the best results for all of us if you did). We are transparent. Every decision we make is articulated in the permit and supported with field reports, all available for anyone who asks. In addition, we are currently uploading this information to the internet in the form of a georeferenced database so you can access it whenever you like.



You've personally have been active in the permitting process for 13 15 yrs? and seen a number? dozens of dredging operations of the type we talked about that will be used in the Kelsall and Nataga Creek, and feel totally confident there will be no impact on King Salmon smolt rearing juvenile Chinook that will be rearing in the area. 100% confident since the water intake is screened and a 3 in dredge is tiny compared to most dredges.

Lastly, I felt you were quite adamant that the AC's mandate is limited to giving input on F&G proposals to the State boards of F&G and we should not be involved in any way with F&G Habitat decisions that might affect our local area. Correct. Your responsibility described in statute is to hold public hearings on fish or game matters, provide recommendations to the board of fish and game for their consideration, and for emergency closures during established seasons. That said, staff here would be happy to talk with you any time you are interested in a project or consider any data you have that may be useful in a permitting decision. And, as we discussed on the phone, we can contact the suction dredgers and find out when they will be working so that you can observe the process and see how the equipment works. Thank you for talking with me today.

Let me know if this is accurate so I can report to my board tomorrow. Thank you for your time.

Best, Tim McDonough ULCAC Chair

From: **Timothy, Jackie L (DFG)** <<u>jackie.timothy@alaska.gov</u>> Date: Friday, November 30, 2018 Subject: follow up on Sept. 13 ULC AC letter To: tim mcdonough <<u>annandtim1@gmail.com</u>> Cc: "Rogers, David E (DFG)" <<u>david.rogers@alaska.gov</u>>, "Ott, Alvin G (DFG)" <<u>al.ott@alaska.gov</u>>, "Kanouse, Kate M (DFG)" <<u>kate.kanouse@alaska.gov</u>>

Hi Tim –

I apologize for the late reply.

Fish Habitat Permits FH18-I-0094 and FH18-I-0095 authorize small scale mining in Kelsall River and Nataga Creek using a 3 inch diameter highbanker dredge May 15–June 30, a time when Chinook salmon eggs and alevins are absent from the streambed and before adults return to spawn. While juvenile Chinook salmon rear in the system and may be present in work areas, juvenile salmonids will not be harmed by the de minimis nature of the activity. The in-water work timing window and water intake screen requirements protect juvenile Chinook salmon and are consistent with the Division of Habitat's permitting of small scale mining in Chinook salmon streams statewide.

If the permittees work their claim in the Kelsall River and Nataga Creek in 2019, habitat biologists will opportunistically monitor the activity and send you a report of their findings. Thank you for following-up.

Jackie



From: tim mcdonough [mailto:<u>annandtim1@gmail.com</u>]
Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 9:27 AM
To: Timothy, Jackie L (DFG)
Cc: Rogers, David E (DFG)
Subject: Re: follow up on Sept. 13 ULC AC letter

Hi Jackie,

I received the Commissioner's response and will attach a copy as the recipient list didn't appear to include your email address. I am concerned that the response did not at all address the AC's concerns about overwintering king salmon fry in the Kelsall and Nataga Creek. *It is highly unlikely that these alevins are leaving the area after emergence in March and April and then returning in the fall, which means they will surely be subjected to impacts from dredging in May and June. Therefore, we request that this permit be amended, and dredging not be allowed at any time on the Chinook salmon spawning grounds of the Kelsall River and Nataga Creek.* Fisheries Research Biologist Brian Elliot's evaluation.

We have an AC meeting scheduled for 30 November. It would great to hear from you about this issue before that time.

Thank you for your time dealing with this matter, Tim McDonough Chair ULCAC

On Mon, Oct 15, 2018 at 1:10 PM Timothy, Jackie L (DFG) <<u>jackie.timothy@alaska.gov</u>> wrote: Hi Tim –

I can't send my response until the Commissioner's Office sends theirs. You may want to contact them to ask when they will be responding.

