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**Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
For Monday, December 9, 2019, at Cabela's in Anchorage**

1. Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:30 pm.
(Advise Guests of Public Testimony signup sheet)

2. Pledge of Allegiance: done

3. Prayer: done

4. Establish a Quorum: 12 until 7:00pm and then 11 after 7:00pm.

Members Present: Shawwna Williams-Buchanan, Tyler Loken, Phillip Calhoun, Willow Hetrick (Secretary), Martin Weiser (Vice Chair), Matt Moore, Rick Rodgers, Kevin Taylor (Chair), Georgeanna Heaverly, Ernie Weiss, Joel Doner, JR Gates.

Members Absent Excused: Neil DeWitt and Jim Nabulsi.

Members Absent Unexcused: Bryce Eckroth and Lynette Moreno Hinz.

5. List of User groups present: none

6. Introduce Fish and Game staff present: Dave Battle.

7. Public present: Scott Crowther

8. Approve the Agenda: Phillip Calhoun motioned, Martin Weiser seconded.

9. Public testimony: none

10. Committee Reports

Game Chair - Matt Moore. See "New Business". Next Game Subcommittee meeting in January 8, 2020 a 6:00pm at the Rabbit Creek Rifle Range.

Fish Chair- Martin Weiser: subcommittee is making progress on UCI proposals (170 total proposals). Comments are due on January 23, 2020. Fish subcommittee is meeting next week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 1:30pm.

11. Old Business: none

12. New Business

1. Prepare comments on BOG Proposals 1-94 and 155-166. Addressed the following proposals. Others were supported unanimously as was done in the subcommittee meetings.

- #2
- #6
- #10 (reauthorization of antlerless hunts in Unit 18)
- #18
- #21
- #23



- #26 (reauthorization of antlerless hunts in Unit 26A)
- #32
- #33
- #44
- #45
- #46
- #63
- #73
- #94

2. Discuss Fish Subcommittee meeting dates/times for UCI Proposals – see comments in committee reports.

13. Adjourn: 7:20pm.

The next regular Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at the BP Energy Center at 6:30 pm.



Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals

January 17-20, 2020 | Nome, 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
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1	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose or caribou under intensive management in the Western Arctic/Western Region until harvest or population objectives are met		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
2	Establish intensive management programs for bear across the Western Arctic/Western Region		
No Action	--	--	Suggest the proposal specify which Units intensive management would occur. The Department has authority to raise the bag limits if necessary.
3	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
4	Extend the hunting season and bag limit for muskox in Unit 18, Nelson Island		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
5	Extend the hunting season and bag limit for muskox in Unit 18, Nunivak Island		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
6	Add muskox to the list of species that can be taken under a cultural education program permit for Unit 18		
No Action	--	--	<p>Should this proposal move forward, we suggest to the Department and the Board of Game to consider including the following detailed information:</p> <p>The hunt coincides with current hunt dates, bull only, trophy destruction and required reporting.</p>
7	Change the opening date for the registration moose hunt, RM615 in Unit 18		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose because we want to align the moose hunting start date statewide. Changing dates per Unit is confusing for hunters and the Department.
8	Extend resident season for moose hunting in Unit 18 Remainder		
Oppose	0	12	Opposing because it may have a negative affect on the moose population. We suggest the Western Federal Subsistence Management Board align their dates to match the current State regulations.
9	Modify the hunting season and bag limit for moose in Unit 18		



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Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated. The Department has complete control over opening and closing the hunts.
10	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated. Antlerless hunts are an important management tool to the Department for population control, vehicle collision concerns, and vegetation management. This support applies to all antlerless reauthorizations proposed by the Department.
11	Establish a minimum caliber rifle to be used to harvest moose in Unit 18		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
12	Establish a minimum caliber ammunition to be used to harvest moose in Unit 18		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
13	Prohibit the sale of antlers from moose harvested in Unit 18		
Oppose	0	12	There are already animal harassment and wanton waste laws. The communities in the Mid-Lower Yukon regions may consider self-policing. We understand that there is a limited number of Troopers in the region, but perhaps Tribal police can step in.
14	Modify the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
15	Address customary and traditional use findings for Alaska hares in Unit 18 and modify the season and bag limit		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
16	Extend the hunting season dates for brown bear in Unit 18		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
17	Change the opening date for bear baiting in Unit 18		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
18	Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait in Unit 18		
Support	12	0	Support because people are able to harvest migratory birds and should be able to use the byproducts for trapping if. This proposal should be statewide.
19	Open a year-round, resident season for caribou bull harvest in Unit 23		
Support as Amended	12	0	Amend the end dates for the bull season to match the cow season of March 31. Closed seasons would be from April 1 to July 31.



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20	Open a year-round, resident season for caribou bull harvest in Unit 23		
Support as Amended	12	0	Bulls – begins July 1 and end March 31 to be consistent with proposal 19. Cows – begins September 1 and end March 31 to be consistent with proposal 19.
21	Reduce the bag limit for caribou in Unit 23		
Support	12	0	Support because this area has population problems. If the population of caribou in this region is too low for all Alaskans to harvest caribou in this region, then all bag limits are too liberal, even in this proposal.
22	Extend the season for taking cow caribou in Unit 23 Remainder		
Oppose	0	12	See comments on proposal 19 and 20. To increase the population of the herd, extending the dates would not be beneficial.
23	Restrict the use of snowmachines for taking caribou in Unit 23		
No Action	--	--	There are already animal harassment and wanton waste laws. This is an enforcement issue. The communities in Unit 23 may consider self-policing. We understand that there is a limited number of Troopers in the region, but perhaps Tribal police can step in.
24	Remove the restriction on caribou calf harvest in Unit 23		
Oppose	0	12	We do not support the harvest of calves of any species, despite the cow being harvested or otherwise gone. This would open up the mechanism to harvest cows on purpose and then harvest the calf.
25	Remove the restriction on caribou calf harvest in Unit 23		
Oppose	0	12	We do not support the harvest of calves of any species, despite the cow being harvested or otherwise gone. This would open up the mechanism to harvest cows on purpose and then harvest the calf.
26	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
27	Increase the nonresident bag limit for caribou in Unit 26		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose because of the herd numbers being low. Suggest re-submitting this proposal in a few years should the herd rebound.
28	Eliminate the registration caribou permit RC907 and general season caribou harvest ticket requirement for North Slope resident hunters		



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Oppose	0	12	If residents can report to The North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management, they can report to ADF&G. ADF&G utilizes the data for other purposes than DWM.
29	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bears in Unit 26A		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
30	Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit in Unit 22		
Oppose	0	12	The muskox herd is not strong enough to support this and generates a substantial amount of money generated by muskox hunts that we should not give up to proxy hunts.
31	Establish a registration permit hunt for muskox in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D		
Oppose	0	12	Need more information on the herd size and survival rate.
32	Allow caribou to be taken east of and including the Nuluk River drainage in Unit 22E		
No Action	--	--	Not enough information.
33	Modify hunting seasons and require a registration permit for moose hunting in Unit 22D Remainder		
Support	12	0	Support the Department in gaining more information on the moose population by requiring reporting of harvest.
34	Open a nonresident drawing hunt for moose in Unit 22D Remainder		
Oppose	0	12	Suggest opening a draw hunt for non-local, Alaskan residents.
35	Change the availability of Unit 22 registration permits for moose hunting with an option to require a registration permit for the Unit 22D Remainder hunt		
Oppose	0	12	Prefer to keep the hunt available and open for all non-local, Alaskan residents.
36	Change the availability of Unit 22 registration permits for moose hunting		
Oppose	0	12	Prefer to keep the hunt available and open for all non-local, Alaskan residents.
37	Close the nonresident moose hunt in Unit 22C		
Oppose	0	12	Prefer to keep the hunt available and open for all non-local, Alaskan residents. Suggest clarifying what the proposer means by "non-resident"; if non-resident means not from Alaska, then this AC would support. If non-resident means not from the Seward Peninsula, then this AC cannot support it.
38	Modify the hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		



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Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
39	Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22D and 22E, and increase the resident bag limit		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
40	Require a registration permit for brown bear hunting in Unit 22C		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
41	Extend the season dates for brown bear hunting in Unit 22B and 22C		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
42	Extend the season dates for brown bear hunting in Unit 22B and 22C		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed as written because hunters would be able to drive bears into position to shoot them. It is not a fair chase.
43	Address customary and traditional use findings for Alaska hares in Unit 22, and modify the season and bag limit		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
167-168	The Board of Game does not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposals 167-168 regulating guide activities and issuing permits to agencies for collaring animals. They are included in the book for review and discussion by the board. Advisory committees may choose to provide comments on these proposals for the board's consideration.		
--	--	--	Outside of Board of Game Authority; no action.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick, Secretary of the Anchorage Advisory Committee
 Minutes Approved By: Matt Moore, Chair of the Game Subcommittee to the Anchorage
 Advisory Committee
 Date: December 9, 2019



Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at Cabela's in Anchorage

1. Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:35 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Done
3. Prayer: Done
4. Establish a Quorum: 10
 - Members Present: Neil DeWitt, Ernie Wiess, Matt Moore, Kevin Taylor (Chair), Phillip Calhoun, Rick Rodgers, Georgie Heavenley, Joel Doner, Lynette Morena Hinz, Shawna Williams
 - Members Absent Excused: Bryce Eckroth, Martin Wieser, J.R. Gates, Willow Hetrick, Tyler Loken
 - Members Absent Unexcused: Jim Nabulsi
5. List of user groups present: None
6. Fish and Game staff present: David Battle
7. Public Present: Jack Frost, Mike Harris, Gary Colbath, Benjamin Westveer, Paul Forward
8. Approval of Agenda: Approved
9. Public Testimony:
 - a. Jack Frost – As the Legislative Vice President of the Alaskan Bowhunter's Association, there are several proposals of interest to the organization; two that the bow hunters submitted. Regarding Proposal 50, they would like to see this proposal and another accompanying one about sheep approved. The Board of Game has failed these proposals in the past.
 - b. Mike Harris, Mat Su Director of Alaskan Bowhunter's Association – Regarding Proposal 49, suggests opposing this as there is no point to have these archery seasons because there are already archery specific hunts; most of these are draw hunts. People that are 60 years or older do not have problems with handling bows, and there is already an exemption for people with disabilities. This proposal will mostly affect caribou. Regarding Proposal 50, this would allow for higher opportunity for bow hunters, and there won't be a significant harvest rate. There are only 11 archery opportunities and more would be better. Regarding Proposal 53, this would cause a low impact on sheep which gives bow hunters the opportunity to get out before the rifle hunters.
 - c. Gary Colbath – Acting vice president of the Alaskan Bowhunter's Association but he is representing himself. Opposes Proposal 49 for previously stated reasons; crossbows do not have a place in this season. Regarding Proposals 50 and 53, with limited hunts if moose and sheep season is allowed and accurate stats are taken (having this be a registration hunt), there will be a good measure of success rates, how it is utilized, and if it is valued or not. To approve this in one area of the state is very important to see if it is viable statewide. Regarding Proposal 71, there are concerns that this being a sparsely populated area and it is not sure how much it will be utilized. There is better opportunity in other areas that are road and river accessible to bait bears. Because of the nature of that



unit, people will have to legally hunt a quarter mile off the road. Baits will be in a caribou and moose calving areas; this will concentrate bear hunters, baiters, and bears in this area which will have a negative impact on other game animals.

There are better ways to manage if the bears get out of control, for example you could extend the season. Discussion from other association members in favor of proposal. Question asked if you can take a grizzly at a black bear baiting station.

- d. Benjamin Westveer – Support Proposals 50 and 53. Regarding Proposal 49, he does not have a problem with this because of declining hunting rates nationally it is important to keep people engaged as they get up in age. Older people have switched to crossbows to extend their season. In some cases crossbows are less lethal.
- e. Paul Forward – Strong support for extending the moose and sheep seasons for bow hunters; it will be a major boom for the fall time of year. Bow hunters often avoid some sheep areas because of rifles. As falls get warmer, with the rut extending, it is important to also extend the season; it would allow for more food opportunity. Regarding the crossbow proposal, Alaska has ample opportunity for crossbows and limited opportunity for bow hunting.

10. Committee Reports

- a. Game Chair – N/A
- b. Fish Chair – Joel Doner gave an update due to Marty's absence. The Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fish meeting is taking place in Anchorage. Staff reports have been given, public testimony has concluded, and the first two groups of Committee of the Whole and then corresponding deliberations took place. Brief discussion of the Board's approval of Proposal 133, which would restrict the drift fleet to allow increased passage of northern bound stocks, and their approval of Proposal 88, which raised Kenai in river escapement goals by 100,000 on both the lower and higher goal end for each management tier.
- c. ADF&G – Dave Battle - Update on the Anchorage moose biopsy report. The Department was unsure of how many moose are in Anchorage. With new biology they are able to dart moose and collect genetic sample to identify individuals; this might eventually lead to identifying moose that are related. Repeating this process over several years will yield a population estimate. There is a very rough estimate using only two years of data that there are 350 moose in the study area; this is a higher number than the Department anticipated. Doing this project in Anchorage is a test for other areas of the state. Future samples could be taken with helicopters. Discussion of how the Glenn highway has limited moose gene flow.

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business:

- a. Prepare comments on BOG Proposals 54-154 – proposals that were voted as unanimous in the subcommittee will be carried forward with the full committee present (10 members).



- b. Shawna Williams gave an update on ADF&G budget cuts being discussed in Juneau.
 - c. At the UCI Board of Fish meeting a board member brought up the makeup of the fish subcommittee and questioned why there were so many unanimous votes in full committee. A motion was passed (8-0) to have Joel Doner make a statement during Wednesday's Committee of the Whole to reinforce the viability of Anchorage AC comments.
13. Adjourn

The next regular Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at the Fish Hatchery at 6:30 pm.



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Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
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Oppose	0	12	The muskox herd is not strong enough to support this and generates a substantial amount of money generated by muskox hunts that we should not give up to proxy hunts.
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Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 6-14, 2020 | Fairbanks, AK

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44	Establish customary and traditional use findings for migratory birds and waterfowl in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25, and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunities		
No Action	--	--	We suggest the Board make the Department undergo a C&T finding for subsistence use of migratory birds and waterfowl in the mentioned Units.
45	Prohibit the use of moose, caribou and reindeer urine as scent lures in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Support	12	0	No cases of CWD that has occurred, but it can occur. Most cases in the Lower 48, unknown how CWD is spread to animals. Once the scent is in the soil, it can be transmitted for years. The Department is preparing to issue an ANR regarding this issue, do not want to take chances with such a devastating disease. Recommend including this as a statewide regulation.
46	Establish intensive management programs for bear across the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
No Action	--	--	Support the need for intensive management of bear populations to increase ungulate species. This proposal in particular is vague and is asking for several different actions.
47	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region until harvest or population objectives are met		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
48	Extend the season for taking wolves in Units 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated. Will provide more opportunity for hunters to harvest predators.
49	For the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region, allow the use of crossbows in archery only hunt areas for hunters possessing permanent identification cards		
Oppose	0	12	Opposed, believe that if you cannot pull a bow back, then you shouldn't hunt. The Department can allow for a 'methods and means' exemption with a doctor's note to use a crossbow in lieu of other archery equipment.



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50	Establish registration archery only hunts for bull moose in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Units that have general moose seasons		
Support	12	0	This may be pushing more into the rut of the species, however, this proposal would be a registration hunt that can be limited in the total number of hunters and be closed by emergency order.
51	Remove the bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for nonresidents over the age of 60 hunting in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	12	Would rather see this hunting opportunity go to residents. Trophy hunting every 4 years is enough.
52	Change the nonresident general season sheep hunts in Units 20 Remainder and 19C to drawing permit hunts		
Support	12	0	Would be a financial benefit to the State. Would limit and control the number of nonresident hunters in the State. We recognize that the guiding industry may suffer from this, however, this resource needs to be managed to sustain the population.
53	Establish an archery only registration permit hunt for Dall sheep in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Support	12	0	Great opportunity for bow hunters and does not raise any biological concern. May provide for unfair advantage prior to rifle hunters in the units.
54	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
55	Allow the use of dogs for hunting for lynx in Units 12 and 20		
Oppose	0	12	Feel like opening up a new hunt with limited information on regulations is tricky and needs to be thought out more.
56	Establish minimum distance requirements for trapping around dwellings in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	12	Limits the trapping opportunity. Additionally, there are also existing regulations that prohibit trapping.
57	Allow residents to take game from a boat under power in Unit 21		
Oppose	0	12	Not ethical hunting to continue to operate a boat while trying to shoot an animal.



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58	Establish a Controlled Use Area for the Kaiyuh Flats area in Unit 21D		
Oppose	0	12	Oppose because to non-locals, this is the only way to provide opportunity. Restricting aircraft severely limits hunter opportunity in this area. This AC supports the use of aircraft to be able to access remote hunting area.
59	Change the winter any-moose season for residents in Unit 21D		
Oppose	0	12	March moose may be pregnant. December hunting allows for increased hunting success from snow machines.
60	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
61	Extend the resident moose season within the Kanuti Controlled Use Area of Unit 24B		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated. Agree with providing more opportunity.
62	Allocate 90 percent of the Unit 21B, Upper Nowitna Corridor moose drawing permits to residents and award remaining available nonresident permits to residents		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated. This is currently a skewed allocation to the nonresidents.
63	Repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
No Action	--	--	See comments on Proposal 64.
64	Clarify the legal use of highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of firearms, and transport of furbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA		
Support	12	0	Support the structure of the DHCMA, however there needs to be clarity on the regulations for all land owners and user groups. Support the discussion of clarifying regulations. Additional off-road vehicle traffic would cause significant negative effects to the habitat and would hate to see this area start to look like Unit 13. Would also like to be able to adequately protect the animals in the area.
65	Establish a new resident, general season for caribou in Unit 20F		
Support as amended	12	0	Amend to require that this be an online registration hunt instead of a general season hunt.
66	Extend the resident caribou season and reduce the bag limit for Unit 24A Remainder		



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Oppose	0	12	The 'magic' date for caribou calving is around May 1. These northern herds are in trouble and removing potential pregnant females or females with young calves could be detrimental to the population.
67	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21D		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
68	Open a fall bear baiting season in Unit 21C		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
69	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21C		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
70	Change the season start date for taking brown bear in Unit 24A to align with Unit 25A		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
71	Allow brown bear to be taken over bait in Unit 24A		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
72	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 24B		
Support	12	0	Support for reasons stated.
73	Eliminate the RB601 brown bear registration permit hunt for Units 21D and 24		
No Action	--	--	The existence of this hunt is no skin off anyone's back. Those that want to apply for RB601 could still apply or they could general season hunt, which is currently occurring.
74	Establish a registration permit hunt for muskox in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D		
Support as amended	11	0	Support for reasons stated. Especially because this is a registration permit structure that could be turned-off if needed. There are a limited number of muskox (5) suggested. Establish an online registration permit hunt for muskox.
75	Develop a feasibility assessment for intensive management of wolves and bears in Units 21D and 24		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated. Urge the Department to see if this area qualifies.
76	Establish a non-intensive management predator control plan in Unit 21 for bears and wolves		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
77	Open a resident permit hunt for muskoxen in Unit 26B		



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Support as amended	11	0	Support for reasons stated. Open an online registration permit hunt.
78	Eliminate the registration caribou permit RC907 and general season caribou harvest ticket requirement for North Slope residents		
Oppose	0	11	The Department of Fish and Game is tasked with managing fish populations. Having a shadowed government agency conduct this information creates confusion and irregularity.
79	In Unit 26B Remainder, modify the resident season and bag limit for caribou and open a registration permit hunt		
Support as amended	11	0	Amended to increase the resident opportunity date wise (July 1-April 30) but keep the bag limit at current level.
80	In Unit 26B Remainder, modify the resident season and bag limit for caribou; open a resident registration permit hunt; and change the nonresident general season hunt to a registration permit		
Support as amended	11	0	Support as amended: residents 2 bulls, July 1-April 30. + 1 bull for a nonresident (not included in proposal 79). See comments on 79 re: extended caribou season with same number of bull harvest. Suggest the Board consider changing the resident/nonresident allocation to reduce nonresident hunting opportunity.
81	Increase the nonresident bag limit for caribou in Unit 26		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because resident hunting opportunity is too low to allow additional opportunity for nonresidents.
82	Establish the Arctic Village Sheep Management Area in Unit 25A, open a new resident and nonresident drawing hunt for sheep within the area, and change the bag limit for the resident registration permit, RS595		
Oppose	0	11	We believe that this is a good starting point but suggest that the proposer reduce the number of issues being addressed in the proposal to one instead of three. Like the reduction in sheep harvested in 25A from three sheep to one but all other components are too complicated.
83	Modify the bag limit for sheep in the RS595 hunt in Unit 26C		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated. This is a registration hunt and the Department can shut it down if needed.



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84	Extend the sheep season in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area within Units 24A, 25A, and 26B		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
85	Open an archery only registration sheep hunt in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area in Units 24A, 25A, and 26B		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
86	Reauthorize the Upper Yukon–Tanana Predation Control Program		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
87	Change for the Fortymile caribou registration hunt in Unit 20 to a drawing hunt with a longer season		
Oppose	0	11	The Department has a difficult time reaching the maximum harvest of this herd. The incidental harvest allows for hunter opportunity and suggest not limiting the opportunity.
88	Resume intensive management for wolves in a portion of Unit 12 and 20D		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
89	Allow hunters to possess registration permits for both caribou (RC860) and moose (RM865) while hunting in Unit 20E.		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
90	Allocate up to 25% of nonresident drawing tags for sheep in the Tok Management Area to second degree kindred relatives		
Oppose	0	11	Nonresident should be treated a nonresident, this would reduce resident hunting opportunity.
91	Reduce the bag and possession limits for grouse in a portion of Unit 20D		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
92	Allow methods and means disability exemptions within the Delta Controlled Use Area		
Oppose	0	11	Allowing this would open up a lot of other loopholes with increasing motorized use. Other unknown implications would likely occur.
93	Expand the area in Unit 20D where brown bears can be taken over bait as		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
94	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D.		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.



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95	Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 19D East		
Support as amended.	10	0	Support as amended to include that the permits be available online and in person for all residents of Alaska to be able to have the opportunity and to strike item #6. Aside from the amendments, support for reasons stated.
96	Reauthorize the Unit 19D-East predation control program		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
97	Change the Tier II permit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt		
Support as amended	10	0	Support as amended to include that the permits be available online and in person for all residents of Alaska to be able to have the opportunity.
98	Change the Tier II permit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt		
Support	10	0	See proposal #97.
99	Change the Tier II moose permit hunt (TM680) in Unit 19A to a household permit		
Oppose	0	10	Do not support allowing a household to harvest moose, would much rather see that if the residents in this area would like to have a registration hunt, that the hunts converts to that.
100	Extend the resident season dates for hunting moose in Unit 19A Remainder		
Oppose	2	7	Opposed due to overharvesting concerns. Also an issue of enforcement in a remote area. Support because it increases hunter's opportunity to harvest an animal; this is a subsistence issue; it is not a valid argument to have enforcement concerns. (1) abstention due to lack of knowledge.
101	Remove the horsepower restriction in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A		
No action	--	--	Took no action due to lack of information on the subject area. Don't think that ADF&G should restrict horsepower limitations on hunters for safety concerns and if there are no other conservation concerns within the CUA, than can support this proposal. We urge the Board to consider this with relevant department staff present.
102	Shift the season dates for the Tier II moose permit hunt in Unit 19A		



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Support as amended	10	0	Support as amended because believe that all moose seasons should start on September 1 statewide to reduce confusion but support the extension into the last season due a changing environment.
103	Establish a Tier II permit for moose hunting in Unit 19A Remainder		
Oppose	0	10	There is already a Tier II hunt in the area.
104	Reauthorize the Unit 19A predation control program		
Support	10	0	See comments on 104.
105	Authorize predator control for wolf and bear in Unit 19A		
Support	10	0	See comments on 105.
106	Expand the predation control area for bear in Unit 19A		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
107	Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 21E		
Support	10	0	Support because it includes that the permits be available online and in person for all residents of Alaska to be able to have the opportunity.
108	Require trophy destruction of moose antlers taken from Unit 21E under RM836 permits, and establish check stations		
Oppose	0	10	Cannot support the self-policing of a hunt believe there are other ways to restrict non-resident hunt opportunity.
109	Replace the moose general season hunts for residents and nonresidents in Unit 21A with registration permit hunts		
Support	10	0	Support because it includes that the permits be available online and in person for all residents of Alaska to be able to have the opportunity. Additional reporting is always supported.
110	Allow proxy hunting for moose in Unit 19D		
No Action	--	--	Cannot take legislative action.
111	Allow proxy hunting for moose in Unit 21A and 21E		
No Action	--	--	Cannot take legislative action.
112	Open a registration permit hunt for moose in a portion of Unit 19C and eliminate the general season hunt		



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Support	10	0	Support because it includes that the permits be available online and in person for all residents of Alaska to be able to have the opportunity. Additional reporting is always supported.
113	Require hunter orientation for nonresident moose hunters in Unit 21A and 21E		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Also support residents statewide having to take this course.
114	Establish a winter registration hunt for antlerless caribou in Units 19D and 21A and remove the winter harvest ticket hunt in Unit 19D Remainder		
Oppose	0	10	Would like to see the caribou populations increase for a few more years in those units before liberalizing the hunts.
115	Require meat to be left on the bone for caribou, moose and bison in Units 19, 21A, and 21E		
Oppose	0	10	The bones of the meat can be much hotter than the cooler air, especially at the joints and can ruin meat. This would create added weight in aircraft, especially from hunting lodges and camps.
116	Adopt a Board of Game finding for the Unit 19A Portage Mountain Muskoxen Herd Strategy		
Support as Amended	10	0	Support as amended to remove item #5 to have the resource availability and opportunity to benefit all Alaskans.
117	Determine a customary and traditional use finding for grouse in Unit 19 and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence take		
Oppose	0	10	The season is already August through April and outside of that birds should not be harvested. Puts additional tasks to the Department for a less important game species. 15 birds per day with no limit on the season is a lot.
118	Determine a customary and traditional use finding for ptarmigan in Unit 19 and modify regulations for provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence take		
Oppose	0	10	The season is already August through April and outside of that birds should not be harvested. Puts additional tasks to the Department for a less important game species. 20 birds per day with no limit on the season is a lot.
119	Extend the lynx trapping season in Units 19C, 19D, and 21A		
Support	10	0	Support to align with other trapping animals to not waste the animal.



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120	Shorten the season for the any bull moose drawing permit hunt in Unit 20A		
Oppose	0	10	Limits the ability for hunters to use the area and reduces hunter opportunity.
121	Establish hunt areas for moose drawing permit DM770 in Unit 20A		
Oppose	0	10	These areas are highly restrictive and the bulls do not need to be regulated to this high of level. Appreciate this type of overcrowding proposal but would like to see this come from the Fairbanks AC.
122	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
123	Expand the Healy-Lignite Management Area in Unit 20A		
Oppose	0	10	A portion of the area in question is currently available for bow and rifle hunting opportunity. The Usibelli Coal Mine has not extended into this area nor asked for the protection of its employees.
124	Allow shotguns for hunting within the Healy-Lignite Management Area in Unit 20A		
Oppose	0	10	Want to take the bow-only area and allow people to use shot guns. Considerations of miner safety.
125	Allow shotguns for hunting small game, within the Healy-Lignite Management Area in Unit 20A		
Oppose	0	10	See comments on 124.
126	Allow shotguns and rimfire weapons for hunting small game within the HealyLignite Management Area in Unit 20A		
Oppose	0	10	See comments on 124.
127	Modify the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
Oppose	0	10	Oppose because would create more four-wheeler traffic and could create more overcrowding.
128	Modify the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
Oppose	0	10	See comments on 127.
129	Change the closure dates for the Yanert Controlled Use Area (CUA) in Unit 20A to align with the Wood River CUA, and clarify whether horse feed is considered "hunting gear"		
No Action	--	--	Changing the definition of 'hunting gear' is in State law and cannot be addressed in this forum. Suggest splitting this into two proposals in the future. Urge the Department to handle the definition of hunting gear suggested in this proposal at a statewide level.



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130	Disallow the issuance of methods and means disability exemption permits for the Yanert Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
Support	10	0	This area was created to ensure conservation concerns and we support those with disabilities being able to have access to resources when necessary. Understand that that opens the opportunity for reckless use of the definition of 'disability' and would have to be further enforced.
131	Limit the use of off-road vehicles for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
Oppose	0	10	Oppose because is too restrictive and enforcement is unattainable.
132	Shorten the moose hunting season in Units 20A and 20C		
Oppose	0	10	No biological concern in the area.
133	Establish the Stampede Trail Management Area in Unit 20C for archery and muzzleloader hunting only		
Oppose	1	9	Support: not enough areas that are 4-wheeler accessible that are bow only. Oppose: Would restrict the hunting opportunity. It would force groups that have traditionally gone to hunt there into other areas; it already has a lot of hunting pressure; accessibility is important. It's the Department's job to regulate.
134	Open a resident youth hunt for moose in Unit 20C		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
135	Shorten the moose season five days in a portion of Unit 20B		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
136	Extend the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 20B Remainder as		
Oppose	0	10	Do not suspect there is less interest in hunting this area due to the permit fee and cannot support season extension without being fair to all user groups.
137	Eliminate the muzzleloader registration moose permit hunt RM782, in Unit 20B		
No Action	--	--	Not enough information.
138	Create a fall archery and muzzleloader hunt for moose in Unit 20B Remainder		
Oppose	0	10	Opposed due to conservation reasons.



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139	Allow muzzleloader hunting in addition to the archery hunt in the drainage of the Middle Fork of the Chena River in Unit 20B		
Oppose	0	10	Opposed due to conservation reasons. Would not like to combine these two types of arms competing with each other.
140	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
141	Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
Oppose	0	10	Do not support shutting down a hunt available for all Alaskans to re-allocate the harvest for potlach hunts.
142	Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
Oppose	0	10	See comments on proposal 141.
143	Eliminate all antlerless moose drawing hunts in Unit 20B except for the Minto Flats Management Area		
Oppose	0	10	See comments on proposal 141.
144	Shorten the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A and 20B		
Oppose	0	10	Do not see a conservation concern as it is a drawing area meaning the Department wants that certain amount harvested.
145	Modify the nonresident bag limit for moose in Unit 25C		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. The residents should have greater opportunity to hunt.
146	Allocate up to ten percent of the caribou drawing permits for DC827 in Unit 20A, to nonresidents		
Support	9	1	Support for reasons stated. Opposed because reduces the opportunity for guided use of the area/resource.
147	Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Units 20A and 20B Remainder		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
148	Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 20B Remainder		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
149	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 25C		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.



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150	Establish an intensive management plan for wolves and bear in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
151	Change the season dates for hunting wolves in a portion of Unit 20C		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. Support removing the buffer around the Park.
152	Establish closed areas for the taking of wolves near Denali National Park in Unit 20C		
Oppose	0	10	Do not support the closure of areas near the Park for hunting, trapping or gathering opportunity.
153	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 20F		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated.
154	Restrict the taking of waterfowl in the Badger Slough area in Unit 20B to falconry and archery with flu-flu arrows		
Oppose	0	10	Oppose because limits hunting opportunity.
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
157	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
158	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
160	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
161	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
162	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
163	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		



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Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
164	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 16A		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
165	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
166	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
167-168	The Board of Game does not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposals 167-168 regulating guide activities and issuing permits to agencies for collaring animals. They are included in the book for review and discussion by the board. Advisory committees may choose to provide comments on these proposals for the board's consideration.		

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Bethel Advisory Committee
02/10/20
Location of Meeting

- I. Call to Order: 6:05pm by [Jaimie Kassman]
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Robert Lekander, Thad Tikiun, Jaimie Kassman, Henry Hunter, Jon LaValle, Henry Kohl, Alissa Rogers, Lucinda Alexie (6:45pm)

Members Absent (Excused): Jerry White
Members Absent (Unexcused): Ben Eisen
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
List of User Groups Present:
USFWS Aaron Moses
State of Alaska Wildlife Trooper: Jon Simeon
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Janet Bavilla, Nicholas Smith, Dave Runfola
- IV. Guests Present:
- V. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve Henry Kohl, 2nd Thad Tikiun, Motion passed unanimously
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve Henry Kohl, 2nd Thad Tikiun, Motion passed unanimously
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G
 - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business



XI. Set next meeting date: Call of the Chair

XII. Other

Adjourn:

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280	5AAC 01.270. Lawful gear and gear specifications and operation; 5AAC 07.365 Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan		
Support as Amended	8	1	Alissa Rogers makes motion 2 nd by Thad Tikiun to amend proposal to include bank orientation (nets must be set within 100 ft of normal high water mark) amendment passes unanimously. Lucinda Alexie opposed She wants to see official comments from the department before she supports.
95	Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 19D East		
Support	9	0	Motion to support Kohl, 2 nd Tikiun
96	Reauthorize the Unit 19D-East predation control program		
Support	9	0	Motion to support Kohl, 2 nd Tikiun
97	Change the Tier II permit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt		



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No Action			Motion to support LaValle, Kohl 2 nd We took no action on this proposal as there was not an area biologist present to provide us with the most recent population data or answer questions.
98			Change the Tier II permit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt
99			Change the Tier II moose permit hunt (TM680) in Unit 19A to a household permit
100			Extend the resident season dates for hunting moose in Unit 19A Remainder
101			Remove the horsepower restriction in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A
Support	8	1	Motion to support LaValle, 2 nd Tikiun Alissa Rogers opposed as she wants to talk to the local biologist for more information.
102			Shift the season dates for the Tier II moose permit hunt in Unit 19A
103			Establish a Tier II permit for moose hunting in Unit 19A Remainder
104			Reauthorize the Unit 19A predation control program
Support	9	0	Motion to support LaValle, 2 nd Rogers
105			Authorize predator control for wolf and bear in Unit 19A
Support	9	0	Motion to support LaValle, 2 nd Rogers
106			Expand the predation control area for bear in Unit 19A



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107	Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 21E		
108	Require trophy destruction of moose antlers taken from Unit 21E under RM836 permits, and establish check stations		
109	Replace the moose general season hunts for residents and nonresidents in Unit 21A with registration permit hunts		
110	Allow proxy hunting for moose in Unit 19D		
111	Allow proxy hunting for moose in Unit 21A and 21E		
112	Open a registration permit hunt for moose in a portion of Unit 19C and eliminate the general season hunt		
113	Require hunter orientation for nonresident moose hunters in Unit 21A and 21E		
Support	9	0	Motion to support Kohl, 2 nd Tikiun
114	Establish a winter registration hunt for antlerless caribou in Units 19D and 21A and remove the winter harvest ticket hunt in Unit 19D Remainder		
115	Require meat to be left on the bone for caribou, moose and bison in Units 19, 21A, and 21E		
Support	9	0	Motion to support Kohl, 2 nd LaValle
116	Adopt a Board of Game finding for the Unit 19A Portage Mountain Muskoxen Herd Strategy		



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117	Determine a customary and traditional use finding for grouse in Unit 19 and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence take		
118	Determine a customary and traditional use finding for ptarmigan in Unit 19 and modify regulations for provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence take		
119	Extend the lynx trapping season in Units 19C, 19D, and 21A		
Support	9	0	Motion to support LaValle, 2 nd Kohl

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Date: 2/21/2020

Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee
January 31, 2020, 12:30-5:00 pm
Napaimute Aniak Office and Teleconference
Teleconference info: 1(800) 504-8071 Access: 5432709#



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- I. Call to Order: **This meeting was recorded and an audio tape is available from the state upon request.**
- II. Invocation:
- III. Roll Call
Members Present:

Members Absent (Excused):
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present:
- IV. Approval of Agenda:
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: April 16, 2019
- VI. Introductions:
 - Fish and Game Staff Present:
 - Other Agency Representatives:
 - Members of the Public/Other:
- VII. Member Elections: Two Undesignated Member Seats
- VIII. Public Comment/testimony: Non-AC Members, 3 minutes per person
- IX. Old Business:
- X. New Business:
 - Kuskokwim River Fishery Proposal 280 (formerly ACR 9)
 - Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region proposals to be discussed and voted on:
 - Proposals 44-50, 54, 56, 97-107, 109, 111, 113, 115-118.
 - I. Board of Game comments due February 21, 2020
 - II. Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region meeting March 6-14, 2020
- XI. Select representative for board meeting by person or teleconference:
- XII. Set next meeting date
- XIII. Adjourn



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280	Lawful gear and gear specifications and operation: and Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan.		
	0	6	This is too early in the recovery period. It is important to maintain the cushion on the front end.
44	Establish customary and traditional use findings for migratory birds and waterfowl in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25, and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunities		
	6	1ab	This appeared to be reasonable to everyone. Ricky abstained because he wanted more information.
45	Prohibit the use of moose, caribou and reindeer urine as scent lures in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
	5	2	(OP) Mike thought he would be open to this but was not sure it was necessary. Lisa felt like this is traditionally used sometimes.
46	Establish intensive management programs for bear across the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
	0	7	This proposal was too broad of and the committee would like to entertain a proposal for specific areas.
47	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region until harvest or population objectives are met		
			No Vote. We discussed the idea and RC stated that he felt it was important.
48	Extend the season for taking wolves in Units 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
	4	2	



Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting

Proposals

March 6-14, 2020 | Fairbanks, 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
			The population warrants it but we were not sure about if it would actually improve the opportunity take. Concerns about salvaging the hide.
49	For the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region, allow the use of crossbows in archery only hunt areas for hunters possessing permanent identification cards		
	5	1	
50	Establish registration archery only hunts for bull moose in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Units that have general moose seasons		
	0	6	Against because it was too broad.
54	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
	6	0	Yes, we completely support.
56	Establish minimum distance requirements for trapping around dwellings in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
	0	6	We felt this could be handled on the city or village level and didn't allow for trapping on your own land.
97	Change the Tier II permit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt		
	0	6	We are adamantly opposed to this. We need to develop a biological cushion to prevent hopping back and forth to Tier 2. If for some reason the board does not understand the wisdom in remaining in Tier 2 for one more cycle we have a list of recommendations*. But, this is something we see no reason for at this time as the numbers do not speak to this drastic move. The Board and 19a have worked hard to recover our moose population and right now, the herd is too fragile to exploit through a registration hunt.



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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
98	Change the Tier II permit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt		
			See 97
99	Change the Tier II moose permit hunt (TM680) in Unit 19A to a household permit		
	7	0	This is how we hunt already and it help pass on traditions throughout the generations. This would have no biological impact on the species or harvest numbers.
100	Extend the resident season dates for hunting moose in Unit 19A Remainder		
	0	8	This is a new hunt and it needs some time to articulate itself before changes are made.
101	Remove the horsepower restriction in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A		
	1	7	This restriction has been supported locally and has helped address safety issues, which were present before the restriction was put in place.
102	Shift the season dates for the Tier II moose permit hunt in Unit 19A		
	1AB	7	The Abstain was because we need more biological data. At this time there is no major local support for this shift as the Chair put out social media about this last spring the majority of the responses were to leave it alone.
103	Establish a Tier II permit for moose hunting in Unit 19A Remainder		
	0	8	We support the SHAC's decision. It is not our herd and they are managing it with the most local knowledge and expertise.



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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
104	Reauthorize the Unit 19A predation control program		
	8	0	Love it
105	Authorize predator control for wolf and bear in Unit 19A		
	8	0	TKC has agreed. Barriers have been removed. It has been asked for locally. We want to see the caribou come back.
106	Expand the predation control area for bear in Unit 19A		
	8	0	This has been asked for locally for several cycles.
107	Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 21E		
	8	0	The population can sustain this.
109	Replace the moose general season hunts for residents and nonresidents in Unit 21A with registration permit hunts		
	8	0	Better for the management to respond.
111	Allow proxy hunting for moose in Unit 21A and 21E		
	8	0	This makes sense.
113	Require hunter orientation for nonresident moose hunters in Unit 21A and 21E		
	8	0	
115	Require meat to be left on the bone for caribou, moose and bison in Units 19, 21A, and 21E		
	8	0	This is how we hunt already.



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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
116	Adopt a Board of Game finding for the Unit 19A Portage Mountain Muskoxen Herd Strategy		
	8	0	Our Proposal, We feel this is needed in order to be proactive and give people a goal to achieve.
117	Determine a customary and traditional use finding for grouse in Unit 19 and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence take		
			No Vote
118	Determine a customary and traditional use finding for ptarmigan in Unit 19 and modify regulations for provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence take		
			No Vote

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Nick Kameroff

Minutes Approved By: Lisa Feyereisen

Date: 2/21/2020

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Registration only available with the hunting unit

Dates of registration limited to between July 15 and July 31

Registration tags equitably distributed (population? Household?) between the villages

Household registration with limit of 1

Up to 300 permits



Name of Advisory Committee: Copper Basin
Date: 11/4/19
Location of Meeting: Glennallen High School

- I. Call to Order: 5:20 pm by Alysia Hancock
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Alysia Hancock, Dave Bruss, Brad Henspeter, Jim Odden, Dave Sarafin, Don Horrell, Mercedes Knighten, Shirley (Tursy) Smeler
Members Absent (Excused): Chuck McMahan, Brad Sinyon, Nick Jackson
Members Absent (Unexcused): Chris Gene, Lee Adler, Frank Hobson
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
List of User Groups Present: Ahtna
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tracy Hansen, Mark Somerville, Kate Wilson
- VI. Guests Present: Gloria Stickwan, Jim Marchini, Karen Linnell
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:

Mark Somerville gave Fisheries Update. Handouts with updated numbers.
Kate Wilson hand out update from Heidi Hatcher.
- IX. Other Business:

Dave Sarafin would like AC to comment on future Federal proposals with Federal Subsistence Board and South Central RAC. Alysia Hancock will recuse on any Federal proposals from Federal Subsistence Board. Dave Sarafin will recuse on any Federal Fish proposals from Federal Subsistence Board. Will take a look at Federal proposals in Jan meeting.



Fisheries, no comments on any for 2019/2020. We do not feel any of the proposals affect us and no statewide proposals to go over. A little discussion on 234, 235, 236: Could these affect us in the future, indirect effects from these proposals?

Start thinking about GMU 13 proposals. We will meet in Jan to write unit 13 proposals.

Start thinking about submitting fishery proposals, we will meet in Jan to write.

We will have election meeting in January.

We will look at federal subsistence proposals 20-50 and 20-19 if the group decides to take up in the Jan meeting.

Alaska Board of Game Meeting Proposals for 2020 Moose Hunts and Brown Bear Tag Fee Reauthorizations for other Regions

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
158	8	0	We want to keep the option for an antlerless moose hunt on the books. This gives Fish and Game the opportunity to do an antlerless hunt if numbers allowed. It is a good management tool for Biologists to use if they need to. It provides additional opportunity.
166	8	0	We like that you can take a brown bear in our area without having to have a tag. This allows a hunter to take a bear opportunistically. There is no a lack of brown bears, no conservation reason to make it more restrictive. There are a lot of bears.

Adjournment: 7:05pm

Minutes Recorded By: Hancock and Smelcer

Minutes Approved By: Alysia Hancock

Date: 11/4/19



Copper River/PWS AC

Committee comments

February 18th, 2020

PWSAC Board Room Cordova

Members present: Renner, Carpenter, M. Collins, Tirrell, Mattson, Greenwood, Hanson, Zadra, Baker, Foode, Otoole, G, Collins, King

Members Absent: J. Wiese, Lohse, Blake, Kimber, Sheridan

Proposal 157, reauthorize antlerless moose hunt 6C.

Adopted 13-0

Committee comments: The copper river/pws AC adopted proposal 157. Since 1999-2000, antlerless hunts in 6C have been executed through the federal subsistence program. We request this hunt be kept on the books as a tool for ADFG managers. The 6C moose population is very healthy and vibrant with a population of 650, a bull to cow ratio of 20-100, with approximately 50% calves.



Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory Committee
16 OCT 2019
ADF&G Conference Room

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 PM by Carl Taylor
- II. Roll Call:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Carl Taylor – Chair
Rusty Craig – Vice Chair
Paul Dudgeon - Secretary
Jacob White
Elizabeth Neipert
Tisha Kennell
Earl McNabb
Vern Aiton
Ross Baker
Robert Mathews - Absent
Jeff Lipscomb - Absent
ALTERNATES PRESENT:
Don Bunselmeier - Absent
Tim Webb
Don Quarberg
Tony Williams

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 needed, 12 present
List of User Groups Present: none
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the April 2019 meeting were approved.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Bob Schmidt
- VI. Guests Present: Jack Windsor, Art Cummings, Yvette Young, Kim Jochum, and Justin Smith
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. Discussion on AC submitted Proposal 91. Grouse bag limits. Record of Copy is to be sent to the BOG.
 - b. ADF&G Staff Update
Bob Schmidt: Moose surveys to start the week of 21 OCT.



Harvest Numbers still coming in for moose.
Bison Season is open so far 11 bull/3 cows harvested.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Minutes Recorded By: Paul Dudgeon
Minutes Approved By: _____ Delta AC
Date: ____29 NOV 2019_____



Delta
Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Interior Region
Fish & Game Advisory Committees

S. Carl Taylor

Chairman

HC 62 Box 5350

Delta Junction, AK 99737

Central	Middle Nenana River
Delta Junction	Middle Yukon River
Eagle	Minto-Nenana
Fairbanks	Ruby
GASH	Stony Holitna
Koyukuk River	Tanana-Rampart-Manley
Lake Minchumina	Upper Tanana Fortymile
McGrath	Yukon Flats

October 30, 2019

To the Alaska Board of Game:

The Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee voted at our October 16, 2019 meeting with a vote of 10 in favor and 1 abstain to submit amended language to Proposal 91, which we authored.

We would like to remove any changes to the falconer's bag and possession limits to eliminate as much confusion as possible with the proposal. We believe that the current bag and possession limits are sustainable for those using falconry to take grouse.

Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee



Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory Committee
18 DEC 2019
Delta Junction City Hall

- I. Call to Order: 6:34 PM by Carl Taylor
- II. Roll Call:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Carl Taylor – Chair
Rusty Craig – Vice Chair
Paull Dudgeon - Secretary
Jacob White
Elizabeth Neipert
Earl McNabb
Vern Aiton
Paul Dudgeon
Ross Baker
Robert Mathews
Tisha Kennel
Jeff Lipscomb - Absent
ALTERNATES PRESENT:
Don Bunselmeier
Tim Webb
Don Quarberg
Tony Williams

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 needed, 10 present
List of User Groups Present:

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved
IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the 20 NOV 2019 meeting were approved
V. Comments from the public. None
VI. Correspondence: Carl had a telephonic discussion with Dave Loring, Fairbanks Falconer Club, about the BOG proposal 91 substitute language exempting falconers from the bag limit change.
VII. Fish and Game Staff Present: Delta Office: Brandy Baker, Bob Schmidt, and Clint Cooper.
Fairbanks Office: Darren Brunning, Doreen Parker-McNeill, Tony Hollis and Mark Nelson



VIII. Guests Present: Rocky Senatore, Ben Greenleaf, Alan Waldo, Kim Jochum, Randy Wood, Jesse Cummings, Cody White, Jeff Musselman, and Art Cummings (AWT)

IX. Old Business: None

X. New Business:

a. ADF&G Staff Update

Brandy Baker: BOF Proposal 282 passed.

Ice report: Quartz Lake ice is approximately 12 – 16 inches

DNR state parks will be placing Ice Houses out soon (23 DEC 2019)

Tanana Burbot project update: 297 tagged out of 300, 11 burbot have been caught by fishing and 9 were redeployed.

b. Bob Schmidt: Bison hunt still ongoing.

20D moose survey completed will discuss results at next meeting.

c. Tony Hollis (20A Biologist): Moose survey completed in GMU 20A. Moose population is estimated at 11,770, which is within the population goals 9,581 – 13,959.