Thanks. . .Jackie

From: tim mcdonough [mailto:<u>annandtim1@gmail.com</u>]
Sent: Saturday, October 13, 2018 4:47 PM
To: Timothy, Jackie L (DFG)
Subject: follow up on Sept. 13 ULC AC letter

Hi Jackie,

I'm writing to followup on the ULC AC letter of 13 September to you in which we expressed a desire to have permit # FH18-I-0094 thru 0098 changed to not allow the use of a 3" mining dredge in the Kelsall River and Nataga Creek. In our letter we requested that the permit be amended and dredging not be allowed at anytime on the Chinook salmon spawning grounds of the Kelsall River and Nataga Creek.

We have an AC meeting scheduled for Oct. 18 and I am hopeful I can report to the board that the permit has been amended. I would appreciate your response about the issue and any action that has been taken.



Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Tim McDonough Chair ULC AC

Yes to Lena: the ULCAC will send a representative to the Joint BOF/BOG meeting in March.

WP: 2018 Lynn Canal gillnet fishery: \$6.8 million. 288 boats. 2-3 marked Chilkat kings = ~100 Chilkat kings caught. Chilkat and Chilkoot projected to be average returns next year.

WP: Townsite no-shooting boundaries may be an upcoming issue.

Next Meeting 20 DEC. 500PM. ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS.

Adjournment: 630pm

Minutes Recorded By: <u>DP</u> Minutes Approved By: <u>ULCAC</u> Date: <u>DEC 20, 2018</u>



Wrangell Fish & Game Advisory Committee Notes for Meetings December 3, 2018 Wrangell, Alaska

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 PM by Chris Guggenbickler, Chair
- Roll Call: Members Present: (11) Chris Guggenbickler, Brennon Eagle, David Rak, Marlin Benedict, John Yeager, Brian Merritt, Otto Florschutz, Robert Rooney, Winston Davies, Janis Churchill, Brett Stillwaugh Members Absent: (5) Tom Sims, Mike Bauer, Jason Rooney, Alan Reeves, Scott McAuliffe Number Needed for Quorum on AC: eight (8) List of User Groups Present: NA
- II. Approval of Agenda: Elections and Board of Game SE Proposals
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA
- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tom Kowalske (Wrangell), Steve Bethune (Sitka)

Guests Present: Jim Nelson (FS-LEO), Dave Brown, Bill Knecht, Einar Haaseth, Austin Obrien, Tony Guggenbickler, Mike Lockabey, KSTK Radio

- V. Old Business: NA
- VI. New Business: Elections, Reports, and Board of Game SE Proposals, BOF Additional Finfish Proposals

ELECTIONS

Motion to nominate by Brian Merritt, Second by John Yeager

| Nominations | Number of votes |
|------------------|-----------------|
| David Rak | 18 |
| Winston Davies | 17 |
| Robert Rooney | 16 |
| John Yeager | 16 |
| Mike Bauer | 12 |
| Brett Stillwaugh | 9 |
| Janice Churchill | 6 |
| | |



Nomination of current officers: Motion to nominate by Brian Merritt, Second by Robert Rooney: Chris Guggenbickler, Chair; Brennon Eagle Vice -Chair; David Rak Secretary. All members agreed by voice to continue with current officers.

Actions of the Chair: Brett Stillwaugh and Janice Churchill will serve as Alternate Members to the Wrangell AC for one year. Bill Knecht was appointed to fill the seat he vacated a year ago. Dave Brown was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Scott McAuliffe who has moved away from Wrangell for employment with AST.

REPORTS

Steve Bethune (ADF&G Sitka) addressed the AC from Sitka via teleconference.

John Yeager reported on proposals to the Federal Subsistence Rural Advisory Committee (RAC) at the fall meeting October in Sitka. Meeting in Wrangell February 4-6, 2019 concerning wildlife proposals. Also included comments on Federal Roadless Rule and Federal issued on Prince of Wales Island.