Bull: Cow ratio = 36 bulls: 100 cows. Calf: Cow ratio 35:100. Plan to continue current drawing permits for 2020 season.

20B Antlerless moose plan to harvest conservatively with permits only issued for Minto Flats, FMA, and Richardson Highway hunts. Also continue 15 day General moose season.

d. Doreen Parker-McNeill/Darren Brunning: Held discussion of the Responsibilities of the local Advisory Committees.

e. Vote on Proposals that pertain to the Delta Junction area:

91			Reduce the bag and possession limits for grouse in a portion of Unit 20D
	Support	AYE: 10 NAY: 0 ABST: 1	
92			Allow methods and means disability exemptions within the Delta Controlled Use Area
	Support	AYE: 11 NAY: 0 ABST: 0	
93			Expand the area in Unit 20D where brown bears can be taken over bait



	Support	AYE: 8 NAY: 3 ABST: 0	Support as written
94			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
	Support	AYE: 7 NAY: 4 ABST: 0	
122			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20A
	Support	AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABST: 4	
140			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20B
	Support	AYE: 7 NAY: 0 ABST: 4	

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM.



Date: _____

Minutes Recorded By: Paul Dudgeon
Minutes Approved By: _____



**Eagle Fish and Game
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
6:00 pm
Eagle Library**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER 6:05 pm

ROLL CALL

**Mike McDougal, Andy Bassich, Don woodruff, Bo Fay,
Chalia Selman, Karma Ulvi,
Absent Steve Robins, Jackie Helmer,**

**INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS : jeff Wells ADFG,
jeff Gross ADFG, Russ Lander, AWT, Kyle Hurt.
David Helmer Eagle res.**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA motion Don Woodruff
2nd Chalia Selman**

APPROVAL PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- March 15, 2019 N/A
- Records of previous meets need to be resent to coordinator to file on record.

AC COMMENTS OR CONCERNS:

**Don W Eagle was very Appreciative of the Fall hunt for
Caribou which greatly impacted the needs from Eagle
and Eagle village residents.**



Andy B requested a meeting in April to address King salmon issues and to further discuss future moose cow hunts suggested by ADFG

Don W Cougar took Caribou near Eagle airport early this fall. They are in our area.

David Helmer : Tracks and sign showed it to be very Large.

PUBLIC COMMENTS OR CONCERNS: Non.

OLD BUSINESS

- Any

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda Items

- Staff Comments
 - 20E moose update: Jeff wells Gave detailed report on Current moose surveys Pop. Bull cow Ratio, and suggested working on future Cow hunt opportunity
- Action* Motion Andy Bassich, 2nd Chalia Selman
- To recommend 20E Moose Harvest Quota be reduced to 250-500 from Current 800-1,000 justification: harvest record show current harvest goal to be way high and never achieved. Harvest goals should reflect long term history of use and needs in a unit not and arbitrary number
- Federal Fortymile Caribou Fall Hunt – EIRAC discussion: Adfg would like to start the hunt Aug1
- Andy commented on the importance of letting first Caribou through the migration track, to insure the following herds movement through the area for later hunting opportunity.



- There is strong TEK throughout the state supporting this trend and pattern/ habit of Caribou
- Eagle Res. Rely on winter hunt much more then early fall hunt due to the Competition, Danger and distaste for the crowded, crazy Taylor Hwy hunt scenario. Also pointed out ADFG Harvest Patterns and Trends Document show the strong reliance on Caribou and King Salmon to both Eagle and Eagle village Res.
- Due to Warm weather and above comments: Eagle prefers to keep Aug 10 start date.
- DNR – Land Sale and Fire brake on Borealis.
- Skip this topic
- Review Interior Board of Game Proposals
 - Comments due February 21, 2020
- Prop:
- Elect member to attend Interior Board of Game Meeting : No member able to attend may look into alt seat representation.
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- Review relevant Federal Subsistence Board Game Proposals.

Prop: # 45 use of Urine

Motion: Don W 2nd Chalia S

Support: Unanimous

Prop: # 48 Early wolf hunting

Motion: Motion: Bo Fay 2nd Don Wooddruff

Support: 4 affords opportunity for incidental harvest helps Moose and Caribou Populations

Oppose 2 feel plenty of opportunity and fur in not prime waist full harvest



Prop: #49 cross bow hunt

Motion: Don W 2nd Chalia S

Oppose: Unanimous Cross bows have much greater range and danger in hunts designated in Urban areas poses a danger to the Population

Prop. #50 State wide Archery

Motion: Don W 2nd Chalia S

Oppose: Unanimous Vague proposl! We Support special archery season within urban setting, but special season outside on are not needed plenty of opportunity for archers.

Prop: #54 Brown Bear Tag Ex

Motion: Karma U 2nd Chalia S

Support: Unanimous This has been a great benefit to Rural people for increased opportunity to harvest incidentally, and to reduce the burden of purchasing unused tags.

Prop: #55 Hound Hunting

Motion: Don W 2nd Chalia S

Oppose: Unanimous

Adamantly Oppose !! Dogs Will Be Caught By Local Trappers. This would Creates a strong Conflict between Trappers and hound hunters. Very disrespectful to Trappers, Very disrespectful to Lynx Disturbing their natural cycle and life patterns.

Prop: #56 Trapping within 1 mile

Motion: Don W 2nd Chalia S

Oppose: it makes no sense in Rural& Remote areas. Needs to be addressed Locally

Prop: #86 Reauthorize Predator control



Motion: Chalia S 2nd Bo F

Support 3 feel this is an important tool for managers to have for Ungulate Population management

Oppose 3 Opposed generally to most forms or need for Predator control programs

Prop: #87 Caribou change Register to Draw hunts

Motion: Don W 2nd Chalia S

Oppose Unanimous this creates and undue hardship to file ahead of time to hunt manager would like have no limit to the draw permits no benefit! Increased burden and cost to the State to produce the hunt

Prop: #88 resume Predator control Unit 12

Motion: Don W 2nd Bo F

Support 3 good tool for manager to help control Ungulates for harvest

Opposed: 3 opposed to the need for Predator control programs

Prop: #89 retain both Moose and Caribou ticket at the same time

Motion: Don W 2nd Chalia S

Oppose: Vigorously Unanimous this would make the Taylor hwy hunt which is already a dangerous slaughter an even greater Problem with increased hunter participation. Further witnesses have consistently seen Large Camps with both Moose and Caribou hanging and people boosting they would kill their limits if they could carry both tickets. This make for complicates and make for poor management of the resource.

Prop: #90 Non Res v.s. Kindred

Motion: Don W 2nd Chalia S



Oppose: Unanimous: This is a growing trend among Guild Services to try to take greater portion of AK hunts away from local and state resident hunter Lining their pockets at the loss to AK hunter and Families. This is a very bad erosion Of State Residents First rights to our Game resources.

ADJOURN 10:30 PM

NEXT MEETING APRIL 1 2020

Other Deadlines and Meetings:

March 6-14, 2020 Board of Game; Interior/Eastern Arctic Region
Comment deadline February 21, 2020



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
12/11/2019 Meeting Minutes
Ruth Burnett Sportfish Hatchery
Fairbanks, AK

I. Call to Order: Chair at 6:34pm

II. Roll Call:

	<u>CHAIR</u> Kirk Schwalm	<u>VICE- CHAIR</u> Mark Richards	<u>SECRETARY</u> Mark Oppe	Jeff Lucaas	Gale Vick	Mike Quinn	Mike Tinker	John Wisniewski
Present	x	X	X	x		x	x	x
Absent								
Abs/Excused					x			
	Levi Lewellyn	John Siegfried	Richard Doering	Warren Guichici	Mike Bryan	Mike Kramer	Chuck Derrick	Virgil Umphenour (alternate)
Present	x		x	X	X	X	x	x
Absent								
Abs/Excused		x						

III. Introduction of Guests: Jim Sackett, Al Barrette

Fish & Game Staff Present: Troopers Potter and Eyester, Nissa Pilcher, Klaus Wuttig,
Mark Nelson, Tony Hollis

IV. Comments

Chair Comments: Kids ice fishing day at Tanana Lakes was very successful for kids who were there, turnout was less than expected, but no waiting for equipment and holes.

There have been questions about votes and ethical considerations if AC members have financial interest in issues being voted on. Executive branch ethics act does not apply to AC members. AC votes are advisory only and Roberts Rules do not allow chair to prevent a member from voting even if they believe there may be a conflict. Members may recuse themselves or choose to abstain from votes.

Vice Chair: none

Trapping: none



Game: Good Game Subcommittee meeting. 1 proposal that will be considered by full AC.

Fish: none

AC Member Comments: Mike Kramer raised issue of conservation trust attempting to buy land bordering Creamer's Field refuge from the university, subdivide it, and donate a portion to the refuge. This may be an issue for trail easements. There will be a platting commission meeting on this on Dec. 18th at 6PM at the borough building.

Chuck Derrick reports that Minto funeral potlatch attendees were encouraged not to take caribou crossing the Elliott Highway by elders in order to allow continued expansion of the herd.

Public Comments: none

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: approval of Nov. 13 minutes by unanimous consent

VI. Approval of Agenda: Mike Tinker would like to add discussion of department proposal regarding use of personal watercraft on Kachemak Bay in critical habitat area. Approval of agenda with addition by unanimous consent.

VII. Old Business: No progress on drafting bylaws for AC.

VIII. New Business:

F&G Staff Reports: Good moose survey in November. Early snow helped to finish count before Thanksgiving.

20A cow moose drawing (266 issued) resulted in harvest of 46. Any bull permits (721 issued) resulted in harvest of 214 bulls (down slightly from last year). 20A caribou (150 issued), resulted in 69 caribou harvested. General season harvest ticket not available for moose, but 90 sheep killed in 20A; average age 9; 40 taken by non-residents, 46 by residents, 4 unknown. 20A moose survey estimated 11,770 moose (within objective). 36 per 100 bull/cow ratio (objective is 25 per 100). Concern regarding other ACs objections to 20A and 20B cow hunts. Minto moose survey was also successful. Past few years high water in this area has pushed moose to boundaries of Minto Flats. Estimate 1800 moose in Minto Flats. Bull/cow ratio is estimated to be 18 per 100; calf/cow ratio estimated at 34 per 100. Hope for intensive survey in all of 20B next year with lower water.

Kachemak Bay personal watercraft access: Local residents petitioned to exclude personal watercraft years ago. Department proposes to end this restriction. Mike Tinker suggested that the AC should support the department proposal. Motion for AC to write letter in support of department proposal by Mark Richards; seconded by Mike Quinn; passed by unanimous consent.

Airport Property Trapping: Fairbanks International Airport released new permit for trapping on airport property today. Permit fee is \$100 with limit of 6 beaver. Airport management



intention is to issue 1 permit; possibly through drawing conducted by ATA. Mark Richards will invite airport management to January AC meeting for further discussion of this issue.

Finalize Comments for Western Arctic/Western Region BOG: Mark Richards summarized recommendations of Game Subcommittee from Nov. 21 meeting (full recommendations starting page 4). Changed recommendation on proposal 27 to take no action pending Region 3 meeting, removed reference to Subsistence Division from subcommittee comments on proposal 31.

Virgil Umphenour moved to reconsider proposal 1; seconded by Mike Tinker. Putting guides out of business by restricting nonresident hunting in IM areas will result in guides having no incentive to kill predators in those areas. Additionally, reaching population objectives has never been an issue in this area and the proposal is therefore unnecessary. AC votes to support proposal 1 by vote of 8-6.

No changes to remaining subcommittee recommendations on all other proposals. Kirk Schwalm moved to discuss proposal 169 (regarding definition of “previously purchased” tags for guided hunters). Proposal is supported by the Guide Board and Troopers. AC votes to support the proposal by vote of 11-3.

IX. Other:

Governor’s proposed budget: Budget proposal will take \$3.75 million from F&G fund, to be offset by increased Pittman-Robertson money to be used for wildlife research, management, and hunting access.

Fish Subcommittee: No meeting prior to January AC meeting. Comments on current proposals will be presented to the AC at that time.

Game Subcommittee: No meeting prior to January AC meeting.

IX. Adjourn: Chair at 9:32pm.

Minutes Recorded by Mark Oppe



Game/Trap Subcommittee Meeting November 21, 2019 6pm

Call to Order

Members Present: Mark Richards (Chair – Game), Jeff Lucas (Chair – Trap), John Siegfried, Mike Quinn, Levi Lewellyn, Mike Bryan, John Wisniewski, Mark Oppe, Virgil Umphenour,

Fish and Game Staff Present: Mark Nelson

Guests Present: BOG Member Al Barrette, and from UAF Wildlife 101 class Maverick Merrill & Ashley Smith, plus Tom Abby.

Discussion of 2020 Region V proposals, unanimous consent on all proposals discussed

PLEASE NOTE:

During discussion of 2020 Region V proposals, unanimous consent was given on all proposals discussed by the subcommittee with the exception of if the subcommittee felt that the full AC should weigh in or if members at the AC meeting wanted to discuss a proposal in more depth, therefore the vote count reflects the count of the full AC and not the vote count of the subcommittee

Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals January 17-20, 2020 Nome, 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
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
1	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose or caribou under intensive management in the Western Arctic/Western Region until harvest or population objectives are met		
SUPPORT	8	6	Recognized Intensive Management prey populations are designated with a priority to feed Alaskans, and when populations are under an Active IM predation control plan, there should be no nonresident hunting until the population recovers and is within either the population or harvest objective



Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals

January 17-20, 2020 | Nome, 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
2	Establish intensive management programs for bear across the Western Arctic/Western Region		
TNA			
3	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
SUPPORT	14	0	
4	Extend the hunting season and bag limit for muskox in Unit 18, Nelson Island		
TNA			
5	Extend the hunting season and bag limit for muskox in Unit 18, Nunivak Island		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	14	0	Support lengthening the fall and winter seasons for residents only. Muskox are not a must-be-guided species, residents pay a \$500 tag fee, everyone uses transporters on the island, no shortage of resident hunters wanting to go on this hunt, allow them a priority. [waiting on word from ADFG on breakdown of resident and nonresident permit applicants and winners]
6	Add muskox to the list of species that can be taken under a cultural education program permit for Unit 18		
SUPPORT	14	0	We support efforts to recruit and educate new hunters
7	Change the opening date for the registration moose hunt, RM615 in Unit 18		
TNA			
8	Extend resident season for moose hunting in Unit 18 Remainder		
SUPPORT	14	0	Department supports, no biological concerns
9	Modify the hunting season and bag limit for moose in Unit 18		
SUPPORT	14	0	Department proposal
10	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18		
TNA			
11	Establish a minimum caliber rifle to be used to harvest moose in Unit 18		
TNA			
12	Establish a minimum caliber ammunition to be used to harvest moose in Unit 18		
TNA			
13	Prohibit the sale of antlers from moose harvested in Unit 18		
TNA			
14	Modify the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18		
TNA			
15	Address customary and traditional use findings for Alaska hares in Unit 18 and modify the season and bag limit		



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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			
16	Extend the hunting season dates for brown bear in Unit 18		
SUPPORT	14	0	We support more opportunity to sustainably harvest bears
17	Change the opening date for bear baiting in Unit 18		
SUPPORT	14	0	We support more opportunity to sustainably harvest bears
18	Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait in Unit 18		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	14	0	Support the proposal to take effect in Unit 18 in 2020, and also support the proposal to come before the 2021 Statewide meeting and to take effect statewide. We see no reason to defer this taking effect in Unit 18 now. It makes no sense that it is legal to use ptarmigan or grouse wings (and backs) as attractors at trap sites but the use of wings (and backs) from other legally taken waterfowl is not.
19	Open a year-round, resident season for caribou bull harvest in Unit 23		
SUPPORT	14	0	See comments on proposal 20
20	Open a year-round, resident season for caribou bull harvest in Unit 23		
SUPPORT	14	0	We support the conclusions of the Western Arctic Caribou Herd working group
21	Reduce the bag limit for caribou in Unit 23		
TNA			
22	Extend the season for taking cow caribou in Unit 23 Remainder		
SUPPORT	14	0	
23	Restrict the use of snowmachines for taking caribou in Unit 23		
TNA			
24	Remove the restriction on caribou calf harvest in Unit 23		
SUPPORT	14	0	
25	Remove the restriction on caribou calf harvest in Unit 23		
SUPPORT	14	0	
26	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A		
TNA			
27	Increase the nonresident bag limit for caribou in Unit 26		
TNA			Subcommittee was not unanimous, wants it to come before full AC At AC Meeting: TNA pending Region III Meeting



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
28	Eliminate the registration caribou permit RC907 and general season caribou harvest ticket requirement for North Slope resident hunters		
OPPOSE	0	14	We believe harvest reporting is invaluable to game management and that all hunters, regardless of where they live, are equal in terms of requirement to register for hunts and file a hunt report
29	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bears in Unit 26A		
SUPPORT	14	0	We support more opportunity to harvest bears where additional harvest is sustainable
30	Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit in Unit 22		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	14	0	Support to take effect in Unit 22 in 2020 and also to come up at 2021 Statewide meeting. We see no reason to defer this taking effect in Unit 22 in 2020
31	Establish a registration permit hunt for muskox in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D		
SUPPORT	14	0	The Board should determine ANS numbers for these subunits
32	Allow caribou to be taken east of and including the Nuluk River drainage in Unit 22E		
TNA			
33	Modify hunting seasons and require a registration permit for moose hunting in Unit 22D Remainder		
TNA			
34	Open a nonresident drawing hunt for moose in Unit 22D Remainder		
TNA			
35	Change the availability of Unit 22 registration permits for moose hunting with an option to require a registration permit for the Unit 22D Remainder hunt		
TNA			
36	Change the availability of Unit 22 registration permits for moose hunting		
TNA			
37	Close the nonresident moose hunt in Unit 22C		
SUPPORT	14	0	Based on Department data, it would appear there should already be no nonresident moose hunting in 22C
38	Modify the hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
TNA			
39	Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22D and 22E, and increase the resident bag limit		
SUPPORT	14	0	We support more opportunity to harvest bears where additional harvest is sustainable
40	Require a registration permit for brown bear hunting in Unit 22C		
TNA			



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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
41	Extend the season dates for brown bear hunting in Unit 22B and 22C		
SUPPORT	14	0	We support more opportunity to harvest bears where additional harvest is sustainable
42	Allow the use of snowmachines to position brown bears for harvest in Unit 22		
TNA			
43	Address customary and traditional use findings for Alaska hares in Unit 22, and modify the season and bag limit		
TNA			
167-168	The Board of Game does not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposals 167-168 regulating guide activities and issuing permits to agencies for collaring animals. They are included in the book for review and discussion by the board. Advisory committees may choose to provide comments on these proposals for the board's consideration.		
DID NOT DISCUSS			

169	Clarify that big game tags be paid for and issued prior to hunters taking big game that require tags		
SUPPORT	11	3	Proposal is supported by the Guide Board and Troopers. AC votes to support the proposal.

Adjournment: 8:05pm November 21, 2019

Minutes Recorded By: Mark Richards



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
2/12/2020 Meeting Minutes
Ruth Burnett Sportfish Hatchery
Fairbanks, AK

I. Call to Order: Chair at 6:33PM

II. Roll Call:

	<u>CHAIR</u> Kirk Schwalm	<u>VICE- CHAIR</u> Mark Richards	<u>SECRETARY</u> Mark Oppe	Jeff Lucas	Gale Vick	Mike Quinn	Mike Tinker	John Wisniewski
Present		x	X	x	x	x	x	x
Absent								
Abs/Excused	x							
	Levi Lewellyn	John Siegfried	Richard Doering	Warren Guichici	Mike Bryan	Mike Kramer	Chuck Derrick	Virgil Umphenour (alternate)
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent								
Abs/Excused								

III. Introduction of Guests: Al Barrette, Eric Umphenour, Jim Sackett, Justin Smith, Coke Wallace, Nicole Schmitt, Alistair Gardiner, JR Pederson, Adam Owen, Matt Herkstroeter, Stan Parkerson, Tom Kirstein, Josh Smith

Fish & Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, Trooper Dan Valentine

IV. Comments

Chair Comments: Chair not present for this meeting

Vice Chair: Mark Richards attended wood bison meeting on Monday, Jeff Lucas attended on Tuesday. Numbers have recovered after a bad year in 2018 (loss of 60 bison due to predation, deep snow). No hunting yet; biologists want further increase in bison numbers (currently 120). Future additions to herd can come from AWCC (10-15 per year) and Canada as money is available. Eventual goal is to have 1 unified land use permit to ease access for hunters. Next meeting will be in 3-5 years depending on private landowner interest. Concern from AC members regarding potential for growth of herd and allocation.



Trapping: none

Game: none

Fish: none

AC Member Comments: Mike Quinn was at BOG meeting in Nome. Proposal to eliminate RC 907 and harvest ticket requirement for North Slope residents (Proposal 78). Suggests coordination with other ACs from parts of Alaska that do have enforcement to pressure F&G for consistent enforcement across the state. Fairbanks AC opposes this proposal.

Public Comments:

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: approval of Jan. 8 minutes by unanimous consent

VI. Approval of Agenda: approved as amended by unanimous consent

F&G Staff Reports: 20A sheep; 90 rams killed (40 by NR, 48 by residents, 2 undetermined). 20A moose general season; 180 bulls, 226 bulls by any bull drawing permit, 54 cows (slightly lower than harvest goal of 500 moose). Increasing any bull and cow permits due to under harvest and high bull/cow ratio.

20B; 302 bulls (roughly 25% decreased harvest with 5 day shorter season). Mike Tinker suggests that harvest is significantly lower than it should be and questions target bull/cow ratio.

Questions regarding number of potlatch moose harvested in 20B. Reporting is too unreliable to give a number, but estimated average 40 permits per year & 60 moose harvested.

Questions from AC members regarding how far potlatch hunters come from. F&G staff reports applications from as far as Kotzebue, Fort Yukon, and Palmer.

Public Comments: Nicole Schmitt from AK Wildlife Alliance testifying in support of Proposal 152 (Denali wolf buffer zone/seasonal closure). This proposal is not an attempt to expand the park, but to protect breeding/denning wolves during late winter/spring. The proposal is not based on biological emergency. AK Wildlife Alliance advocates for consideration of non-consumptive wildlife uses. Only 2 trappers appear to be affected by this proposal, but many more individuals will benefit from increased wolf viewing.

Mike Tinker questions how many tourists will change their plans based on wolf viewing opportunities especially since tourism has increased in recent years. Also concerned over decreased sheep numbers in this area as a result of over-predation.

Nicole Schmitt agrees that it is impossible to quantify economic value of wolf viewing.

Acknowledges that sheep populations are down, but states that moose and caribou numbers are up.

John Siegfried questions number of wolves killed by humans in this area. There appears to be no data on this.

Mike Quinn questions enforcement and use of Trooper resources to make sure that wolf



harvest does not occur during this time.

Mike Tinker believes that this will inevitably lead to pressure to expand the buffer zone as it did in the past.

Virgil Umphenour expressed concern over wolf impact on Toklat River salmon run.

John Siegfried questions where support for this proposal is coming from; inside Alaska or from Outside groups. Nicole Schmitt says that in her experience most support for this proposal is coming from within Alaska; she is not aware of Outside group involvement with the current proposal.

Coke Wallace commented on park mandate to protect sheep population and wide dispersal of wolves from this area. In the past there was significant pressure to expand the buffer zone to include the entire Yanert drainage.

Al Barrette questions Alaska Wildlife Alliance's familiarity with subsistence statutes and suggests that this proposal minimizes subsistence concerns.

Mark Richards questions number of members in AK Wildlife Alliance and what parts of Alaska they predominantly come from. Also wonders how the argument for the buffer zone is valid if park attendance continues to increase from year to year.

Adam Owen submitted Proposal 71 to allow grizzly baiting in Unit 24A. He has now reconsidered the proposal and would like to withdraw it. There are many other areas of the state where grizzlies can be baited with relatively easy access, and there are ample spot and stalk opportunities in this area. If the proposal is approved by BOG, he would like it to be amended to only allow baiting south of Slate Creek.

Mike Tinker suggests that if baiting is allowed in this area it should be changed to 1 bear every 4 years.

VII. Old Business: none

VIII. New Business:

Discuss Interior BOG proposals: accepted recommendations of Game Subcommittee on all proposals except Proposal 71 by unanimous consent.

Discussion of Proposal 47 regarding non-resident hunting of prey species under intensive management in the Interior and Eastern Arctic region. Mike Tinker commented that intensive management statute does not distinguish between residents and non-residents. Virgil Umphenour stated that guides who hunt in the affected areas are likely to be most effective in harvesting predators in intensive management areas. AC supported proposal by vote of 11-4.

Discussion of Proposal 52 for non-resident sheep hunters by drawing permit only in Unit 20 Remainder and 19C. Proposal is intended to limit competition between guides in these areas. Virgil Umphenour questions rationale behind this proposal and believes that it will not increase resident success rate. Less than 50% of legal rams are killed each year in 20A with average age last year of 9 years. Non-residents are typically in the field for at least 10 days and better prepared for sheep hunting than resident hunters. This proposal will result in cutting the department's budget through the loss of Pittman-Robertson funds. AC opposes proposal by vote of 7-8.



Discussion of Proposal 55 to allow use of dogs for lynx hunting in Units 12 and 20. Concern regarding overlap with trapping season. AC unanimously opposes the proposal.

Take no action on Proposal 60 by unanimous consent.

Discussion of Proposal 62 to allocate 90% of Upper Nowitna Corridor moose drawing permits to residents & award remaining available nonresident permits to residents. Concern that this will put guides out of business and that this issue can be addressed through removing requirement for residents to cut antlers. AC opposes proposal by vote of 5-10.

Discussion of Proposal 64 regarding clarification of use of motorized vehicles in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area. Mike Kramer is concerned with what “clarification” might be. Unanimous consent to take no action on this proposal.

Discussion of Proposal 80 to modify 26B Remainder resident season and bag limit for caribou & open a resident registration permit hunt. Proposal will be amended to remove additional restrictions on non-residents. AC unanimously approves the proposal.

Discussion of Proposal 81 to increase nonresident bag limit for caribou in Unit 26. AC supports the proposal by vote of 10-5.

Discussion of Proposal 94, reauthorizing antlerless moose hunt in 20D. AC unanimously supports the proposal.

Discussion of Proposal 122, reauthorizing antlerless moose hunt in 20A. AC unanimously supports the proposal.

Motion to support Proposal 140 approved by unanimous consent.

Motion to support Proposals 141 and 142 opposed by unanimous consent.

Motion to support Proposals 143 and 144 opposed by unanimous consent.

Discussion of Proposal 146 to allocate 10% of caribou drawing permits for DC827 in Unit 20A to nonresidents. Mike Tinker would like a comment that this is necessary due to inaction by the BOG on this population that was under intensive management for many years. AC supports the proposal by vote of 9-6.

Motion to support Proposal 71. AC opposes proposal by unanimous consent.

Choose representative to Wood Bison Group: Jeff Lucas selected by unanimous consent

Choose representative to attend Interior BOG meeting: Warren Guichici

IX. Adjourn: Chair at 9:54PM

Minutes Recorded by Mark Oppe



**Fairbanks Game/Trap Subcommittee
January 27, 2020
Fairbanks ADFG Office**

**Discussion
2020 Region III Board of Game proposals**

I. Call to Order: 6:05pm

Members Present: Mark Richards (chair), Jeff Lucas (vice chair), Virgil Umphenour, Mark Oppe, John Siegfried, Levi Lewellyn, Mike Quinn, Mike Bryan, John Wisniewski

II. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis

III. Guests Present: None

Went through all Region III 2020 BOG Proposals, beginning with the Fairbanks area proposals so Tony could weigh in, unanimous consent on all the subcommittee weighed in on, Full AC to consider all antlerless proposals within our authority and proposals without unanimous subcommittee consent at our February 12th meeting.

Adjourn at 9:10pm



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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
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
44	Establish customary and traditional use findings for migratory birds and waterfowl in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25, and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunities		
TNA			
45	Prohibit the use of moose, caribou and reindeer urine as scent lures in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
SUPPORT			We should err on side of caution against possibility of CWD
46	Establish intensive management programs for bear across the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
TNA			
47	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region until harvest or population objectives are met		
FULL AC			FULL AC
48	Extend the season for taking wolves in Units 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
SUPPORT			More opportunity, no biological concerns
49	For the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region, allow the use of crossbows in archery only hunt areas for hunters possessing permanent identification cards		
SUPPORT			We support 60+ resident seniors with PIC to use crossbows in archery only areas
50	Establish registration archery only hunts for bull moose in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Units that have general moose seasons		
OPPOSE			Overharvest concerns
51	Remove the bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for nonresidents over the age of 60 hunting in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
SUPPORT			The initial restriction on nonresident sheep hunters going to one every four years never made sense, has no impact on overall harvests, crowding concerns etc
52	Change the nonresident general season sheep hunts in Units 20 Remainder and 19C to drawing permit hunts		
FULL AC			FULL AC



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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
53	Establish an archery only registration permit hunt for Dall sheep in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
OPPOSE			We don't support new special seasons; archers already have plenty of opportunity
54	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT			
55	Allow the use of dogs for hunting for lynx in Units 12 and 20		
FULL AC			FULL AC
56	Establish minimum distance requirements for trapping around dwellings in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
OPPOSE			We are empathetic to the proponents concerns, but don't believe this will solve the outlined problem
57	Allow residents to take game from a boat under power in Unit 21		
TNA			
58	Establish a Controlled Use Area for the Kaiyuh Flats area in Unit 21D		
OPPOSE			We don't see a need for a new CUA
59	Change the winter any-moose season for residents in Unit 21D		
TNA			
60	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
FULL AC			FULL AC
61	Extend the resident moose season within the Kanuti Controlled Use Area of Unit 24B		
SUPPORT			More opportunity, ADFG Supports, no biological concern
62	Allocate 90 percent of the Unit 21B, Upper Nowitna Corridor moose drawing permits to residents and award remaining available nonresident permits to residents		
FULL AC			FULL AC
63	Repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
SUPPORT			Fairbanks AC Proposal
64	Clarify the legal use of highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of firearms, and transport of furbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA		
SUPPORT			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
65	Establish a new resident, general season for caribou in Unit 20F		
TNA			
66	Extend the resident caribou season and reduce the bag limit for Unit 24A Remainder		
TNA			
67	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21D		
SUPPORT			More opportunity; we support inclusion of nonresidents
68	Open a fall bear baiting season in Unit 21C		
SUPPORT			See comments on 69
69	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21C		
SUPPORT			Fairbanks AC Proposal
70	Change the season start date for taking brown bear in Unit 24A to align with Unit 25A		
SUPPORT			More opportunity, ADFG Support
71	Allow brown bear to be taken over bait in Unit 24A		
SUPPORT			More opportunity, ADFG Support
72	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 24B		
SUPPORT			More opportunity, no biological concerns
73	Eliminate the RB601 brown bear registration permit hunt for Units 21D and 24		
SUPPORT			Seems common sense change
74	Establish a registration permit hunt for muskox in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D		
SUPPORT			The board should determine ANS numbers for these subunits
75	Develop a feasibility assessment for intensive management of wolves and bears in Units 21D and 24		
TNA			
76	Establish a non-intensive management predator control plan in Unit 21 for bears and wolves		
TNA			
77	Open a resident permit hunt for muskoxen in Unit 26B		
TNA			
78	Eliminate the registration caribou permit RC907 and general season caribou harvest ticket requirement for North Slope residents		
OPPOSE			We believe harvest reporting is invaluable to game management and that all hunters, regardless of where they live, are equal in terms of requirement to register for hunts and file a hunt report



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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
79	In Unit 26B Remainder, modify the resident season and bag limit for caribou and open a registration permit hunt		
SUPPORT			Fairbanks AC Proposal
80	In Unit 26B Remainder, modify the resident season and bag limit for caribou; open a resident registration permit hunt; and change the nonresident general season hunt to a registration permit		
FULL AC			FULL AC
81	Increase the nonresident bag limit for caribou in Unit 26		
FULL AC			FULL AC
82	Establish the Arctic Village Sheep Management Area in Unit 25A, open a new resident and nonresident drawing hunt for sheep within the area, and change the bag limit for the resident registration permit, RS595		
SUPPORT			It's about time! We've supported opening up this area for years
83	Modify the bag limit for sheep in the RS595 hunt in Unit 26C		
SUPPORT			This subsistence hunt is being taken advantage of by trophy hunters, should have the same horn requirements as the Unit 19 winter subsistence hunt.
84	Extend the sheep season in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area within Units 24A, 25A, and 26B		
SUPPORT			More opportunity, no biological concerns
85	Open an archery only registration sheep hunt in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area in Units 24A, 25A, and 26B		
SUPPORT			
86	Reauthorize the Upper Yukon–Tanana Predation Control Program		
SUPPORT			Dept proposal
87	Change for the Fortymile caribou registration hunt in Unit 20 to a drawing hunt with a longer season		
OPPOSE			Loss of opportunity and ability to meet harvest objectives
88	Resume intensive management for wolves in a portion of Unit 12 and 20D		
SUPPORT			
89	Allow hunters to possess registration permits for both caribou (RC860) and moose (RM865) while hunting in Unit 20E.		
SUPPORT			Things have changed since this provision to only hold one permit was put in place, don't believe it is now needed



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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
90	Allocate up to 25% of nonresident drawing tags for sheep in the Tok Management Area to second degree kindred relatives		
OPPOSE			Keep the way it is
91	Reduce the bag and possession limits for grouse in a portion of Unit 20D		
TNA			
92	Allow methods and means disability exemptions within the Delta Controlled Use Area		
SUPPORT			This should go statewide
93	Expand the area in Unit 20D where brown bears can be taken over bait as		
SUPPORT			More opportunity
94	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D.		
FULL AC			FULL AC
95	Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 19D East		
TNA			
96	Reauthorize the Unit 19D-East predation control program		
SUPPORT			IM Programs are supposed to benefit all Alaskans. Permits should be available online when herds increase.
97	Change the Tier II permit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt		
TNA			
98	Change the Tier II permit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt		
TNA			
99	Change the Tier II moose permit hunt (TM680) in Unit 19A to a household permit		
TNA			
100	Extend the resident season dates for hunting moose in Unit 19A Remainder		
TNA			
101	Remove the horsepower restriction in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A		
TNA			
102	Shift the season dates for the Tier II moose permit hunt in Unit 19A		
TNA			
103	Establish a Tier II permit for moose hunting in Unit 19A Remainder		
TNA			
104	Reauthorize the Unit 19A predation control program		



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TNA			
105	Authorize predator control for wolf and bear in Unit 19A		
TNA			
106	Expand the predation control area for bear in Unit 19A		
TNA			
107	Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 21E		
TNA			
108	Require trophy destruction of moose antlers taken from Unit 21E under RM836 permits, and establish check stations		
TNA			
109	Replace the moose general season hunts for residents and nonresidents in Unit 21A with registration permit hunts		
SUPPORT			We support more accurate reporting
110	Allow proxy hunting for moose in Unit 19D		
SUPPORT			We support opportunity to help feed elders and those who can no longer hunt on their own
111	Allow proxy hunting for moose in Unit 21A and 21E		
SUPPORT			See comments on 110
112	Open a registration permit hunt for moose in a portion of Unit 19C and eliminate the general season hunt		
SUPPORT			See comments on 109
113	Require hunter orientation for nonresident moose hunters in Unit 21A and 21E		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED			We do not believe those 2DK hunters hunting with a resident relative should have to take the course; the resident relative is their guide and likely has experience
114	Establish a winter registration hunt for antlerless caribou in Units 19D and 21A and remove the winter harvest ticket hunt in Unit 19D Remainder		
TNA			
115	Require meat to be left on the bone for caribou, moose and bison in Units 19, 21A, and 21E		
OPPOSE			Unfair to those who know how to take care of meat and don't want to lug the heavy bones out of the field, also unfair to airplane hunters who want to bone out the meat to save weight



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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
116	Adopt a Board of Game finding for the Unit 19A Portage Mountain Muskoxen Herd Strategy		
TNA			
117	Determine a customary and traditional use finding for grouse in Unit 19 and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence take		
TNA			
118	Determine a customary and traditional use finding for ptarmigan in Unit 19 and modify regulations for provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence take		
TNA			
119	Extend the lynx trapping season in Units 19C, 19D, and 21A		
SUPPORT			Allows trappers to keep non-targeted lynx while other species are still open for trapping
120	Shorten the season for the any bull moose drawing permit hunt in Unit 20A		
OPPOSE			Not necessary, bull: cow ratio is 36:100
121	Establish hunt areas for moose drawing permit DM770 in Unit 20A		
OPPOSE			Not necessary for bulls
122	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
FULL AC			FULL AC
123	Expand the Healy-Lignite Management Area in Unit 20A		
OPPOSE			We don't favor new restrictions
124	Allow shotguns for hunting within the Healy-Lignite Management Area in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT			124 and 125 similar, up to the board if they feel rimfire may shoot too far and be a danger
125	Allow shotguns for hunting small game, within the Healy-Lignite Management Area in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT			
126	Allow shotguns and rimfire weapons for hunting small game within the HealyLignite Management Area in Unit 20A		
TNA			
127	Modify the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
TNA			
128	Modify the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
TNA			



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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
129	Change the closure dates for the Yanert Controlled Use Area (CUA) in Unit 20A to align with the Wood River CUA, and clarify whether horse feed is considered “hunting gear”		
SUPPORT			We see no reason now to keep this area closed year-round to motorized access other than airplanes. If the board does not pass this proposal we ask that they define whether or not hay to feed horses is “hunting gear” under the CUA regulations.
130	Disallow the issuance of methods and means disability exemption permits for the Yanert Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
TNA			This also should go statewide
131	Limit the use of off-road vehicles for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
OPPOSE			We don’t believe we need a Same-Day-Airborne type of regulation for motorized land vehicles
132	Shorten the moose hunting season in Units 20A and 20C		
OPPOSE			Dept has no biological concerns and also opposes
133	Establish the Stampede Trail Management Area in Unit 20C for archery and muzzleloader hunting only		
OPPOSE			We don’t need new weapons restrictions in this area
134	Open a resident youth hunt for moose in Unit 20C		
SUPPORT			We support youth hunt opportunities and the recruitment of new hunters
135	Shorten the moose season five days in a portion of Unit 20B		
SUPPORT			Fairbanks AC has supported in past based on discussion with Tony Hollis
136	Extend the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 20B Remainder as		
OPPOSE			Shortened season in 20B would indicate we don’t want to extend nonresident season
137	Eliminate the muzzleloader registration moose permit hunt RM782, in Unit 20B		
SUPPORT			Fairbanks AC proposal based on information from Tony Hollis
138	Create a fall archery and muzzleloader hunt for moose in Unit 20B Remainder		
OPPOSE			Season is shortened, we don’t need more opportunity
139	Allow muzzleloader hunting in addition to the archery hunt in the drainage of the Middle Fork of the Chena River in Unit 20B		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
SUPPORT			More opportunity
140			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
FULL AC			FULL AC
141			Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B
FULL AC			FULL AC
142			Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B
FULL AC			FULL AC
143			Eliminate all antlerless moose drawing hunts in Unit 20B except for the Minto Flats Management Area
FULL AC			FULL AC
144			Shorten the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A and 20B
FULL AC			FULL AC
145			Modify the nonresident bag limit for moose in Unit 25C
SUPPORT			Nonresidents should not be allowed to participate in any-bull hunts
146			Allocate up to ten percent of the caribou drawing permits for DC827 in Unit 20A, to nonresidents
FULL AC			FULL AC
147			Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Units 20A and 20B Remainder
SUPPORT			
148			Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 20B Remainder
SUPPORT			
149			Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 25C
SUPPORT			
150			Establish an intensive management plan for wolves and bear in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B
OPPOSE			Not necessary at this time
151			Change the season dates for hunting wolves in a portion of Unit 20C
SUPPORT			More opportunity
152			Establish closed areas for the taking of wolves near Denali National Park in Unit 20C
OPPOSE			Consistent with past AC opposition to a wolf buffer zone
153			Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 20F



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SUPPORT			Fairbanks AC helped member of public with this proposal; ADFG Supports as well
154			Restrict the taking of waterfowl in the Badger Slough area in Unit 20B to falconry and archery with flu-flu arrows
OPPOSE			We don't believe banning shotguns is necessary
155			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C
TNA			
156			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench
TNA			
157			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C
TNA			
158			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13
TNA			
159			Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B
TNA			
160			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
TNA			
161			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
TNA			
162			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
TNA			
163			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
TNA			
164			Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 16A
TNA			
165			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
TNA			
166			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
SUPPORT			
167-168			The Board of Game does not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposals 167-168 regulating guide activities and issuing permits to agencies for collaring animals. They are included



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	in the book for review and discussion by the board. Advisory committees may choose to provide comments on these proposals for the board's consideration.		
FULL AC			FULL AC

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Mark Richards

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: January 27, 2020



Grayling Anvik Shageluk Holy Cross Fish and Game Advisory Committee
1/20/2020
Grayling Council Office

- I. Call to Order: 1:20 pm by Chairman Ken Chase
- II. Roll Call
 - Members Present: Grayling: Shirly Clark & Mary Deacon (alt. for Rich F
 - Anvik: Ken Chase
 - Shageluk: Chevie Roach & Roger Hamilton Jr
 - Undesignated: Bruce Werba
 - Members Absent : Grayling: Rich Freireich
 - Anvik: Nathan Elswick
 - Holy Cross: Eugene Paul & David Walker
- Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: DWC Josh Peirce & Jon Barton,
- IV. Guests Present: Jon Simeon (AWT), Jason Bohac (DPS), other Grayling residents came and went during the course of the meeting

A teleconference had been set up, but the phone lines in Grayling were not functioning, so it was unable to be utilized. Jeremy Havener(FWS), Nissa Pilcher (BDS), and all AC members noted as absent above all attempted to call in to the meeting but were unable to call in

- V. Approval of Agenda; approved
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. 1/11/2019 & 3/8/2019 approved; no corrections
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report Concern over the Arctic Lamprey winter commercial fishery. Similar concern has been expressed before on the biological implications of harvesting so many fish that could have an unknown effect on the ecosystem and the lamprey population. Would like to take this up next meeting to discuss submitting proposal to AYK BOF on this subject.
- VIII. Public Comment; none recorded
- IX. New Business;
 - a. see minutes template below
 - b. Committee discussed a proposal to submit to Statewide BOG on moving the GMU boarder between 21E and 21D. Teleconference will be scheduled in March or April to finalize the proposal and suggested boundary.
- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting; Ken Chase elected to attend for the AC
- XI. Set next meeting date; Teleconference to be held in March or April to go over Statewide BOG Proposal

Adjourn 5:20 pm



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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
44	Establish customary and traditional use findings for migratory birds and waterfowl in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25, and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunities		
TNA			Some discussion but AC chose not to take no action on the proposal
45	Prohibit the use of moose, caribou and reindeer urine as scent lures in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Support	6	0	Our proposal
54	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	6	0	
55	Allow the use of dogs for hunting for lynx in Units 12 and 20		
56	Establish minimum distance requirements for trapping around dwellings in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	6	
57	Allow residents to take game from a boat under power in Unit 21		
Oppose	0	6	we recognize that people do this but we are concerned with wounding loss, public safety, as well as passing along this practice to youth hunters
58	Establish a Controlled Use Area for the Kaiyuh Flats area in Unit 21D		
TNA			Some discussion but AC chose not to take no action on the proposal
107	Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 21E		
Support	6	0	Our proposal
108	Require trophy destruction of moose antlers taken from Unit 21E under RM836 permits, and establish check stations		
Oppose	0	5	We are concerned with a lot of boats carrying nonlocal hunters who have the money and time to boat very long distances down river into our area and take moose that we depend on for subsistence needs. We do not have the resources to boat hundreds of miles away from our villages to take moose to feed our families through the winter. But we have some concerns about information being portrayed in this proposal that is not factual.



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			While we don't believe that this exact solution will fix the issue, we would like to discuss these growing concerns within our communities and come up with a solution that might be a better fit. Member Clark abstained from the vote
109	Replace the moose general season hunts for residents and nonresidents in Unit 21A with registration permit hunts		
Support	6	0	Our proposal: we need better harvest reporting to ensure that our needs will be met
110	Allow proxy hunting for moose in Unit 19D		
111	Allow proxy hunting for moose in Unit 21A and 21E		
Support	6	0	Our Proposal: we would like to continue being able to proxy hunt
112	Open a registration permit hunt for moose in a portion of Unit 19C and eliminate the general season hunt		
113	Require hunter orientation for nonresident moose hunters in Unit 21A and 21E		
Support	6	0	Our proposal: there is a lot of meat that gets donated in our communities and we would like to ensure that the meat is taken care of well so that it can be used.
114	Establish a winter registration hunt for antlerless caribou in Units 19D and 21A and remove the winter harvest ticket hunt in Unit 19D Remainder		
115	Require meat to be left on the bone for caribou, moose and bison in Units 19, 21A, and 21E		
Support w/Am	6	0	Support with additional language saying "Prior to Oct 1 st "
116	Adopt a Board of Game finding for the Unit 19A Portage Mountain Muskoxen Herd Strategy		
TNA			supportive of the idea of a 4 year moratorium. Would like to develop some ideas for what we would like to see happen either on our own or with CKAC



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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
117	Determine a customary and traditional use finding for grouse in Unit 19 and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence take		
118	Determine a customary and traditional use finding for ptarmigan in Unit 19 and modify regulations for provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence take		
119	Extend the lynx trapping season in Units 19C, 19D, and 21A		
Support	6	0	

Kenneth W. Chase Feb 5, 2020
Gash Alvioy Approved. minutes



**Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Feb. 4, 2020
Kachemak Bay NERRS Bldg.**

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:05 pm by Dave Lyon, chair
- II. **Roll Call**
Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), Thomas Hagberg (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Michael Craig, Dan Anderson, Wes Humbyrd, Marvin Peters, Joey Allred, Doug Malone, Matt Hakala, Joe Martishev, William Roth,
Members Absent: Dennis Wade, Malcolm Milne, Morgan Jones, Lee Martin, Bob Nathanson.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Elisa Russ, Mike Booz, Holly Dickson.
- IV. **Guests Present:** None
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Yes
- VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Yes
- VII. **Reports:** None
- VIII. **Public Comment:** None
- IX. **Old Business:** None
- X. **New Business:** BOF and BOG proposals
- XI. **Select representative(s) for board meeting:**
- XII. **Set next meeting date:** Tues, Mar. 10, 2020



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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
47	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region until harvest or population objectives are met		
Support	10	0 -2	If a game species qualifies for intensive management, it is obvious that its population and opportunity for hunting is limited. When these limitations prevail, resident hunters should be given priority for harvest over nonresidents. Nonresident hunting should be allowed only when harvest and population objectives are met and there is no longer need for intensive management. One abstaining vote was because of opposition to IM. The other supported allowing nonresident hunting even if opportunity is limited.
48	Extend the season for taking wolves in Units 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
Support	10	0 – 2	Votes for were to provide more opportunity to hunters in the field. Abstaining vote were based on a lack of familiarity and data to support the need for the proposal.
49	For the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region, allow the use of crossbows in archery only hunt areas for hunters possessing permanent identification cards		
Oppose	0	10 – 2	Opposition was because the accessories and technology used with crossbows is not consistent with the more primitive approach and principle used for archery.
52	Change the nonresident general season sheep hunts in Units 20 Remainder and 19C to drawing permit hunts		
Support as Amended	12	0 – 0	There was support for the general concept embodied in this proposal, but disagreement with the number of permits allowed for nonresident hunters. An amendment was offered to reduce the permits from 50 to 25, which passed unanimously.
56	Establish minimum distance requirements for trapping around dwellings in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	11 – 1	Support was based on concern that the proposal overreaches. Abstention agreed with providing those who live in areas where trapping occurs, protection from having traps in the vicinity of their dwelling. However, the proposal for a one-mile setback amounts to a one size fits all remedy. There needs to be flexibility in the distance of any setback to allow for other circumstances.