Mike Lockabey reported on Sea Otter issues.

Brennon Eagle reported on US-Canada Salmon Treaty progress.

Einar Haaseth reported on low flying airplanes used to spot moose in the Stikine River valley during the 2018 moose season. Janice Churchill and Dave Brown shared the concern and added to the discussion.

Brennon Eagle reported on SSRAA involvement in salmon treaty mitigation activities; developing a new release area at Canoe Pass; and the recent RPT meeting in Petersburg.



| Alaska Board of Game Southeast Region Meeting Proposals January 11-15, 2019 Petersburg, AK | | | |
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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 |
| 1 | Allow the | use of cros | sbows in restricted-weapons hunts for the Southeast Region |
| No Action | | | |
| 2 | Allow the | feeding of | deer in the Southeast Region |
| No Action | | | |
| 3 | Modify th | e salvage r | equirement for deer in Units 1–5 |
| No Action | | | Hunters should be required to salvage all edible meat. No Exceptions. If exceptions are allowed, where would those allowances stop. |
| 4 | Allow the | harvest of | game from a boat in Units 1–5 |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | Allowing for the harvest of game from a boat would result in the loss of wounded game due to the poor chance of hitting the target from a boat. |
| 5 | Shorten t | he hunting | seasons and change the bag limit for moose in the Southeast Region |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | The moose hunt on the Stikine is basically a meat hunt for families to put meat in their freezers. Reason for opposing include bull moose rut during 10/1 through 10/15 which is poorer quality meat. A season from 10/1 through 10/15 would be a "derby" style hunt. Wrangell hunters favor a slower month-long hunt. Solving the problem on too many sublegal bulls being harvested include increasing the fine for illegal harvest from \$300 to \$1,000 dollars. Also, the Department providing hands on hunter education workshops, and providing a photo album of illegal moose antlers, not just pictures of the legal antlers. The Wrangell AC would like to be involved in determining who is eligible to receive the confiscated moos meat, and to work with AST to distribute that meat. |
| 6 | Change th | ne salvage r | equirement for black bear in Units 1–5 |
| No Action | | _ | |
| 7 | Eliminate | the black b | ear sealing requirement for resident hunters in the Southeast Region |
| No Action | | | |
| 8 | Rescind the guide requirement for nonresidents hunting black bear in the Southeast Region | | |
| No Action | | | |



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| 9 | Change th season hu | | ent black bear permit hunts for Units 1B, 1C, and 1D to general |
| No Action | | | |
| 10 | Require se | ealing of co | yote in Units 1–5 |
| No Action | | | |
| 11 | Extend the | e trapping s | season for beaver in Units 1–5 |
| No Action | | | |
| 12 | Modify th | e trapping | season for beaver in Unit 1 |
| No Action | | | |
| 13 | Require identification tags for traps and snares in Units 1–5 | | |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | Requiring more regulations would result in less people trapping. Don't want more trapping regulations, including trap tags. |
| 14 | Require tr | appers to p | oost identification signs for traps and snares in Units 1–5 |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | Oppose for the same reasons proposal 13 is opposed. Do not favor additional regulations. It should not be required to sign every trap. Individual trap signs would likely add to more vandalism from anti trappers. |
| 15 | Lengthen the hunting season for waterfowl in the Southeast Region | | |
| No Action | | | Shifting the season to cover 9/15 through 12/31 was a good change with the changing climate. Shifting the season to include January and February is too late for migratory waterfowl in SEAK. |
| 16 | Shift the h | unting sea | son for migratory game birds in Units 1–4 |
| Oppose | 0 | 13 | The current season is better for the opportunity to harvest the larger preferred "northern" birds. Students home for Christmas break have the opportunity to waterfowl hunt. Also, see discussion for proposal 15. |
| 17 | Reserve w | aterfowl h | unting areas in the Sitka area for local hunters |
| No Action | | | |
| 18 | Increase t | he bag limi | t for deer in Unit 4 Remainder |
| No Action | | | |
| 19 | Close an a 4 to hunti | | the Greens Creek Mine road system and mine infrastructure in Unit |
| No Action | | | |