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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
57	Allow residents to take game from a boat under power in Unit 21		
Oppose	1	11 - 0	The AC generally thought this proposal sets a bad precedent. The accuracy of a shot from a boat under power was questioned. A bad shot creates a safety issue as well as greater chance that the game animal may be wounded instead of killed and not recovered if the boat can't land immediately.
83	Modify the bag limit for sheep in the RS595 hunt in Unit 26C		
Support as Amended	12	0 - 0	An amendment was made that the hunter must destroy the sheep horns so that there is no trophy value. This would deter those who are not hunting for meat but trophy. The amendment passed 11 - 1.
89	Allow hunters to possess registration permits for both caribou (RC860) and moose (RM865) while hunting in Unit 20E.		
Support	10	1 - 1	The majority felt that for someone who has permits for both caribou and moose, the existing regulation creates a lot of unnecessary time and cost to not allow the hunting of either species at the same time. The opposition felt that the existing regs were not broke and don't need to be fixed.
162	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	12	0 - 0	The Homer AC always supports this hunt.
163	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support as Amended	10	2 - 0	An amendment was made to change the language from 4 brow tines to 3, which is the current regulation. This passed 12 - 0. Although the 15C moose population is now at an acceptable bull:cow, the majority felt that having a cow hunt with 50 permits and a success rate of about 50% can still be justified based of populations near the winter carrying capacity. Also, to offer more hunting opportunity and at a later time in the season. Those opposed felt that with a healthy bull:cow ratio, there no longer is need for a cow hunt.

Adjournment: 7:30



Minutes Recorded By: George Matz

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee
1/6/20 – 6:00 pm
UAS Room 108

- I. Call to Order: 6:05 pm by Chairman Kevin Maier
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Kevin Maier (Charter Fishing – Freshwater), Peter Robertson (Non-Consumptive Commercial), Ed Buyarski (Sport Fish, Hunting and Personal Use), Thatcher Brouwer (Commercial Fishing), Jason Kolhase (Processor), Melanie Brown (Alternate), Michael Bethers (Sport Fish, Hunting and Personal Use), Jesse Walker (Sport Fish, Hunting and Personal Use), Atlin Daugherty (Hunting Guide), Richard Yamada (Charter Fishing – Saltwater) (on teleconference).
Members Absent (Excused):
Members Absent (Unexcused): Michael Cole (Alternate), Terry White (Charter Fishing - Saltwater), Forest Wagner (Commercial Fishing), Chris Miller (Commercial Fishing), Kristine Trott (Non-Consumptive Personal), Nicholas Orr (Sport Fish, Hunting and Personal Use) and Jesse Ross (Trapping).
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: Fresh and Saltwater charter fishing, non-consumptive commercial and personnel us, sport fishing, hunting and personal use, commercial fishing, processor, and hunting guide. Also present were representatives from Fish and Game and the community.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previously approved.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Dave Harris (ADFG Commercial Fish), Annie Bartholomew (ADFG Board Support), David Love (ADFG Fisheries), Dan Teske (ADFG Sport Fish), Roy Churchwell (ADFG Wildlife), Robert Welch (Wildlife Trooper)
- VI. Guests Present:
Ario (sp?) Student Participant in Government meeting
Ben Atlin (sp?) Retired. Interested in committee hearings.
- VII. Old Business:



VIII. New Business:

ELECTIONS:

Jesse Walker moved and Ed Buyarski 2nd to approve the reelection of the current members who are up for election. This includes Thatcher Brouwer, Kristine Trott, Terry White, Mike Bethers and Nick Orr. All expressed interest in being reelected. The motion passed unanimously.

ROCKFISH:

Dan Teske – sportfish biologist, discussed the recent announcement that the sport, commercial and personal use fishery will be closed for non-pelagic rockfish, including yelloweye. Roughly 60 percent decline of abundance of yelloweye on outside. Suspect that the decline is also occurring in inside waters, but no surveys. Sportfish harvest has more than doubled. Eliminate directed commercial fishery and implement non retention for sport fish. Assessment is done with underwater counts, in same areas, every couple of years. It would take board of fish action to change rockfish groupings. Richard is working on a proposal to change the groupings of rockfish. Administrative code reference number 5aac75.995.47. It was asked what the rationale for linking all DSR non pelagic to yellow eye abundance? Mr Teske stated that yellow eye makes up a huge percentage commercial harvest.

Commercial Directed fishery are closed. ADFG biologists were not sure if bycatch will be allowed.

Michael Bethers: Will there be any contact with Federal Government? Dan Teske: Yes there will be contact with Federal government and look at bycatch issue.

Jesse Walker: When will we see release devices on commercial vessels? Dan Teske: Would like to see it on commercial vessels, but it would take board action.

HUMPBACKS:

Richard Yamada: Reports that actions that will not immediately impact commercial fisheries. Any regulatory action would need to go through committee. However, there would be additional restrictions with the critical habitat designation. Marine mammal protection act often relates to entanglements. Very few specifics on what it will really mean to have a critical habitat designation.

Ed Buyarski: Would like to see more research. Not more critical habitat.



Jesse Walker: Proposes that Thatcher Brouwer draft a letter and then approve it by way of email.

Jason Kolhase: We need to take a position

Motion by: Ed Buyarski 1st and Jesse Walker 2nd. Oppose designation of critical habitat.

Richard Yamada: We want a seat at the table.

Jason: Concerned about federal overreach and blanket regulation.

Melanie: These may be the only critical habitat areas if they are successful with aquaculture.

Mike: Does not support a critical habitat area.

FINAL VOTE of drafting a letter: 6 in favor. 2 abstain

RESIDENT FISH AND GAME LICENSES:

Consideration of a proposal from southern POW advisory committee to further refine the requirements to obtain a state sport hunting and fishing license as well as a subsistence permit.

Atlin Daugherty: It is easier to qualify for a resident license and subsistence than it is for a PFD. This would align qualification for resident license and subsistence license with the permanent fund dividend.

Jesse Walker: Supports principal of it, but will oppose.

Michael Bethers: Supports it. Has seen the problem in Tenakee.

Melanie Brown: Concerned about what is happening. Has seen the problem with dipnetting and sales at farmers markets in Colorado.



Michael Bethers: Do you know of cases?

Trooper: We hear lots of complaints. We need to back it up and have proof. Obstacle is bad case law. Court sides with individuals with trailers/boats/ect in locked yard for 12 months. Troopers will not take a position often.

Melanie Brown: It could be a work session.

Ed Buyarski: Is this is a proposal? Can we support this.

Trooper: Not the majority of cases.

Ed Buyarski: Moves that JDAC support the POW efforts to tighten up residency requirements and support their efforts and solution. Atlin Daugherty. 2nd the motion.

Trooper: It would be a long wait for a license.

Jesse Walker: Would it be a headache? Determines if you are a resident. Box of worms.

Atlin Daugherty: There will always exceptions to rule.

VOTE TO SUPPORT EASTERN POW EFFORTS. 6 SUPPORT. 1 OPPOSE. 2 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSES.

Homer Personal Watercraft:

Dunleavy repealed ban on personal watercraft in critical habitat in Katchemack Bay. Went through in 2001 personal watercraft. 30 day comment period when there should have been a 90 day comment period according to Melanie Brown.

It was stated that the comment period was extended to January 21st.

Melanie Brown: Comment letter should be to our legislators and copied to the governor's office and offers. It could state that the State is going around the process that exists and is disrespectful to biologists.

Michael Bethers: Do we want to get involved in user conflict in Homer?

Melanie: Concerned about precedent.

Melanie: I move that we submit a letter weighing in on this matter to oppose the governor's action to allow personal use watercraft. And a suggestion that it focus on process. (Atlin).

Michael: Is going to sit this one out.



Richard: This is out of our area. Would like more information.

Melanie: Bad executive government process.

FINAL VOTE: 3 support. 3 oppose. 3 abstain. Motion fails.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The committee will meet in March to consider board of fish proposals. Additionally, it was noted by Roy Churchwell that there are concerns with the Gustavus Moose Hunt and there will be meetings to figure out a solution.

Board of Fisheries & Game 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
Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Proposal #155	9	0	Anterless Moose Hunt Authorization: Roy Churchwell with ADFG stated that there is a stable population and this is an annual authorization to allow ADFG to use this as a management too; if needed, for Gustavus and Berners Bay. Jesse Walker made the motion and Ed Buyarski seconded the motion.
Statewide King & Tanner Crab Additional Proposal #277	9 Support 1 Abstain		The department did not think there were issues if bycatch with the expanded area. Mr. Kolhase inquired about the seine position on the proposal. No one in the audience knew the answer.
<i>In addition to the above proposals, the Joint Board will discuss setting a schedule for future Joint Board meetings. Currently, Joint Board meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis. Advisory committees are welcome to provide recommendations on this topic.</i>			



Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
11-19-19
Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

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

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	X		
Andrew	Carmichael		x	
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Chris	Hanna			
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		
Monte	Roberts	X		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	X		
Todd	Smith	X		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas			x
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jon	Essert	X		
John	Ellanbass	X		
Eli	House	X		
Dick	Dykema	X		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Selinger

IV. Guests Present: 6

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections.

Unanimous consent to approve the minutes as amended.

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report



b. ADF&G

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections.

Unanimous consent to approve the minutes as amended.

Nomination for Fishing Guide Seat

Jerry Streiby → Jerry Streiby

Guide Alternate Seat

Chris Hanna → Chris Hanna

Hunting Seat

Scott Miller → 8 Votes

Cody Rutter → 9 Votes → Cody Rutter

At Large Seat

Scott Miller → Scott Miller

At Large Alternate

Eli House → Eli House

Elections are closed

ADFG Biologist Jeff Selinger came to give us data on moose population and harvest on the peninsula. He also spoke on predator management as it was asked by a committee member.

Brown bear harvest on the peninsula numbers were presented.

39 total harvest & 6 additional non-hunting for a total harvest of 45

Sheep numbers are down and goat numbers are healthy, moose is possibly around, but there has been some possible issues with testing from past samples.

No real sheep data on the Kenai and no studies have been done on the Kenai Sheep.

Board of Game Proposals 160 - 163



Break @ 8:20pm

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

Next meeting is on 11/26 at Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association starting at 6:30pm

XIII. Other

Adjourn:



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Support	12	0	No Counts last year, but the hunt can be close by EO and on average about 7 cow are taken out of 30 permits
162	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	12	0	No Count last year, but population is healthy. There have been some different opinions on carry capacity from different biologist, but the island has been supporting the recent population.
163	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	12	0	We would like to keep AM550 open as a management tool if needed

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 9:10pm

Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 11.19.2019 _____



**Koyukuk River Fish and Game Advisory Committee
December 16, 2019
Pikes Landing, Fairbanks**

I. Call to Order: 2:30 pm by Chairman Jack Reakoff

II. Roll Call

Members Present:	Undesignated: Jack Reakoff (Donald) Shaun Bergman
Allakaket:	Clinton Bergman Charles Ned Vincent Simon
Bettles:	Gary Hanchet*
Hughes:	Hugh Bifelt**
Huslia:	Jack (Jackie) Wholecheese Shawn Huffman** Darrell Vent

Members Absent: Harding Sam & Jared Sam (Alatna), Wilmer Beetus (Hughes)
Currently there is 1 undesignated, and 1 Bettles/Evansville seat that are vacant
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Christy Gleason & Holly Carroll*(DCF), Sara Longson, Glenn Stout & Doreen Parker-McNeil (DCF), Brook McDavid (SUBS), Lisa Stuby (DSF), Nissa Pilcher (BDS)

IV. Guests Present: Jeremy Havener* & Vince Mathews(FWS), Virgil Umphenour, Tina Moran, Marylynn Bergman

*indicates they participated via teleconference

**due to plane schedules, these two members came in after the meeting had started.
Quorum was established before they were able to get there, so quorum was never lost.

V. Approval of Agenda, approved, no additions

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 4/10/19 teleconference & 12/11/2018

VII. AC Concerns & Members of the Public Concerns

Darrel- concern with moose numbers around Fairbanks, limiting of ceremonial harvest of moose.



Vincent- concern about moose and caribou numbers and would like to see predator control; a lot of families didn't get animals and those that did had to travel far

Charles- same concerns as Vincent; many didn't get moose and went pretty much every day, (Vincent- the moose weren't moving during the season- the moose were staying in the lakes due to the weather, normally they are on the river.) 2nd year in a row that it was a bad moose year for Allakaket. Weather is a lot warmer

Jackie- climate change. Had a big flood last spring, and it was warm all fall so the moose weren't moving, they were staying in the lakes. Elders say it was the first time there was a lot of water in the lakes and that was where the moose were. Those that went into the lakes many still didn't get their moose. Would like to see a federal proposal for a spring hunt. (Addressing Virgil- would like the guides to slack off a bit; really like the economic stuff you bring to the village but we can't afford to buy the meat from town). We seem to be losing our breeding stock (Glenn to discuss this further in the meeting)

Shaun- concern; lack of moose

Clinton- same concerns; would like to see big animal control, Kanuti and south fork pack control. Went all the way to Huslia and only saw 2 cows; Huslia elders said they were in the lakes, and went there and still didn't see anything

Jack – 12 ½ feet of snow last year. Saw only half as many tracks, calves, yearlings, older moose were killed off. Moose concentrated in the valleys due to high snow fall in the hills this year already, and wolves galore. I am calling moose and I have wolves come up to me; moose aren't making calls because every time they do they call in wolves. We have way fewer moose, a lot of predators, and a lot of snow. Then it rained 1 1/4" and the sheep and caribou don't like that. Have tons of rabbits which just helps the wolf numbers

Jackie- moose migrating down to the mouth of the Yukon (Glenn noted that the moose probably aren't redistributing but some pops are doing well and some aren't)

Darrell- moose aren't moving till later. Transporters are also moving in, and they aren't taking the best care of their meat and it is going bad. Virgil is helping and we are fortunate to have him out there, but the transporters aren't doing a good job.

Public Comment

Virgil- moose hunting was tough this year. Contracts with clients they get a back leg, the rest goes to the village, and the local guides that live in Huslia take care of the elders. We get the meat the day after it is killed and hang it in the smokehouse. Have noted that wolves and bear numbers are going up. Weather conditions were not good this year and had the least



successful year this year. Going to focus on spring bear hunts in the area. Have a couple proposals I would like you to look at; 47, 52 & 80 82 (Arctic Village; EIRAC Chair would like ACs to comment on prop 82 and Virgil had said he would bring it to the ACs attention).

Gary- a lot of bears; would like to see the ability to sell bear parts to help encourage people to take them. Had to chase off some pretty persistent bears this last year. Like virgil said, bears always go back to where they know they are successful.

Jack- noted that he had Sidney Huntington come to a meeting and he said that the brown bears are going to move in, they are going to take out all of the black bears and they are going to rule here unless you go out and control them now.

Vincent- discussion of ghost bears that come to town because they wake up hungry; bears stay out later too because of the warmer weather

Jack- older bears stay out later also because they cant get weight on

After Shawn and Hugh had gotten to the meeting they were asked to give their AC report

Shawn- hunting not very good, personally I hunted 10 days and other partners hunted 20 days and we only got one moose between the three of us in the Hog. The moose that I did see wouldn't come to calls, and ran away. Saw a lot more wolves. Slightly more black bears and a lot of brown bear sign and visually saw three of them. A lot of rabbits, not as much as last year but a lot of lynx sign. Also seeing a lot of coyotes, I shot two, and know of another two that were taken. Jack noted that there is a large coyote near wiseman being picked up on trail cams

Hugh- noted he saw bats, a large group, which is not normal in Hughes. Don't bother going down the Hog now for a moose. Hunted, went to Huslia 2x, drove all over, didn't get a moose. Wolf pups coming into town, come right in my dog yard. Grizzly's, first time I haven't seen fresh tracks near Hughes this last time it snowed. Haven't seen caribou around either. Flooding this year brought back the beaver, now seeing them all over. Lakes were full, another issue with moose hunting, too much water. Spent \$2000 on gas for fuel. This is starting to be the normal thing now.

Fishing was good. Koyukuk got a good king run and fishing all over was good. Didn't see the dead fish from the heat stresser- the floaters were closer to Huslia and the mouth.



Staff Updates

Fishery; Staff update

Holly Carroll- Summer Season

AC would like to discuss submitting a proposal to allow hook and line for subsistence gear. After discussion, the AC would like it from where it is legal now up to Galena including the Koyukuk but excluding the Dalton Hwy in the subsistence areas. The AC had discussed a proposal for the entire rest of the river the previous year but think that the local ACs should decide if they want this in their area and submit their own proposal.

DCF/Holly to help Jack draft proposal which will come back to the AC during the next cycle for final approval.

VIII. New Business

IX. Charles Ned will represent the AC at the Region III BOG. Darrel will already be there and they can assist each other.

X. The next AC meeting is set for late November in 2020

Adjourn



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<i>Member Bifelt and Huffman were late to arrive due to plane schedules. The vote count reflects who was in the room at the time of voting as the committee did not take up the proposals in order.</i>			
44	Establish customary and traditional use findings for migratory birds and waterfowl in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25, and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunities		
S	8	0	Common knowledge that migratory birds and waterfowl are used for customary and traditional uses in the Koyukuk River drainage
54	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
S	8	0	Support to encourage the take of bears in the interior
57	Allow residents to take game from a boat under power in Unit 21		
S/A	10	0	<p>We have very little opportunity to take a moose before it runs off while hunting on the river. When the boat is moving, to make it stop it changes where you would be aiming at the animal and the changing of speeds and re-centering on the animal for a fatal shot both takes time. The idea for this proposal isn't to take animals on full step, but slow down. With the current regulation, when you have to come to a stop, the moose will be gone. It takes a lot of gas to get moose, and we depend on them.</p> <p>A boat is inherently not a stable platform to shoot and that wounding loss could be a factor for those that would choose to do this. Unless the board requires you to land the boat like they do in SE, a boat in a river is never a stable thing to take a shot from.</p> <p>We are taught to follow blood trail, if you shoot at it, you look for a blood trail, and that to learn quickly how to ascertain if you should take a shot or not.</p> <p>AC unanimously chose to amend to slow down to idle; so people aren't on full step taking shots at moose.</p>
61	Extend the resident moose season within the Kanuti Controlled Use Area of Unit 24B		
S	8	0	<p>Discussion on who could hunt during this season, local residents will be competing with nonlocal residents that have the money to get out there. It was noted that there is very small amount of state land in this area that would be open for nonlocal residents.</p> <p>We are starting to get moose that don't even smell anymore during the</p>



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			<p>late season.</p> <p>Decreased activity level due to the warm weather; have the most fat on them. Breeding activity has sort of shifted to the night and overcast days. Department asked about hunting during a different time; like November. Members did not want to; after the rut they don't have the fat and they are a lot tougher. During the rut the moose are good and healthy with lots of fat.</p> <p>The wolf control that was done a couple years ago really helped with the moose population.</p> <p>TKEG believe that most of the moose that will be encountered by hunters aren't going to be the large breeding bulls with the cows. The moose that will be encountered will be the younger ones that are able to be called because they got thrown off the large groups of cows.</p> <p>Department noted that the last time the predator control was done, the big animal was not able to be taken, the communities did not want the department to take them. If something has changed in the communities, it is a discussion that can be had. Department also noted that the issue with the population is due mostly to bears eating the calves in the spring and not the hunters in the fall, and that the bull cow ratio is being met, but the population objective and the harvest management objective are not.</p>
62	Allocate 90 percent of the Unit 21B, Upper Nowitna Corridor moose drawing permits to residents and award remaining available nonresident permits to residents		
O	0	10	<p>The Koyukuk river moose management plan that is in place and this proposal goes against this plan. These areas are remote, there are already plenty of resident hunting opportunity, the meat is typically distributed to elders and those that live remotely who also help the moose population by taking predators. Residents can still go into this area under the general season or the registration hunt, they just have to destroy the antlers.</p>



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63	Repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
O	9	0	Refer to comments for proposal 64
64	Clarify the legal use of highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of firearms, and transport of furbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA		
S	9	0	<p>There is a member on the committee that resides within the corridor and has trapped for within it for years, both on state and federal lands although can only use snow machine and not any other vehicle on federal land. The corridor was intended to involve large game animals and not furbearers under the trapping regulations. The board should adjust the regulations to allow people that reside in or near the corridor to continue their subsistence trapping activity.</p> <p>If the regulations are repealed, then the statute has no teeth. The legislature should not be in the practice of managing game species and allocation; that is the prerogative of the Board of Game.</p> <p>Feel it would be a regression in predator harvest and a detriment to the local people who reside there and live with the ramifications. The BOG should have the prerogative to have the allowances for trapping, and we feel that you should tweak ONLY the bits that need to be tweaked to support the intent of the law.</p>
65	Establish a new resident, general season for caribou in Unit 20F		
O	0	10	Don't believe that the herd could support an increase in bag limit at this time. Also concerned with habitat limitation due to changing food for this herd and herd predators since the herd numbers are half the size it used to be in the 90s.
66	Extend the resident caribou season and reduce the bag limit for Unit 24A Remainder		
O	0	10	This could muddy the waters
67	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21D		
S	10	0	Department isn't thinking that this will increase the take of bears much, not many hunters choose to take more than one bear even over bait of which there is a fall and spring baiting season. The brown bear population is healthy, and it would help the moose, caribou, and black bear population if more browns are taken. Grizzly's are currently digging the black bears out of the dens as we speak near Hughes. Virgil noted



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			there are a lot of bears there and they are hard to get.
68	Open a fall bear baiting season in Unit 21C		
S	10	0	Bear baiting regulations questioned; currently 21C has a spring baiting season, but no fall season. This would align with neighboring units. Harvest in 21C is low and populations are good. Our AC fought the federal governments proposed rule that called bear baiting predator control, it is a food source.
69	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21C		
S	10	0	Refer to comments for proposal 68
70	Change the season start date for taking brown bear in Unit 24A to align with Unit 25A		
O	0	10	Harvest rate and the quality of the bear taken that early is not good. The resource could be used better than this. A portion of this area is also too close to the road.
71	Allow brown bear to be taken over bait in Unit 24A		
S	10	0	6 bear bait stations currently registered, don't believe this will increase the take of brown bears much based on data for similar GMU subunits.
72	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 24B		
S	8	0	There are a lot of bears in this area and they are an underutilized resource. People want to sell moose antlers, but the bear claws can bring in a lot of money as well. Also, the big animal is pretty powerful and we have to watch what we do with the hide and claws and skull [in relation to being able to sell parts with an increased bag limit]. We use black bears for subsistence uses, we are finding more and more big animal that are taking out the black bear. We are competing for the same resources with the big animal. AC requested assistance from the Department; there is a lack of reporting so if we could get some assistance with understanding the rules and regulations for bears it would be helpful. Create a flyer to help educate folks on the bag limits, season dates and sealing requirements. Department noted if people aren't reporting their take, then the department can't fully understand what is going on for the population. We also won't be able to allocate the population adequately when there are leaner times.
73	Eliminate the RB601 brown bear registration permit hunt for Units 21D and 24		



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S	8	0	Those big brown bears do nothing but hunt. Any way we can encourage people to take more bears is good. Requirements for sealing discussed. Dept noted that the department pays local residents to be fur and bear sealers if anyone was interested. Spring bears have too many worms, summer bears taste like fish, fall bears are good because they have been eating berries. A bear is just as good as it eats.
75	Develop a feasibility assessment for intensive management of wolves and bears in Units 21D and 24		
S	8	0	The author noted that they just wanted to make a statement about the issues we are having, want it in writing that we are having a problem. Virgil noted that 26 years plus at his base camp, he used to be able look at the flats, and now there are 30 40 feet high trees and can't see the flats. There is a large difference between the lands now and back then. The land ownership is so checkerboard up there; a lot of corporation land. Most of the issue is with the brown bear, we take care of the black bears.
76	Establish a non-intensive management predator control plan in Unit 21 for bears and wolves		
S	8	0	We used to have a lot of caribou in our area before the pipeline; we don't see them anymore so we would like to see the caribou in our area protected especially with our moose populations not doing so well
82	Establish the Arctic Village Sheep Management Area in Unit 25A, open a new resident and nonresident drawing hunt for sheep within the area, and change the bag limit for the resident registration permit, RS595		
N/A			Virgil gave a synopsis of past regulations and uses of the area and the history of the proposal. It was noted that people from Arctic Village at a meeting were against this proposal, and it is so far away from our area that we don't want to weigh in. This is going to be very contentious and we should defer to the Yukon Flats AC's decision on it.
84	Extend the sheep season in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area within Units 24A, 25A, and 26B		
O	0	10	Author isn't from the area, isn't aware about the horrific winter kill for sheep (and moose) last year we had, and then we have already had three big snow this fall- the first before the sheep had bred. We have a lot of predators, we don't have the ability to add additional harvest to this population right now, and while we don't have the area biologist here to



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			give us more information, we doubt the biology backs it up either.
85	Open an archery only registration sheep hunt in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area in Units 24A, 25A, and 26B		
O	0	10	See comments for proposal 84
141	Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
TNA			This proposal was discussed briefly. The AC ultimately decided that this is a localized issue and the local ACs should weight in.

Adjournment: 7 pm



**MatSu Valley Advisory Committee & Sub-Committee Meeting
2/12/20 & 2/19/20
Mel Grove's Hangar**

I. Call to Order: @7:08pm by Herb Mansavage

II. Roll Call

Members Present: (2/12/20 Sub-Committee Meeting) Birch Yuknis, Danny Lewis, Dan Montgomery, Don Dygert, Casey Dinkle, Austin Manelick, Chris Alderman and Mel Grove

Members Present: (2/19/20 Full Committee Meeting) Birch Yuknis, Danny Lewis, Dan Montgomery, Don Dygert, Austin Manelick, Herb Mansavage, Andy Couch, Aaron Bloomquist and Me Grove.

Members Absent (Excused): (2/12/20) Herb Mansavage, Andy Couch, Chad Schierman, Dom Nickles, Neil DeWitt and Chad Lipse.

Members Absent (Unexcused): (2/12/20) Nick Reeves

Members Absent (Excused): (2/19/20) Chris Alderman, Chad Schierman, Casey Dinkle, Dom Nickles, Chad Lipse.

Members Absent (Unexcused): (2/19/20) Nick Reeves

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: (2/12/20) 3

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: (2/19/20) 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Chris Brockman (2/12/20)

IV. Guests Present:

Mike Harris, Gary Colbath, Steve Bartelli and Bob Cassel. (2-12-20)

Mike Harris, Landon (last name)

V. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Approved Unanimously

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from last week by Aron - Andy seconds.

Dan: Helps adjust the minutes according to his notes.

Herb: No objections.

Birch makes motion to making list for proposal to talk about this evening: Andy Seconds.

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

b. ADF&G



c. Others

AC Members on Public comment:

DON: Ask about data on JBER Archery only data from the last 10 years.

Birch.

Birch: Says ever registration can be archery.

Aron: Crossbow Limits? Mike Harris: You must have a doctors note. No age cross bow.

Andy Couch on BOF meetings: Fish opportunities have returned to the Matsu Borough. Board moved cook inlet fish in Kenai, means more fish in cook inlet. Projections for low tier of sockeye run on the ken, less fishing in the middle of the fishery. more fish in-river.

VIII. Public Comment

Department Staff: Chris Brockman

Mike Harris: Alaska Bowhunters oppose 49, support 50, support 53,

Made comment in support of Alaska Bowhunters Association: only 11 archery hunts creating more opportunity. Mike - Anchorage AC: supported 50- 53 unanimously.

Stated feel based arguments versus fact based arguments.

14A - 2009-2018 data for 10 year period

Total Harvest with all weapons - 4861

Bow Kills in regular general season - 130/2.7%

Early Archery - 421/ 8.7 %

Overall Archery Harvest - 11.4%

Only one archery moose hunt in the state Eklutna registration hunt for moose. Annabel over last 10 years 1639 participated - 38 harvested. 14 of this made requirements of spike fork or 50 inch requirements. 7 of those moose have no antler data on. Very low success rate. Middle fork of Chena river and other places, why not support fact based arguments versus feel based arguments.

Moving on to sheep.

As per ADFG data provided by ADFG Staff (two separate biologist cross referenced) in Palmer - Over the last 10 years in general season over the counter hunts -



approximately 6948 total hunters took sheep – 89 successful in take of sheep with a bow. Approximately 700 sheep harvested per year - 8-12 harvested with archery equipment. That is less than 1% success rate with archery equipment in the open areas - Over the Counter Game Management Units.

-DS140-141 DS240-241(Archery Only Draw Tags) in the last 10 years in the archery only draw tags 516 archers participated – 44 were successful = 12.3% Success Rate were. These are any ram/sheep success these are not full curl requirements.

2009-2018(not including 2019 as data is still coming in) of those sheep harvested 10 sheep were legal by full curl - 6 legal by age as far as “trophy size” is concerned. 28 of those taken were rams or any sheep lesser than full curl.

All Draw tags for Sheep including rifle hunts:

-In all draw tags for sheep including all weapon forms over the last 10 (2009-2019) years 3946 hunters participated – 1411 sheep were harvest which is about 27.9% success with any weapon requirements.

Second Data Set from Separate Biologist

-In the past 2009-2018 10 years 124 sheep across the state have been taken with archery equipment. That includes all hunts.

13A - 1893 hunters participated in sheep hunting for 10 years. - 239 killed sheep - 3 with a bow. - 0 other weapons took sheep - two of those were blank. (2009-2018)

Understanding how the reporting works and combing through data is difficult in a short amount of time. Could be slight variances in data due to reporting, years, and data subsets accounting for long periods of time. ADFG would have to spend time fully developing the data behind the questions I asked via Palmer ADFG.

2009-2018 - 23,750 hunters participated in all hunts across the state for Approximately 30% success rate - 7626 sheep harvested. - Approximately 124 of those taken with a bow.

Approximately 5 of Alaska’s top resident bow hunters account for 28 of these sheep harvest in the last 10 years. These are the less than 1% of archers in the state.

Eklutna- Any Bull Archery only



2009-2018

1639 people hunted

38 harvested / 2.3%

7 unrecorded antlers

31 recorded

14 were spike, fork, 3 brow tines or 50"/1.1% of effort-success

Sara Harris: Alaska Bow Hunters association.

Landon Albertson: Submitted proposal for 14A-B may 31 closer for brown bear, proposed to continue on through June 31st. He hunts those units and believes they should extend those dates for better opportunity to harvest.

Aron: Highest density of bear baiters in the state. May have a good shot to pass.

Birch: Pro- kill brown bears.

Andy: Suggest to have the AC support his.

Gary Colbeck: Alaska Bowhunters Association

Steve Bartelli: Opposes Exclusive use opportunity for user groups. All users are equal.

opposes 49, 50, 138, 53, 89, 133, 154, 58. Opposes

Bob Cassel: Resident Opportunity.

- IX. Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - a. Dan Montgomery

Adjourn: 10:12pm



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44	Establish customary and traditional use findings for migratory birds and waterfowl in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25, and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunities		
45	Prohibit the use of moose, caribou and reindeer urine as scent lures in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Support	6	3	Chris: How much chronic wasted has been reported in Alaska? None. He mentioned supplier mentioned Baitem907 uses real urine from Canada. Birch:Noted it might exclude synthetics, need board clarification for synthetics.
46	Establish intensive management programs for bear across the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	Not focused enough region. Void intensive mangaeement, rely on department suggestions for management.
47	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region until harvest or population objectives are met		
Oppose	1	8	Dan – Excluding individuals from killing bears and predators Birch- Like concept – If harvest objective isn't being met then open it up. Don:we may be against this because of incidental take. Aron:Guides do 90% of IM management.
48	Extend the season for taking wolves in Units 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
Support	9	0	Dan doesn't think the wolf season should close at all. He supports this. Don: Thinks we should extend season state wide. Casey: Agrees
49	For the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region, allow the use of crossbows in archery only hunt areas for hunters possessing permanent identification cards		
Support	2	7	Dan: Bow Hunters Association are opposed



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			<p>Birch: Opposed as there is already an exemption for age restrictions. Don't need a magnification for 100 yards.</p> <p>Mel: Archery is still tough.</p> <p>Chris: 100 yards is effective range of a crossbow. Traditional bow hunters are against this. They believe a vertical compound is more challenging. More kids and older individuals want to see this passed for more opportunity for them. Thinks there will be more individual proposals in the future.</p> <p>Don: Magnification on top of crossbow.</p>
50	Establish registration archery only hunts for bull moose in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Units that have general moose seasons		
Support	5	3	<p>Andy: Comments: He supports for Archery hunters. Less chances of success with that equipment. The states will benefit a lot, guides will also have more money for guides.</p> <p>He has shot bulls late in the season and they are good to eat. The registration could be controlled by the department.</p> <p>Birch: Opposes exclusive use.</p> <p>Aron: Would support this if all the seasons were spike fork or 50 or not. Not support during any bull season. Could be comfortable with the proposal if registration.</p> <p>Danny: He would support this if he put this 10 days in front of the season before they enter the rut. Thinks its easier during that part of the season.</p> <p>Herb: to Danny - Do you have any objections to seasons that go past September 20th.</p>



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			<p>Doesn't like to see double standards. If there is no biological concern then why not.</p> <p>Dan: Could support the first 10 days. Not the last based on taste of meat.</p> <p>Austin: Feel based arguments on rutting moose, if people want to harvest moose in the rut, who is to judge what they think is edible?</p>
51	Remove the bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for nonresidents over the age of 60 hunting in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Austin: Bighorn sheep are once in a lifetime opportunity in most states as non-residents. 4-5 members enter draws for those opportunities in other states and feel we should protect our opportunity fall sheep hunting here in Alaska. Dall sheep being hunted by non-residents every 4 years should continue. We oppose this.</p> <p>Mel: Prevent non-residents to be able to come up every year and harvest them after they are 60 is tough, as there maybe individuals that are not looking for one sheep but many.</p> <p>Don: oppose been a large influx of sheep hunters nation wide, any kind of limit on taking sheep is going to keep sheep on the mountain.</p> <p>Casey: Resource issue. He doesn't think they need more pressure.</p> <p>Dan: Government auction would be affected for this proposal.</p> <p>Birch: See department comments.</p>
52	Change the nonresident general season sheep hunts in Units 20 Remainder and 19C to drawing permit hunts		



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Oppose	2	6	<p>Andy: They won't drop people on top of other people in air taxis. There is experienced based issues.</p> <p>Dan: 50 percent of legal sheep are available for harvest the following year according to ADFG.</p> <p>Aron: Oppose - those units highest productive areas in the state currently. Thinks guides will go to a different area.</p> <p>Austin: Guide Conflict – Personal experience very tough to access almost only airplane access in my experience. Guides bullying resident hunters in a difficult access areas.</p>
53	Establish an archery only registration permit hunt for Dall sheep in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Oppose	3	5	<p>Herb: If you area allowing the youth to go out with Dad. Thinks they should be able \</p> <p>Aron: NWT hunts in July 15th, he could run archery only hunts that is separated from the rifle hunts. He thinks the youth season is cool.</p> <p>Birch: Thinks there is plenty of opportunity to hunt.</p> <p>Don: This may allow for spotting of sheep during the archery season.</p> <p>Dan: Archery is not effective tool to harvest sheep.</p> <p>3-5-0</p>
54	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
55	Allow the use of dogs for hunting for lynx in Units 12 and 20		
Support	4	3	Maybe conflict with dogs and wildlife and trappers.
56	Establish minimum distance requirements for trapping around dwellings in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		



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Oppose	0	8	Not in-favor because pet owners may lose their pets.
57	Allow residents to take game from a boat under power in Unit 21		
Oppose	0	8	Unlawful attempting to make lawful.
58	Establish a Controlled Use Area for the Kaiyuh Flats area in Unit 21D		
Oppose	0	8	Comments about not excluding modes of transportation
59	Change the winter any-moose season for residents in Unit 21D		
60	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
61	Extend the resident moose season within the Kanuti Controlled Use Area of Unit 24B		
62	Allocate 90 percent of the Unit 21B, Upper Nowitna Corridor moose drawing permits to residents and award remaining available nonresident permits to residents		
63	Repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
64	Clarify the legal use of highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of firearms, and transport of furbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA		
65	Establish a new resident, general season for caribou in Unit 20F		
66	Extend the resident caribou season and reduce the bag limit for Unit 24A Remainder		
67	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21D		
68	Open a fall bear baiting season in Unit 21C		
69	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21C		
Support	8	0	Our AC is generally in favor of more brown bear harvest.
70	Change the season start date for taking brown bear in Unit 24A to align with Unit 25A		



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Support	8	0	High Bear numbers increase season. Cull some of these bears. The AC supports taking of brown bears.
71	Allow brown bear to be taken over bait in Unit 24A		
Support	8	0	Our AC is generally in favor of more brown bear harvest.
72	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 24B		
73	Eliminate the RB601 brown bear registration permit hunt for Units 21D and 24		
74	Establish a registration permit hunt for muskox in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D		
75	Develop a feasibility assessment for intensive management of wolves and bears in Units 21D and 24		
76	Establish a non-intensive management predator control plan in Unit 21 for bears and wolves		
77	Open a resident permit hunt for muskoxen in Unit 26B		
Support	8	0	Birch would amend to make this a draw tag only, and that permits would be available state wide and on the website. Don Seconded. Vote on the amendment 8-0-0
78	Eliminate the registration caribou permit RC907 and general season caribou harvest ticket requirement for North Slope residents		
Support	8	0	Not that difficult to fill out a harvest ticket.
79	In Unit 26B Remainder, modify the resident season and bag limit for caribou and open a registration permit hunt		
Support	8	0	Looking for a better season for the residents up there. Birch: He says it's a bull only Dan: Supports the Advisory Committee in Fairbanks
80	In Unit 26B Remainder, modify the resident season and bag limit for caribou; open a resident registration permit hunt; and change the nonresident general season hunt to a registration permit		
No action	8	0	No action. See proposal 79.



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81	Increase the nonresident bag limit for caribou in Unit 26		
No Action			Dan – Already voted on at the committee in Nome. Opposed by BOG
82	Establish the Arctic Village Sheep Management Area in Unit 25A, open a new resident and nonresident drawing hunt for sheep within the area, and change the bag limit for the resident registration permit, RS595		
Tie Vote	4	4	<p>Aron: Brought up the notes. This opens a new hunt for everybody. Area has been closed. Supports as it allows residents to hunt this under state regs. Not a substance hunt.</p> <p>Birch: Worried about these being in the deferral regs versus the state regs. People may have an issue with being legal between federal and state. A few members have done the hunt before. Sheep haven't been a substance</p>
83	Modify the bag limit for sheep in the RS595 hunt in Unit 26C		
Support	6	2	<p>Aron: In his opinion. Give the department the horns like the Koyukuk. Ok with it.</p> <p>Against hunting sheep on a snow machine.</p> <p>Dan: Like the muskox in nome.</p> <p>Don: Against it because it went against three sheep. Taking surplus rams. He is morn inline with 82 than 83. Likes one ram full curl one or larger.</p>
84	Extend the sheep season in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area within Units 24A, 25A, and 26B		
Support	6	2	<p>Dan: Corridor Only – he doesn't think it will affect the population.</p> <p>Don: Snow machine.</p> <p>Austin: As per ADFG data: More opportunity for a resource, guides and economic resource. As per ADFG data provided by ADFG Staff in Palmer - Over the last 10 years in general</p>



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			<p>season over the counter hunts - 6948 total hunters took sheep – 89 successful in take of sheep with a bow. That is less than 1% success with archery equipment in the open areas - Over the Counter Game Management Units.</p> <p>-DS140-141 DS240-241 in the last 10 years in the archery only draw tags 516 archers participated – 44 were successful = 12.3% Success Rate were. These are any ram/sheep success these are not full curl requirements. 2009-2018(not including 2019 as data is still coming in) of those sheep harvested 10 sheep were legal by full curl - 6 legal by age as far as “trophy size” is concerned. 28 of those taken were rams or any sheep lesser than full curl.</p> <p>-In all draw tags for sheep including all weapon forms over the last 10 (2009-2019) years 3946 hunters participated – 1411 sheep were harvest which is about 27.9% success with any weapon requirements.</p> <p>Second Data Set from Separate Biologist</p> <p>-In the past 2009-2018 10 years 124 sheep across the state have been taken with archery equipment. That includes all hunts.</p> <p>13A - 1893 hunters participated in sheep hunting for 10 years. - 239 killed sheep - 3 with a bow. - 0 other weapons took sheep - two of those were blank. (2009-2018)</p> <p>Understanding how the reporting works and combing through data is difficult in a short</p>



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			amount of time. Could be slight variances in data due to reporting, years, and data subsets accounting for long periods of time. ADFG would have to spend time fully developing the data behind the questions I asked via Palmer ADFG. 2009-2018 - 23,750 hunters participated in all hunts across the state for Approximately 30% success rate - 7626 sheep harvested. - Approximately 124 of those taken with a bow.
85	Open an archery only registration sheep hunt in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area in Units 24A, 25A, and 26B		
Support	6	2	Don: Don wants to amend to a resident only bow hunt. Growing archery population. Andy: Against excluding only individuals. Its a registration hunt - they can close the hunt by EO. adfg can monitor close. Dan: Doesn't think this has to be available to guides. Half these days are weather days. Aron: Likes this as a resident only hunt. Amendment: Reside only only registration. 6-2-0 As Amended. 7-1-0 Support
86	Reauthorize the Upper Yukon–Tanana Predation Control Program		
Support	7	0	
87	Change for the Fortymile caribou registration hunt in Unit 20 to a drawing hunt with a longer season		
Oppose	0	8	Aron: Opposed to proposal, leave it as is because it provides opportunity for meat in the freezers. Herb: Individuals are hard to make up there mind. 0-8-0 Oppose



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88			Resume intensive management for wolves in a portion of Unit 12 and 20D
89			Allow hunters to possess registration permits for both caribou (RC860) and moose (RM865) while hunting in Unit 20E.
90			Allocate up to 25% of nonresident drawing tags for sheep in the Tok Management Area to second degree kindred relatives
91			Reduce the bag and possession limits for grouse in a portion of Unit 20D
92			Allow methods and means disability exemptions within the Delta Controlled Use Area
93			Expand the area in Unit 20D where brown bears can be taken over bait as
94			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D.
95			Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 19D East
96			Reauthorize the Unit 19D-East predation control program
97			Change the Tier II permit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt
98			Change the Tier II permit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt
99			Change the Tier II moose permit hunt (TM680) in Unit 19A to a household permit
100			Extend the resident season dates for hunting moose in Unit 19A Remainder
101			Remove the horsepower restriction in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A
102			Shift the season dates for the Tier II moose permit hunt in Unit 19A



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103			Establish a Tier II permit for moose hunting in Unit 19A Remainder
104			Reauthorize the Unit 19A predation control program
105			Authorize predator control for wolf and bear in Unit 19A
106			Expand the predation control area for bear in Unit 19A
107			Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 21E
108			Require trophy destruction of moose antlers taken from Unit 21E under RM836 permits, and establish check stations
109			Replace the moose general season hunts for residents and nonresidents in Unit 21A with registration permit hunts
110			Allow proxy hunting for moose in Unit 19D
111			Allow proxy hunting for moose in Unit 21A and 21E
112			Open a registration permit hunt for moose in a portion of Unit 19C and eliminate the general season hunt
113			Require hunter orientation for nonresident moose hunters in Unit 21A and 21E
114			Establish a winter registration hunt for antlerless caribou in Units 19D and 21A and remove the winter harvest ticket hunt in Unit 19D Remainder
115			Require meat to be left on the bone for caribou, moose and bison in Units 19, 21A, and 21E
116			Adopt a Board of Game finding for the Unit 19A Portage Mountain Muskoxen Herd Strategy



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117	Determine a customary and traditional use finding for grouse in Unit 19 and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence take		
118	Determine a customary and traditional use finding for ptarmigan in Unit 19 and modify regulations for provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence take		
119	Extend the lynx trapping season in Units 19C, 19D, and 21A		
120	Shorten the season for the any bull moose drawing permit hunt in Unit 20A		
121	Establish hunt areas for moose drawing permit DM770 in Unit 20A		
Oppose	0	9	Aron:Area is broke up. Hard to define. Mel: Big area. Mel opposes Dan:Shed hunted in this area a while ago. Once they changed the anteroom restrictions the antler sheds he picked up where absolutely smaller. The genetics are effected by the pressure. 0-9-0 Oppose
122	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
123	Expand the Healy-Lignite Management Area in Unit 20A		
Oppose	1	6	Austin would like to see the area expanded with Amended restrictions for the extended area to be open to Traditional Archery only. 1-6-1 OPPOSE
124	Allow shotguns for hunting within the Healy-Lignite Management Area in Unit 20A		
Support	6	2	Should expand to rifle area. 6-2-0 Support
125	Allow shotguns for hunting small game, within the Healy-Lignite Management Area in Unit 20A		
Support	6	2	Should expand to rifle area. 6-2-0 Support



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126	Allow shotguns and rimfire weapons for hunting small game within the HealyLignite Management Area in Unit 20A		
Support	6	2	Should expand to rifle area. 6-2-0 Support
127	Modify the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
Oppose	2	6	Mel: Opens up much more area to hunt. Opens up portion for residents to access better. Dan: You can drive your wheeler to the wood river, and access the mountains. Not for this proposal that would like to support 128. Don: Drawing Caribou with 150 Tags. Austin:Obstain likes to see controlled access to for individuals with the will to compete in non-motoried/ controlled use areas. 2-6-1
128	Modify the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
Support	8	0	Small Access increase, but more access for all users groups. 8-0-0 Support
129	Change the closure dates for the Yanert Controlled Use Area (CUA) in Unit 20A to align with the Wood River CUA, and clarify whether horse feed is considered "hunting gear"		
130	Disallow the issuance of methods and means disability exemption permits for the Yanert Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
131	Limit the use of off-road vehicles for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
Opposed	0	8	Decreased opportunity for user groups. 0-8-0 Opposed
132	Shorten the moose hunting season in Units 20A and 20C		
133	Establish the Stampede Trail Management Area in Unit 20C for archery and muzzleloader hunting only		



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134			Open a resident youth hunt for moose in Unit 20C
135			Shorten the moose season five days in a portion of Unit 20B
136			Extend the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 20B Remainder as
137			Eliminate the muzzleloader registration moose permit hunt RM782, in Unit 20B
138			Create a fall archery and muzzleloader hunt for moose in Unit 20B Remainder
Opposed	2	7	Vote 4-4-0 as amended Opposed 2-7-0 Oppose
139			Allow muzzleloader hunting in addition to the archery hunt in the drainage of the Middle Fork of the Chena River in Unit 20B
140			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
141			Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B
142			Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B
143			Eliminate all antlerless moose drawing hunts in Unit 20B except for the Minto Flats Management Area
144			Shorten the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A and 20B
145			Modify the nonresident bag limit for moose in Unit 25C
146			Allocate up to ten percent of the caribou drawing permits for DC827 in Unit 20A, to nonresidents



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147	Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Units 20A and 20B Remainder		
Opposed	0	8	Aron this aligns the baiting season for brown bear. Biologists are concerned of killing too many of them. 0-8-0 Support
148	Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 20B Remainder		
149	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 25C		
150	Establish an intensive management plan for wolves and bear in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
151	Change the season dates for hunting wolves in a portion of Unit 20C		
152	Establish closed areas for the taking of wolves near Denali National Park in Unit 20C		
Oppose	0	8	Should have never gave them a buffer zone in the first place. Historically the AC has voted against this corridor. The park is big enough.
153	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 20F		
154	Restrict the taking of waterfowl in the Badger Slough area in Unit 20B to falconry and archery with flu-flu arrows		
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C		
156	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench		
157	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
158	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
159	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		



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160			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
161			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
162			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
163			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
164			Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 16A
165			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
166			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
167-168			The Board of Game does not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposals 167-168 regulating guide activities and issuing permits to agencies for collaring animals. They are included in the book for review and discussion by the board. Advisory committees may choose to provide comments on these proposals for the board's consideration.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



McGrath Advisory Committee
December 19, 2019
McGrath Native Village Council Community Center

- I. Call to Order: 12:09pm by Chair Roger Seavoy
- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Ray Collins, Mark Cox, Lewis (Lucky) Egrass, Steffen Strick Sr (McGrath)
Dan Esai, Jimmy Nikolai, Vern John (Nikolai);
Clinton Goods & Jesse Grady (Takotna);
Jimmy Nikolai (Telida)
Roger Seavoy, Ken Deardorff, (Undesignated)
Kevin Whitworth was elected to the Undesignated seat held previously by Peter Snow Jr during elections
Members Absent (Excused): Robert Magnison, Steffen Strick Jr, Peter Snow Jr (see above note)
Members Absent (Unexcused): None
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: DWC; Josh Peirce, Jon Barton*
DCF; Nick Smith*
BDS; Nissa Pilcher*
* Via teleconference
- IV. Guests Present: Brett Gibbons (AWT), Sally Collins, Johnathan Samuels
- V. Approval of Agenda
Approved with addition on a discussion on submitting a shift in moose season
Agenda Change Request
So moved by Egrass, 2nd by Seavoy. 12 in favor, 0 opposed
- VI. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Egrass, 2nd by Goods. 12 in favor 0 opposed
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
Elections
Elections were held for all McGrath, Undesignated, Takotna, and Telida seats. Nikolai seats are not set to expire until June of 2020.
Peter Snow Jr has moved from McGrath and no longer wants to retain his seat. Kevin Whitworth was elected to fill his seat.
Terms to expire on 6/20; Steffen Strick Jr, Jesse Grady, Clinton Goods, Kevin Whitworth
Terms to expire on 6/21; Robert Magnison, Steffen Strick Sr, Roger Seavoy
Terms to expire on 6/22; Ray Collins, Mark Cox, Lewis Egrass, Jimmy Nikolai

**Officer Elections**

Chairman

Chair Roger Seavoy encouraged others to be the chair. As there were no takers, Roger unanimously voted to remain Chairman

Vice Chairman

Mark Cox ran unchallenged to remain vice chairman

Secretary

Ken Deardorff stated he would like a break, Kevin Whitworth was elected to the secretary position but Ken will assist him for this meeting.