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| 20 | Change th | e bag limit | for deer on Douglas Island in Unit 1C |
| No Action | - | | |
| 21 | Amend th | e area clos | ed to hunting along the Douglas Highway in Unit 1C |
| No Action | | | |
| 22 | Eliminate | the Dougla | s Island Management Area in Unit 1C |
| No Action | | | |
| 23 | Expand th | e archery-c | only registration permit hunt area for goat in Unit 1C |
| No Action | | - | |
| 24 | Clarify the | boundary | description for the RG014 mountain goat hunt area in Unit 1C |
| No Action | | | |
| 25 | Restructur regulation | | se hunt in Unit 5A Remainder to align with the federal subsistence |
| No Action | | | |
| 26 | Reauthori | ze the antle | erless moose season in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench |
| No Action | | | |
| 27 | Reauthori | ze the antle | erless moose seasons in Unit 1C |
| No Action | | | |
| 28 | Issue pern | nits for usir | ng bait or scent lures to hunt black bear in Unit 1C |
| No Action | | | |
| 29 | Shift the h | nunting sea | son for waterfowl in Unit 1C |
| No Action | | | |
| 30 | Create a youth hunt for waterfowl in the Unit 1C Mendenhall Wetlands State Game Refuge | | |
| No Action | | | |
| 31 | Allow the | use of subr | merged traps in the Juneau closed area in Unit 1C |
| No Action | | | |
| 32 | - | - | ns to close trapping and restrict the use of certain traps near roads Skagway Borough in Unit 1D |
| No Action | | | |
| 33 | Open a dr | awing hunt | for mounting goat on the Cleveland Peninsula in Unit 1A and 1B |
| No Action | | | |
| 34 | Open a re | gistration h | unt for mountain goat on the Cleveland Peninsula in Unit 1A and 1B |
| No Action | | | |



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| 35 | Change th | e hunt stru | icture for Revillagigedo Island mountain goat in Unit 1A | | | |
| No Action | | | | | | |
| 36 | Increase t | he bag limi | t for deer in Unit 1A | | | |
| No Action | | | | | | |
| 37 | Reduce the harvest objective for deer in Unit 1A from 700 to 350–400 | | | | | |
| No Action | | | | | | |
| 38 | Extend th | e trapping s | season for beaver in Unit 1A | | | |
| No Action | | | | | | |
| 39 | Shorten tl | ne hunting | season for deer in Unit 2 | | | |
| No Action | | | | | | |
| 40 | Decrease | the nonres | ident bag limit for deer in Unit 2 | | | |
| No Action | | | | | | |
| 41 | In Unit 2, | require har | vest tickets for deer be attached at the time of harvest | | | |
| No Action | | | | | | |
| 42 | Increase t | he annual ł | narvest of wolves in Unit 2 | | | |
| No Action | | | | | | |
| 43 | Change th | ie harvest r | nanagement strategy for wolf in Unit 2 | | | |
| No Action | | | | | | |
| 44 | Extend th | e trapping s | season for wolf in Unit 2. | | | |
| No Action | | | | | | |
| 45 | Extend the resident deer season on Mitkof, Woewodski, and Butterworth Islands in Unit 3 | | | | | |
| Support as Amended | 13 | 0 | Comments/discussion and amendment to proposals 45 and 46: There are plenty of deer on these islands to support increasing the hunting opportunity. AMEND PROPOSALS: The deer hunting season on Mitkof, Woewodski, and Butterworth Islands should be aligned with the season for deer in all the rest of GMU3. The bag limit could be different to provide for a viable herd, if necessary. | | | |
| 46 | Extend the resident deer season on Kupreanof Island in the Lindenberg Peninsula area in Unit 3 | | | | | |
| Support as Amended | 13 | 0 | Comments/discussion and amendment to proposals 45 and 46: There are plenty of deer in these areas to support increasing the hunting opportunity. AMEND PROPOSALS: The deer hunting season on Kupreanof Island in the Lindenberg Peninsula area should be | | | |