AWT Update

Brett Gibbens briefed the committee on the growing incidence of trespass cabins and vehicles in GMU 19C....specifically around Farewell. He says that the situation continues to deteriorate with increasing numbers of hunters.

He also noted that the reported moose harvest reports cannot be reconciled with the number of hunters present.

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide King & Tanner Crab Proposals March 7-11, 2020 Anchorage, Alaska			
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280	Allow use of set gillnets with 6" mesh to harvest salmon other than king salmon and other non-salmon fish species on the Kuskokwim River for subsistence purposes during times of king salmon conservation.		
Oppose	0	12	Concern about the bank orientation portion of the proposal; The bank orientation might catch more kings as they are in the main channel going upriver, and the larger mesh size will catch more kings. Committee felt that this proposal was another poorly disguised attempt to increase take of king salmon. Proposal is nearly identical to proposal 105 that we rejected last year. Moved by Strick, 2nd by Egrass. 0/12 Motion to support failed.

ADF&G Staff Update



Nick Smith (DCF) gave brief summary of the Kuskokwim River for the 2019 season; members have the season summary in hand

Josh Peirce (DWC) presented data and slides in a discussion of moose population trends and harvest. Similar data provided for wolf numbers and control issues.

Committee discussed expansion of WFCAs.

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52	Change the nonresident general season sheep hunts in Units 20 Remainder and 19C to drawing permit hunts		
Support w/Am	12	0	<p>The AC would only like to speak to the 19C portion of this proposal: Reasonable argument that the harvest of sheep should be 50% resident when talking allocation, which is not even close to what is happening, and the only way to do this is to control the # of nonresident hunters coming in. Recruitment has been bad and there will be less sheep to go around in the next several years.</p> <p>Current hunt statistics for sheep hunting in 19C discussed</p> <p>Member Collins had previously submitted a proposal during the last cycle for this same idea but had asked for a limit of 80 nonresident drawing hunts. The AC had a member that was a guide and he had been concerned that this would put him out of business since he couldn't compete with the guides that go to the hunting show and ultimately the AC didn't support this at the time.</p> <p>Something is likely to happen in this area, and it would be good to get on top of it and assist in the creation of the regulation to allow for some nonresident hunting; the current way things are going at some point there will not be any more nonresident hunting in 19C because the sheep population will be too low</p> <p>Would like to amend the 19C portion of this proposal; we believe that the 19C portion should be more flexible, with the dept setting the number of permits that would allow no more than 50% of the harvest by nonresident hunters in a year, but no more than 80 permits a season.</p>
54	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		



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Support	12	0	
56	Establish minimum distance requirements for trapping around dwellings in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	12	It is common to have established trap lines close to cabins here
95	Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 19D East		
Support w/Am	11	1	To increase moose harvest over broader area to preserve range quality and slow the decline in twinning rates. Proposed amendment to remove aircraft restriction. Moved by Strick, 2nd by Cox. 11/1. Amendment passes The one dissenting vote was concerned about increased winter mortality due to increased snow or other climatic factors
96	Reauthorize the Unit 19D-East predation control program		
Support	12	0	
97	Change the Tier II permit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt		
Oppose	0	12	McGrath A/C opposes this proposal as written and incorporates Stony Holitna ACs (SHAC) comments by reference.
98	Change the Tier II permit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt		
Oppose	0	12	McGrath A/C opposes this proposal as written and incorporates SHAC's comments by reference.
99	Change the Tier II moose permit hunt (TM680) in Unit 19A to a household permit		
Support w/Am	12	0	McGrath A/C supports this proposal with conditions. Again we incorporate by reference the conditions and comments by the SHAC to include: conditions should include, <u>but not be limited to-</u> 1) A registration hunt with up to 300 permits, 2) Permits available within the hunt area. 3) A person won't qualify to receive a permit, if they have a permit to hunt moose anywhere in the Kuskokwim Drainage, 4) Only one permit per household, 5) Hunt reports turned in within 15 days of hunt closure. Moved by Egrass, 2nd by Strick. 10/0 motion passed.
100	Extend the resident season dates for hunting moose in Unit 19A Remainder		



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Oppose	0	12	Discussion concerned increased moose harvest in the area (19A remainder) if this proposal passes
101	Remove the horsepower restriction in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A		
Oppose	0	12	Committee believes the 40 hp limit has been beneficial to all users and, moreso, all resources in the controlled use area. It should not be changed.
102	Shift the season dates for the Tier II moose permit hunt in Unit 19A		
			Did not discuss
103	Establish a Tier II permit for moose hunting in Unit 19A Remainder		
Oppose	0	12	McGrath A/C supported SHAC restrictions on this experimental hunt previously. We see no reason to change those conditions at this point. BOG agreed in its 'Findings' that if/when necessary, the RM682 hunt will return to a closure rather than going to a Tier II hunt. Moved by Egrass, 2nd by Nikolai. 0/12 Motion to approve fails.
104	Reauthorize the Unit 19A predation control program		
Support w/Am	12	0	A/C supports this proposal with an amendment to include the area referenced in proposal 106 on the Stony River -- the Lime Village Management Area.
105	Authorize predator control for wolf and bear in Unit 19A		
Support w/Am	12	0	Discussion indicated that a better way to approach this is to create a completely separate program for predator control than the current program in 19A. We recommend a separate area.....19A west to be delineated by the boundary between Central Kuskokwim A/C and the SHAC.
106	Expand the predation control area for bear in Unit 19A		
Support	12	0	
107	Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 21E		
			Did not discuss
108	Require trophy destruction of moose antlers taken from Unit 21E under RM836 permits, and establish check stations		
TNA			
109	Replace the moose general season hunts for residents and nonresidents in Unit 21A with registration permit hunts		



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Support	12	0	This is our proposal, we have not changed our minds
110	Allow proxy hunting for moose in Unit 19D		
Support	12	0	This is a matter of semantics, and this proposal will allow the current practice of proxy hunting to continue.
111	Allow proxy hunting for moose in Unit 21A and 21E		
Support	12	0	This is a matter of semantics, and this proposal will allow the current practice of proxy hunting to continue.
112	Open a registration permit hunt for moose in a portion of Unit 19C and eliminate the general season hunt		
Support w/Am	12	0	Our proposal, and we still support it. The AC has requested that ADFG provide specific parameters that delineate a recognizable limit against the 'mountains' on the east boundary. Peirce will provide. 12/0. Motion passes AWT noted that there is a guide camp in this area that hunts moose so it would be good to ensure that doesn't go right through the camp
113	Require hunter orientation for nonresident moose hunters in Unit 21A and 21E		
Support	12	0	Our Proposal, still support it
114	Establish a winter registration hunt for antlerless caribou in Units 19D and 21A and remove the winter harvest ticket hunt in Unit 19D Remainder		
Support w/Am	12	0	Move to amend as follows. Make this available <u>to residents only</u> . <u>Permits available only in the hunt area during the open period of this proposed hunt.</u> <u>Remove restrictions on use of aircraft.</u> So moved by Collins, 2nd by Strick. 12/0 Amendment passes. Moved by Egrass, 2nd by Strick. 12/0 motion passes as amended.
At this time the two representatives from Takotna had to leave to catch their flight home, leaving 10 members in the room			
115	Require meat to be left on the bone for caribou, moose and bison in Units 19, 21A, and 21E		
Support w/Am	10	0	It is our proposal and we still support it. Would like to amend it to make it "Prior to Oct 1" so it is consistent with current similar regulations
116	Adopt a Board of Game finding for the Unit 19A Portage Mountain Muskoxen Herd Strategy		



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TNA			Since the GASH AC hasn't met yet, we are unsure of what they would want, but the committee noted that it would be nice if things were kept simple and potentially not do a plan just yet. Members also noted it wasn't really regulatory in nature.
119	Extend the lynx trapping season in Units 19C, 19D, and 21A		
Support	10	0	The pelts here are prime during this time and we would like the increased opportunity

IX. Select representative(s) for board meeting; Roger Seavoy is to attend the INT BOG.

X. Set next meeting date

ACTION ITEM:

Moose Season Shift ACR

It was decided that Mark and Steffen are to draft up an Agenda Change Request about shifting the moose season for RM650. A teleconference is to be held in March to go over the draft and to make sure the whole picture of our concerns is addressed in this ACR.

XI. Adjournment: 4:18 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Ken Deardorff



The Middle Nenana River AC commented on proposals at their November 5, November 19, and December 19, 2019 meetings, which have all compiled into the proposal template starting on page 12. The front pages for those meetings are included in this packet, as are the complete set of minutes for the January 14, 2020. Full sets of minutes for each meeting are available on the AC webpage at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=process.acinfo&ac=middle_nenana_river.

Middle Nenana AC
5 Nov 2019
Tri-Valley School, Healy, AK

- I. Call to Order: 6:10 by Allan Mortenson
- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Paul Van Dyke; Clear A
Jeff Stenger; Clear B
Allan Mortenson; Clear C
Leroy Sutton; Alt
Wayne Valcq; Ferry
John Basile; Healy B
Coke Wallace; Healy C
Erik Haugen; Healy E
Alex Buetow; McKinley
Jeremy Wolf; Undesignated
Paul Nybers; Alt (voted in this meeting)

Members Absent (Excused):
Jacob Mattila; Healy D
Matt Nustvold; Healy A

Members Absent (Unexcused):
N/A

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
- IV. Guests Present: None
- V. Approval of Agenda
John motion to approve, second to approve agenda; unanimous to approve agenda.



- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Paul made a motion to approve minutes, Jeremy second; unanimous to approve minutes.
- VII. Reports
None
- VIII. Public Comment
None
- IX. Old Business
None
- X. New Business

- Chair, Allan Mortensen, covered a review of Roberts Rules of Orders and how we conduct the meeting. An “abstained” counts as a no vote. Public was also informed that they can vote for representatives on seats, but only committee members vote on proposals.

- Elections of expired seats

Seats up for nomination John Basile, Coke Wallace, and Jeremy Wolf’s seats are up for election.

Healy B – John Basile; Paul nominates. Vote unanimous.

Healy C – Coke Wallace; Wayne nominates. Vote unanimous.

Healy Undesignated – Jeremy Wolf; Paul nominates. Vote unanimous.

Paul Nyberg, public in attendance, was interested on serving on the committee. Discussion by the AAC was that we had an open alternate seat. Paul said he was interested. Also, Andrew and Johnathan Talerico were interested in serving, and asked the board to look into increasing the number of seats since we can have up to 15 members. Allan took an action to discuss this with Nissa. Alternate seat was discussed more. The AAC agreed to fill the open alternate seat.

Alternate Seat – Paul Nyberg; Wayne Nominates. Vote Unanimous

- Proposals

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discussed and tabled for further discussion, it will be listed here and added to the next meeting agenda as "Old Business."

Proposal 120

Erik motioned to bring to table; Leroy seconded. Erik opposes this proposal because many average working persons cannot always get 1-10 Sept off. 25 day gives a person options on dates to hunt. Leroy discussed he expected opposition. He spent four full weeks out in the area and saw very few bulls. Ideas behind this proposal is to stop people rushing into area because of easy access. Leroy thinks this would help preserve population of the moose in this heavily pressured area. John thinks it would be nice to hear biologist comments on this. Wayne said heavy hunted areas do not have the gene pool they used to. There are few three or four brow tine moose in the area. Now we see a 60" moose with 1 or 2 brow tines. Paul said he got a 4 brow tine, 41" moose this year. Jeff hunted the any bull unit, and he saw many bulls, and a lot of big ones. Jeff said he is not a fan of shortened season. Leroy brought up this is an access issue because not everyone can get deep into 20C. Coke said some years it's easy to find moose and sometimes it's not. **Allan made a motion to table until we can discuss with Fish and Game, Alex seconded. Vote was unanimous**

Proposal 123

Paul made a motion to discuss, Jeremy seconded. Paul said original purpose of area was to protect workers in the coal mine. A question came up if the coal mine wants this, and answer was the coal mine was not involved in this proposal. There is a lot of people hunting the accessible bow area. Alex, is in favor of expanding an archery only area. Andrew Talerico thinks this current proposal would negatively affect rifle hunters in the area. Wayne asked are there rules about changing boundaries, but Allan thinks there was not, and we vote and push forward. Coke said it may need time to discuss with coal mine safety. **Paul made a motion to table to discuss more. John seconds. Vote was unanimous.**

Proposal 127/128

Erik makes a motion to support, Allan seconds. Jeff asked why these boundaries were initially set or the reasoning behind keeping them at this point. Leroy asked why this would relieve pressure in the area. Erik's thinking behind this proposal was to allow more access deeper into the area, thus relieving some pressure in the front end of Ferry. Coke said the area has a long history of horseback hunting. Coke said the boundaries were created way back in the early years. Coke said wheelers would come in a flood and impact the tundra. Paul said his motorized vehicle doesn't leave traces. Allan said he is concerned about the influx of motorized. **Erik make a motion to table until F&G can comment. 10 support -1 Opposed. Tabled until next meeting.**

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motorized sections. John thought this proposal brought this unit in-line with most other units where you can drop off gear prior to the season start. **Alex made a motion to table for later, Coke seconds. Vote to table unanimous.**

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
N/A
- XII. Set next meeting date
Because there are so many proposals to get through, the AAC agreed to meet every two weeks for the next month or two. **The next meeting is scheduled for the 19th of November at 6 PM in Anderson Lions club.**
- XIII. Adjourn
Allan made a motion to adjourn, and Paul seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:07.



Middle Nenana AAC
19 Nov 2019
Tri-Valley School, Healy, AK

- I. Call to Order: 6:18 by Allan Mortenson
- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Paul Van Dyke; Clear A
Jeff Stenger; Clear B
Allan Mortenson; Clear C
Leroy Sutton; Alt
John Basile; Healy B
Coke Wallace; Healy C
Erik Haugen; Healy E
Jeremy Wolf; Undesignated
Paul Nyberg; Alt
Matt Nustvold; Healy A
Alex Buetow; McKinley

Members Absent (Excused):
Jacob Mattila; Healy D
Wayne Valcq; Ferry (left after explanation of number of seats, and fact that we had alternates present)

Members Absent (Unexcused):
N/A

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
- IV. Guests Present: None
- V. Approval of Agenda
John motion to approve, second to approve agenda; unanimous to approve agenda.



- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
LeRoy made a motion to approve minutes, Paul seconded; unanimous to approve minutes.
- VII. Reports
None
- VIII. Public Comment
None
- IX. Old Business
Allen looked into adding a few seats to the board. Nissa said what was wrote on the bottom of the agenda, "...up to 15 seats...", was on there since 2006, and BOG has decided that we only get 11 voting seats; we can have alternates. Since we can only have 11 vote, Wayne said Paul Nyberg can sit in his place as alternate for tonight's meeting.
- X. New Business

- Proposals

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Proposal 132

Tabled until F&G rep can give population and harvest data.

Proposal 135

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Proposal 136

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Proposal 137

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Proposal 138

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Proposal 139

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Proposal 140

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Proposal 142

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Proposal 143

Tabled until F&G rep can give population and harvest data.

Proposal 144

Tabled until F&G rep can give population and harvest data.

Proposal 145

Tabled until F&G rep can give population and harvest data.

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
N/A
- XII. Set next meeting date
The next meeting is scheduled for the 17 Dec, 2019, 6 PM at the Healy School.
- XIII. Adjourn
Allan made a motion to adjourn, and Paul seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:10.



Middle Nenana AC
17 Dec 2019
Tri-Valley School, Healy, AK

I. Call to Order: 6:05 by Allan Mortenson

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Paul Van Dyke; Clear A

Jeff Stenger; Clear B

Allan Mortenson; Clear C

Leroy Sutton; Alt

John Basile; Healy B

Coke Wallace; Healy C

Erik Haugen; Healy E

Jeremy Wolf; Undesignated

Paul Nyberg; Alt

Matt Nustvold; Healy A

Alex Buetow; McKinley

Jacob Mattila; Healy D

Wayne Valcq; Ferry

Members Absent (Excused):

N/A

Members Absent (Unexcused):

N/A

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony and Mark.

- a. Discussed Moose in 20A. F&G does not have general harvest numbers for moose yet. They did have Drawing permits harvest data. Snow in November helped the moose surveys this year. They did 20A and 20B. F&G started 7 Nov in 20A. Did four days of survey first. Population estimate for 20A is 11,700 moose. Bull cow rations is 36 bulls per 100 cows; objective is 25 bulls. We had 35 calves per 100 (25% survival rate); those are good numbers. We want between 10,000 - 15,000 moose. We are in that window. The population is stable. Bull cow ratio is above



the mark, so F&G does not feel the any bull harvest is over or too high. Last year they cut back on any bull permits by 35%, and cow by 40%. 2019 266 permits were issued across 20A for cows, 46 were harvested. 721 any bull permits were issued, 214 were harvested. Caribou in 20A, 150 permits issued, 69 were harvested. Stats were given on permits 774 and 770 draw permits. 2019, 770 bull permits, 43 hunted, and 29 harvested. 774, 29 hunted, 18 harvested. Cows map showed hunts per area. DM641, 6 harvested; 644, 1 harvested; 647, 2 harvested; 652, 0. Based on survey, F&G want to maintain population where it is. F&G wants to approach cow hunts conservatively. F&G would like to bring the any bull hunts back up to previous levels in the more inaccessible areas, 771, 772, 768, and keep easy access areas the same. Leroy asked why 25 bulls per 100 is the target. Tony said you can go as low as 10 or 12 bulls per 100, but they stick to 25 to keep hunters happy.

- b. Sheep tags are mostly in. 20A had 90 sheep harvested. 40 Non-residents, 46 Resident. Average size 33.8". Average age was 9.
- c. Tony had a question on proposal 133, making the Stampede area Bow and Muzzle loader only, which was submitted by the Middle Nenana AAC. He wanted to clarify if it is targeting moose. The AAC is targeting the moose population only. Tony said whomever represents at the BOG meeting explain the boarder and what we are seeking.
- d. Tony asked about Wayne's proposal on 132. It was to shorten moose season by 5 days. Tony asked if was just had the general season. Wayne said yes, just general season. Wayne said he is 80 years old and in 50 years of being a hunter in Alaska, he has seen the impact humans have on the ecosystem. We used to have big salmon, now there are not. If you look at Sweden and Norway, and what they did to moose, they have shrunk; instead of having 1000 lb moose, there are 400 lb moose. Now his concern is the brow tines on moose. There used to be four and five brow tine moose, now there are only two or spike running around. Allen had a question about the older verses the young bull doing the breeding. Allen mentioned sheep used to have to be 6 year old for harvest, but survivability of the young were weak, so they went to 8 year old sheep. Tony mentioned the Fairbanks management area. The young bulls are breeding, but he doesn't know the impact on size or survivability because the old bulls get harvested. No one knows if over time there is an impact on the size of the bulls. Leroy asked why we have antler restriction in 20A. Tony said the bull cow ratio was low at one time, so the antler restriction was put in to bring up the ratio. You could make the zone any bull, but you would have to shorten the season to maintain the bull numbers. Jeff asked about 20C. 20C is a low density area, compared to 20A. Outside Denali there are 4000 moose. There are 46 bulls per 100. There are a lot of fires, and that will be prime hunting in a few years. 20A and 20B have thousands of hunters, so concertation of effort is 20 A and B. Matt asked about how many any bull permits will go out next year. 2018 was 1100, 2019 721. Tony wants to concentrate on the inaccessible areas. Aiming for 1000'ish tags, but concentrated on the remote areas. Matt asked if the money for the tags goes



towards the Fed Govt match, it does. So \$5 turns into \$20 towards hunting and fish and game.

- IV. Guests Present: Denali Borough Mayor Clay Walker. Mayor Walker is impressed with the level of participation in the AAC. He also thanked everyone for servings on the AAC. Clay did read through the proposals and finds them interesting. Denali Borough does not weigh in on any F&G management issues. He has had people come in and talk about Ferry and making the hunts different, I.E. archery hunt, for safety aspects only. Allen asked if Mayor Walker wants to see anything from us, and he said just due consideration for the process and proposals.

Trooper Trent Tercowski (sp?) introduced himself. He has worked in Kenai, Homer, Haines, and Cantwell. He has been a Wildlife trooper for 12 Years.

- V. Approval of Agenda
John motion to approve, second to approve agenda; unanimous to approve agenda.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
LeRoy made a motion to approve minutes, Paul seconded; unanimous to approve minutes.
- VII. Reports
None
- VIII. Public Comment
None
- IX. Old Business
Many proposals that were tabled until we had an F&G rep to ask questions.
- X. New Business

- Proposals:

Proposal 120, previously tabled.

Proposal 123, previously tabled.



Proposal 127/128, previously tabled.

Proposal 129, previously tabled.

Proposal 132, previously tabled.

Proposal 135, previously tabled.

Proposal 140, previously tabled.

Proposal 144, previously tabled.