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| | | | aligned with the season for deer in all the rest of GMU3. The bag limit could be different to provide for a viable herd, if necessary. | | |
| 47 | Eliminate the general season elk hunt in Units 1–3 | | | | |
| Favor | 7 | 6 | The <u>majority</u> om members agree with the intent of the proposal as a tool to stop the illegal taking of elk from Zarembo and Etolin, and reporting the take from Wrangell or other areas open during the deer hunting season. A <u>minority</u> disagree with the change because it would remove the current elk hunting opportunities (not on Etolin Island) from all hunters to correct the actions of a few poachers. The poaching problem should be solved by enforcement. | | |
| 48 | Change the bag limit and open a fall season for brown bear hunting in Unit 3 | | | | |
| Favor | 13 | | | | |
| 49 | Increase the "up to number" for drawing permits (DL029) for nonresident black bear hunters without a guide on Kuiu Island in Unit 3 | | | | |
| No Action | | | | | |
| 50 | Increase the "up to number" for drawing permits (DL030) for unguided nonresident black bear hunters on Kupreanof Island in Unit 3 | | | | |
| No Action | | | | | |
| 51 | Modify the black bear sealing requirement for nonresident hunters in Unit 3 | | | | |
| No Action | | | | | |
| 52 | Repeal the shorter harvest reporting and sealing requirements for black bears taken by nonresidents on Kuiu Island in Unit 3 | | | | |
| No Action | | | | | |
| 53 | Modify th | e hunting a | rea description within the Petersburg Management Area in Unit 3 | | |
| No Action | | | | | |
| 142 | The Board of Game does not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposal 142 concerning brown bear in Unit 4. It is included in the book for review and discussion by the board. Advisory committees may choose to provide comments on this proposal for the board's consideration. | | | | |
| | considerat | ion. | | | |



| Alaska Board of Fisheries: Additional Finfish Proposals March 8-11, 2019 Anchorage, AK | | | | | | |
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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 | | | |
| 175 | 5 AAC 47.090. George Inlet superexclusive guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery.; 5 AAC 47.091. Nakwasina Sound superexclusive guided sport ecotourism Dungeness crab fishery.; 5 AAC 75.075. Sport fishing services and sport fishing guide services; salt water license and fresh water registration requirements; regulation of activities.; 5 AAC 75.076. Sport fishing guide and operator reporting requirements.; 5 AAC 75.085. Guided sport ecotourism requirements.; and 5 AAC 75.995. | | | | | |
| No Action | | | | | | |
| 176 | Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan. | | | | | |
| No Action | | | Discussed and considered proposal but no action taken. Proposed action is considered not a permanent solution. It would be OK to try for a few years, and then change to something better. | | | |
| 177 | Crawfish Inlet Terminal Harvest Area Management Plan. | | | | | |
| Support | 13 | 0 | This aligns original proposal with NSRAA boards initial intent of the proposal heard in the spring of 2018. AC agrees that NSRAA should have all the tools they need to manage the terminal fishery rather than use a loophole to allow seine opportunity and exclude gillnet access. | | | |
| 178 | Lawful gear and gear specification. | | | | | |
| No Action | - | | | | | |
| 179 | Golden king crab harvest strategy | | | | | |
| No Action | | | | | | |
| 180 | King and Tanner crab fishery west of 170 longitude | | | | | |
| No Action | | | | | | |
| 181 | North Kalifornsky Beach area set gillnet openings/closures | | | | | |
| No Action | | | | | | |

Adjournment: 9:15 PM

Minutes Recorded By: _David Rak_____ Minutes Approved By: _Chris Guggenbickler____ Date: __12/28/2018 _____