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
N/A
- XII. Set next meeting date
The next meeting set for Jan 14th at 6 PM at McKinley village, pending securing the slot.
- XIII. Adjourn
Allan made a motion to adjourn, and Paul seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00

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48	Extend the season for taking wolves in Units 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
Support	11	0	Paul made a motion to support, Jeremy seconds. Paul supports the idea of opening earlier. It also give more opportunity to those hunting caribou and sheep early if the see a wolf. Vote to support; Unanimous. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
49	For the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region, allow the use of crossbows in archery only hunt areas for hunters possessing permanent identification cards		
Support	11	0	Paul made a motion to support, Jeff seconds. The group supports it. Vote to support; Unanimous. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
50	Establish registration archery only hunts for bull moose in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Units that have general moose seasons		



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Support	10	1	Erik made a motion to support, Matt seconds. Erik likes any archery hunt. Providing another opportunity to hunt moose after regular season can provide good opportunities for archers. He has seen many big moose while bird hunting after the general moose season, and would appreciate an opportunity to hunt them with a bow. Vote to support 10, Oppose 1. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
51	Remove the bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for nonresidents over the age of 60 hunting in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Support As Amended	11	0	Leroy made a motion to support, Alex seconds. Leroy said how many more hunts do you have in your lifetime when you are 60? If someone is in good enough shape to hunt, let them. There was much discussion on how this affects Tok and Delta areas. Matt is saying this gives an unfair advantage over a resident. Allen makes a motion, Matt seconds to amend verbiage, "Remove general season bag limit season restriction" Vote to support; Unanimous as Amended. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
52	Change the nonresident general season sheep hunts in Units 20 Remainder and 19C to drawing permit hunts		
Oppose	0	11	Coke made a motion to discuss, Allen seconds. Coke said he was working on this with the sheep management group. Coke said he gave a little room for 1 sheep every 4 years. He doesn't like the Resident Hunters of Alaska group because they don't want any non-resident hunters. Coke also says that F&G would step in and change the hunt if needed. Allen agrees that as long as residents do not pay for tags, it is hard turn down non-residents who do pay a majority. Allen mentioned that some of the Resident Hunter of Alaska members are serious plane hunters, and that they are after the trophy hunts. Vote to Oppose; Unanimous. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
53	Establish an archery only registration permit hunt for Dall sheep in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		



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Oppose	0	11	Allen made a motion to discuss, Alex seconds. Allen opposes because this is during the youth sheep season. He also says there are two months to hunt sheep. Vote to oppose; Unanimous. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
54	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	11	0	Allen made a motion to support, Alex seconds. Vote to support; Unanimous. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
120	Shorten the season for the any bull moose drawing permit hunt in Unit 20A		
Oppose	0	11	Leroy made a motion to support, Erik seconded. Leroy said there is too easy of access in the areaa. Leroy said Tony's numbers say the bull to 100 ration is good. Leroy thinks shortening the season manages the people. This is only for the any bull tag, to be 1-10 September. Allen mentioned the any bull permit is used to fine tune the target numbers of moose. Tony mentioned the F&G only supports, amends, or opposes. F&G does not vote on allocation. Tony and F&G only go for target numbers, so if we want a 10 day season, it won't affect the target numbers, so F&G would recommend 3 times the numbers of tags. Mark echoed that, if they want a target of 50 bulls, and they give out 500 any bull tags to get it, if we shorten the season they would give 1500 tags. Allen asked if there is any more discussion. Taken to a vote to support 0 , Opposed unanimous. Voted on 17 Dec 2019
121	Establish hunt areas for moose drawing permit DM770 in Unit 20A		
Supported	10	1	Paul made a motion to discuss, Jeremy seconds. Paul thinks it's a good idea to do something to the area to split up the pressure on the bulls. Paul also stated this may be a good alternate to Leroy's proposal of a shortened any bull season. Paul Nyberg said the cow hunt is divided into different time periods and zones, and he feels this could be a good way to handle the any bull hunt. Paul has hunted here since 89 or 90 and has seen less brow tines as discussed earlier. Allan said we as an AAC were responsible for breaking up the cow hunt into smaller areas, and we could do the



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			same here. Erik discussed possible tabling to discuss with F&G, but others were in favor of a vote. Vote 10 in favor; 1 abstained. 10-1 Pass to 121 Supported. Voted on Nov 5, 2019
122	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	9	2	Allen made a motion to discuss, Paul seconds. Allen said it is controversial because of the antlerless hunt. Allen thinks F&G is doing a good job of keeping the moose number healthy. Paul was always opposed to cow hunts, but there has been a lot of changes, so he is not as opposed to it now. Paul does not like registration hunts, but the draw hunts seem to be doing ok. Allen mentioned there was madness with a registration hunt because the locals had there areas, then all the out of towners come rushing in. AAC has made recommendations, and it seems to be working. The comity seems to be making improvements to the antlerless hunt which makes it more acceptable. Tony said the department understands what Allen said, and no one likes coming to a meeting and everyone being mad at him. He understand local concerns with out of towners coming in, but that does happen everywhere. He said he and Mark work close with AAC to keep the numbers good. Clay recalls a resolution from the assembly passing a resolution on antlerless, but it was one time. Allen brings it to a vote. All in favor supporting 9, Opposed 2 Voted on 17 Dec 2019
123	Expand the Healy-Lignite Management Area in Unit 20A		
Oppose	0	11	Erik made a motion to discuss, Matt seconds. Paul did talk to Coal Mine Safety, they did not want to get involved in it. Allen asked if this could keep expanding if Usibelli expands deeper into the area. Mark from F&G said in 1973 it was closed due to the Coal Mine, in 1990 it was opened to Archery only. The boundary has remained the same since 1990. It is 26 Square miles. The proposed would be 71 miles. Paul asked if there has ever been an incident; no incidents known. Jeff said if Usibelli had an issue, they would have brought it up, so Jeff wonders if it is necessary.



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			Bring it to a vote. Support 0, Opposed unanimous. Voted on 17 Dec 2019
124	Allow shotguns for hunting within the Healy-Lignite Management Area in Unit 20A		
Opposed	0	11	Wayne made a motion to discuss, Allan seconded. Discussion was on 124, 125, 126 since these are all the same proposals with slight variations on each. Johnathan discusses difference in 124/125 and that 124 opens shotgun for big game as well. 125 Brings it for small game only. Wayne thinks it is an open sore and should keep it to small game only. Leroy supported Waynes idea. Johnathan suggesting opposing this one and we go for 125. Vote to support, 0 supported, all opposed, unanimous; 124 Opposed. Voted on Nov 5, 2019
125	Allow shotguns for hunting small game, within the Healy-Lignite Management Area in Unit 20A		
Opposed	2	9	Allan made motion to discuss, Jeff seconds. Allan said we just discussed safety at mine, but could go either way. Paul thinks archery only areas should have been stated for big game, and keep it open for small game with shotgun and rim fire. Erik brought up amending do after moose season. Johnathan just thinks it opens up to upland bird. Vote to support, 2 Support, 9 Oppose; 125 Opposed. Voted on Nov 5, 2019
126	Allow shotguns and rimfire weapons for hunting small game within the HealyLignite Management Area in Unit 20A		
Support as amended	9	2	Allan made a motion to support, Paul seconds. Erik mentioned amending this to allow rim fire and shotgun after the general archery moose season. Allan supports amending to Erik's idea to open to rim fire and shotgun after moose season. Paul made verbiage for the amendment, Erik Seconds "shotguns and rim fires are excluded during general moose season." The AAC also looks to F&G for proper legal verbiage -- Vote on the amendment 9 support, 2 oppose. Vote to support, 9 support, 2 oppose, Support proposal 126 as amended. Voted on Nov 5, 2019
127	Modify the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		



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Oppose	1	10	Erik made a motion to support, and Allen seconded. History from Mark at F&G. Wood river controlled uses started in 1976, and was a bigger area. It was closed to motorized year around. It remained that way until 1977, then Yanert was removed from this area, and kept the travel restriction. The rest of wood river was only restricted during hunting. In 1988 This AAC put in a motion to remove the non-motorized restriction, then 1989 they made a motion to put it back because of impact to the area. They put it in 1977 because of sheep management. Proposal 127 impacts 80% of the area, and 128 impacts 20%. Again, 1988 proposal created big conflicts between users. Allen thought this was an issue because of the mountain access. Mark said they can manage biologic concerns if the change impacts. Mark said moose can be managed by permits. He feels it is an allocation of user groups. Coke said the area has a big history of horseback, from Wagaman and Castle. Coke thinks we need to keep some areas for horse. Erik asked if F&G thinks it will disperse the harvest. Tony thinks it would increase the harvest not disperse it. Vote 127 and 128. In support 1, Opposed 10. Voted on 17 Dec 2019
128	Modify the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
Oppose	1	10	Erik made a motion to support, and Allen seconded. History from Mark at F&G. Wood river controlled uses started in 1976, and was a bigger area. It was closed to motorized year around. It remained that way until 1977, then Yanert was removed from this area, and kept the travel restriction. The rest of wood river was only restricted during hunting. In 1988 This AAC put in a motion to remove the non-motorized restriction, then 1989 they made a motion to put it back because of impact to the area. They put it in 1977 because of sheep management. Proposal 127 impacts 80% of the area, and 128 impacts 20%. Again, 1988 proposal created big conflicts between users. Allen thought this was an issue because of the mountain access. Mark said they can manage biologic concerns if the change impacts. Mark said moose can be managed by permits. He feels it is an allocation of user groups. Coke said the area has a big history of horseback, Wagaman and Castle. Coke thinks we need to keep some areas for horse. Erik asked if F&G thinks it will disperse the harvest. Tony thinks it would increase the harvest not disperse it. Vote 127 and 128. In support 1, Opposed 10. Voted on 17 Dec 2019



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129	Change the closure dates for the Yanert Controlled Use Area (CUA) in Unit 20A to align with the Wood River CUA, and clarify whether horse feed is considered "hunting gear"		
Oppose	3	8	Alex made a motion to bring to the table, and Jeff Seconds. Coke said he is not concerned with the area. It is based on the interpretation of the trooper with regards to horse feed. Coke spoke a lot about the interpretation of horse food. Allen said it would give open and closer dates much like Wood River. Coke thinks the purpose of this came about from a caribou harvest in Yanert years back. The village community would be opposed to this because of the impact of motorized access. Alex thinks people would be opposed to it. Clay, as a resident and hunter of that area thinks it could be an impact. He thinks we should separate the two parts (horse feed/transporting gear) and look at them separately. Mark said it will probably be deferred to a state wide issue. Coke said he goes in any time of the year. The Trooper said his job is easy when it is clearly defined, and the horse food is not. So then the trooper must look at how is it enforced3 state wide. Matt said we voted to keep it the same the last two meeting. Vote Support 3, opposed 8. Voted on 17 Dec 2019
130	Disallow the issuance of methods and means disability exemption permits for the Yanert Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
Support	11	0	LeRoy made a motion to approve, Coke Seconds. Leroy said these people can ride a horse. Coke gave a few examples of people who are disabled that can ride horses. Leroy's concern is allowance of ATV's in the areas ruins these non-motorized area. Jeff mentioned people will take advantage of it saying they have a disability, that really isn't. Coke said they were in a UTV, and other peoples gear can be put in that. There was debate on the difference between a war vet and a regular person. In favor, Unanimous. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
131	Limit the use of off-road vehicles for moose hunting in Unit 20A		



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Opposed	1	10	LeRoy made a motion to approve, and Allen seconds. Leroy has seen people chase down the moose. He also says there are people who go in and out all the time and it creates allot of noise. He is also concerned about the habitat being destroyed. Sadly, ferry is an area with accessibility, and it is abused. ATV's have destroyed the trails out there. Erik, said he doesn't like the proposal because he has been driving out to camp, when he was fortunate enough to find a moose on the way into the camp. He has also used ATV's to move sections when there wasn't any moose in the area he started out in. Paul made the point that his group is all older, and they ride out to spotting points in the morning, and this would preclude him from hunting that way since he wouldn't be able to shoot an animal like this. Leroy said the real issue is people running around all day. Coke added that Troopers are not happy with same day airborne because it is unenforceable. John added that we are trying to legislate ethics, and this isn't a way to do it. Vote, in favor, 1, 10 Opposed. Matt noted Minnesota had a law that you could use an ATV in the morning, then not again until 2 PM. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
132	Shorten the moose hunting season in Units 20A and 20C		
Opposed	0	11	Paul made a motion to support, Wayne seconds. Paul said the bulls looked calm in the rut this year, so he didn't think it made a difference. Jeff said F&G said the population is healthy, so it is not broke and there is nothing to fix. Jeff is opposed to this. Wayne said the bigger bulls come out the last 5 days of season. Tony said there are more bulls moving, the get dumber as they get close to the rut. Wayne spoke about the gene pool. Tony said the best hunting is later. The data shows the harvest as it is currently is sustainable. Vote Support 0, Opposed 11 unanimous Voted on 17 Dec 19
133	Establish the Stampede Trail Management Area in Unit 20C for archery and muzzleloader hunting only		



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Support	11	0	Erik made a motion to support, and Jeremy seconded. Much discussion on amending the boundary to the east to the Nenana river, and south toward Bison or Antler creek. Also, discussion on does the Archery affect all game or just big game; it only affects moose hunting. Vote, support; unanimous. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
134	Open a resident youth hunt for moose in Unit 20C		
Support	11	0	Leroy made a motion to support, Paul seconds. Leroy made the point that this would be affected by hunt 133. There was discussion about whether both parent and youth have to punch their tag. And Answer is yes. Vote, support; Unanimous. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
135	Shorten the moose season five days in a portion of Unit 20B		
Support	11	0	Erik made a motion to discuss, Jeremy seconds. Tony said F&G put this in, and it is for the remainder of 20B. It covers the remainder and has road system. This area for 25 years Sept 1 – 15, was any bull. The population hit 20,000 moose, which was too many. F&G wanted to bring the population down. So, F&G extended the season 5 days and kept it any bull to bring population in check. In 2017 they did a survey and it was 18 bulls per 100 cows. F&G said they think it is time to recover the bull cow ratio and bring the season down by 5 days. They have reduced the harvest down to 300 bulls in 2018. Population is where we want it. Population is now 13,000. So in lieu of antler restriction, F&G wants to shorten the season. Vote to Support 11 unanimous. Voted on 17 Dec 19
140	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
Support	11	0	Allen motions to support, Alex seconds. Tony said the population is steady there. There are three Any moose: Minto flats, Fairbanks management area, and any moose draw along Richardson hwy within half mile of the road. These are the only cow hunts in the area, and F&G would like it reauthorized. Vote Support 11, Unanimous. Voted on 17 Dec 2019
144	Shorten the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A and 20B		
Opposed	0	11	Paul made a motion to support, Allen seconds. Matt asked if this is the targeted hunts. Tony said there are few like this. Jake asked if there was much traffic stressing out moose, and Tony said no. Jake said it is kind of a moot point. Vote Support 0, Opposed Unanimous. Voted on 17 Dec 2019



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146	Allocate up to ten percent of the caribou drawing permits for DC827 in Unit 20A, to nonresidents		
Oppose	4	7	Jeremey made a motion to discuss, Leroy seconds. Jeremy said he opposes this and people have the right to hunt. Matt said he doesn't think 18% of the tags to non-resident is a big deal, and doesn't impact. Allen thinks this proposal is trying to thwart future incursion of non-residents. Coke said non-resident hunters pay a lot of the F&G budget, whereas residents only pay for musk-ox and brown bear. If we don't have non-resident hunters, the money needs to come from somewhere, and it will come from us. Vote to support, 4 oppose 7. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
147	Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Units 20A and 20B Remainder		
Support	11	0	Allen made a motion to support, Alex seconds. Allen said F&G doesn't have good numbers on bears, but they do want more bears taken. Allen said he saw nothing but grizzly bears in 20A. He supports the extended season. Vote to support; Unanimous. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
148	Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 20B Remainder		
Support	11	0	Allen made a motion to support, Alex seconds. Allen said F&G doesn't have good numbers on bears, but they do want more bears taken. Allen said he saw nothing but grizzly bears in 20A. He supports the extended season. Vote to support; Unanimous. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
149	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 25C		
Support	11	0	Leroy made a motion to support, Jeremy seconds. Leroy think it is a good idea using scents and lures. Leroy used to put out sent and lure. John mentioned this was brought up before, and the issue was being close to a river where floaters by might end up in an area being baited. Vote to support; Unanimous. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
151	Change the season dates for hunting wolves in a portion of Unit 20C		



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Support	11	0	Coke made a motion to support, Jeremy seconds. Coke said it allows more opportunity to hunt, and aligns the dates like it used to be. Vote to support; Unanimous. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
152	Establish closed areas for the taking of wolves near Denali National Park in Unit 20C		
Oppose	0	11	Allen makes a proposal to discuss, Jeremy seconds. Allen said park puts this up every year, and we oppose every year. Vote to Oppose; Unanimous. Voted on 19 Nov 2019
166	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	11	0	John made a motion to support, Allen seconds. John says this provides opportunity and is a good idea. Matt says the state brought this up and they want more opportunities. Paul made a comment that people have been opposed to this because you should pay for a bear tag. He said you could skip the tag, and pay a sealing fee if people are concerned about not paying for a bear tag. Vote to support; Unanimous. Voted on 19 Nov 2019

Adjournment: 9:10

Minutes Recorded By: Erik Haugen _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Middle Nenana AC

14 Jan 2020

McKinley Village Community Center

- I. Call to Order: 6:18 by Alan Mortenson
- II. Roll Call
 - Members Present:
 - Alan Mortenson, Clear C
 - Matt Nustvold, Healy A
 - Coke Wallace, Healy C -via telephone
 - Jacob Mattila, Healy D
 - Alex Buetow, McKinley
 - Paul Nyberg, Alternate
 - Members Absent (excused):
 - Paul Van Dyke, Clear A
 - John Basile, Healy B
 - Erik Haugen, Healy E
 - Jeremy Wolf, Undesignated
 - Unexcused:
 - Jeff Stenger, Clear B
 - Leroy Sutton, Alternate
 - Wayne Valcq, Ferry
- III. Fish & Game Staff Present: None
- IV. Trooper present: Trooper Trent, Alaska Wildlife Trooper Cantwell post
- V. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - Jake, motion to approve, second by Alan, unanimous to approve
- VI. Approval of Agenda
 - Alan motion to approve, second by Alex, unanimous to approve
- VII. Reports-none
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Establish rules for filling vacant seats during meetings using alternate members
 - i. Several options were discussed- to have local seat holders fill in for absent members of the same area or to have a rotating roster to fill in for absent members.
 - ii. Vote on rotating roster option: 6 approve, 0 oppose



IX. Public Comment

- a. Nan Eagleson spoke in favor of the AC's vote on both proposal 129 and 133. Nan expressed the area's importance to many of the local residents.
- b. This led to further discussion of the previous meetings. Alan gave a brief summary to the members of the public in attendance. Trooper Trent followed up on whether horse feed is considered hunting gear regarding proposal 129. He advised not hauling horse feed into the Yanert Controlled Use Area based upon Alaska Wildlife Trooper's recommendation. A member of the public suggested maybe adding a snowmachine exemption to allow for winter travel into the CUA to allow for such items to be transported with minimal impact to the landscape and without the unnecessary expense of an airplane.
- c. Further public comment led to discussion on proposal 152, which the AC had also voted on in a previous meeting. It was expressed by several members of the public that the Stampede Corridor buffer zone should be considered and the non-consumptive users appreciate the restriction for taking wolves within the corridor.
- d. Further public comment led to the importance of the Denali National Park to the local community and its impact on wildlife.

X. New Business

- a. 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
74			
Support	6	0	Alan spoke in favor of having more opportunity for musk ox. He thinks the opportunity to hunt musk ox should be supported because the chances to hunt are few and far between. The AC was in agreeance.
77			
Support	6	0	Discussion was similar to proposal 74.
90			
Oppose	1	5	Alan spoke with the biologist to confirm the Authors reasoning and that "the 2DK are drawing almost 50% of the nonresident sheep tags.", as stated in the proposal. The response from the department was that 2DK draw awards are actually a minimal percentage of TMA tags. Our AC agrees that draw hunts should be equal opportunity and should not favor non-residents with the "up to 25%" as requested in the proposal.
55			
Support	6	0	The opportunity to hound hunt in Alaska is supported by the AC. Discussion over season dates and bag limits brought up that the Oct.15 start date the



			author requested would not line up with the current trapping season and its bag limit.

b. March Meeting Discussion

- i. Alan offered to attend. Discussion regarding the hot topics in our area. Email correspondence to follow amongst the AC.

XI. Meeting adjourned at 9:00



**Middle Yukon Advisory Committee
January 14, 2020
ADF&G Office, Galena**

I. Call to Order: 11:20 by Chairman Benedict Jones

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Galena; Paddy Nollner, Fred Huntington, Dick Evans, Patrick Lumba
Koyukuk; Benedict Jones, Percy Lolnitz
Nulato; Arnold Demoski, Joe Turner, Michael (Micky) Stickman
Koyukuk, Tommy Negalska, Richard Burnham

Members Absent (Excused): Mark Richards (GAL), Tommy Krista (KYU), Van Madros (NUL), Patrick Madros Jr & Georgiana Madros (KAL)

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sara Longson & Glenn Stout (DWC), Nissa Pilcher* (BDS)

IV. Guests Present: Jeremy Havener (FWS), Ed Sarten* & Tim Gervais* & Don Honea* (Ruby AC)

V. Approval of Agenda; approved

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes; 4/29/2019

VII. Reports

AC Concern

Cold weather and deep snow; calf die-off happening around Galena. Two recent kills near town and there is probably a lot more away from town. The weather is changing, we have not had weather like this- with the long cold spells and deep snow in a long time.

Rain in February, with those snow conditions it makes it easier for the wolves to get moose.

Weather changes mean that a lot of caribou have been dying off

Last year was the worst year for moose then Richard had ever seen in 46 years, mostly Nulato Hills. Would see nose and ears sticking out. All the calves died. We're seeing moose sleeping



on the river ice, and then we had a spring moose season this year which disappointed me, saw starving moose, what kind of moose will you be killing.

The water was so warm this summer that viable dog salmon were dying before they made it to the spawning ground. Members noted they saw large amounts of whitefish die offs as well during the hot water. Arnold commented on information he received at the Yukon River Intertribal Fish commission about genetic changes in the fish that could help them adapt to the hot water, and also discussed studies on how orcas are targeting the larger kings in the ocean.

We are not going to be able to change the weather, what we can do is adjust our harvest patterns and amounts that we are taking to help the animals and fish make it through this.

2024 will be the return of this years spawning fish. The die-off will impact those returns and we need to be aware of this, and it may mean that we will need to make adjustments to how much we harvest.

This is only the beginning of the climate change, we need to be prepared and conserve, and we need to share this information with our communities.

Discussion on how to take a moose for salvage, if you see a terminally wounded moose/animal, then call ADF&G and a permit can be issued.

Discussion on shifting the moose season later;

Department noted that calving dates are staying the same, which means that breeding times are staying the same. This means that the moose are moving during these times, they are just moving at different times of the day. During the actual rut it is better to leave the bulls alone.

Richard noted that it was common a year or two ago for bulls to not come when they were being called, and the behavior of the bulls was just off. It seemed like they were 'back to normal' lately.

There are moose clear down to Colorado, and that means that they are adaptable to warmer temperatures. There is also a shift in age structure, then that would shift what you would be able to call in since it is the larger moose that typically can be called in that way.

Seems like the moose movement have changed, Benedict noted, their movement have changed since 1939 when moose first came to this part.

Discussion of potential season date changes and harvest patterns of locals and non locals.

VIII. Public Comment; NONE



IX. Old Business; NONE

X. New Business

Officer Elections

Chair; nominations Richard Burnham (declined), Percy Lolnitz, Unanimous consent

Vice Chair; Arnold Demoski, unanimous consent

Secretary; Joe Turner (Decline), Tommy Negalska, unanimous consent

Galena/ Koyukuk Election Discussion

Since the meeting was moved from Koyukuk to Galena, and the Galena seats are yet to expire so elections will not be held during this meeting the AC. The committee would like to meet during 2020-2021 to Koyukuk where elections are to be held, and then 2021-2022 the meeting can be held in Galena.

Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group (WACH) Update

Mickey Stickman noted that he was the alternate and went to the December 2019 meeting when Benedict Jones said that he did not want to serve. Micky gave an update on what happened during this meeting. He noted that no update was given on the Galena Mountain Herd, and that how the northern representatives had concerns about how the current roads have changed

Micky has been nominated to serve as the representative for the Middle Yukon area, unanimous approval from AC.

Arnold Demoski and Fred Huntington were both nominated to serve as the alternates for Micky on the WACH, unanimous approval from AC (after asking if there could be two alternates).

Richard commented on the presence of caribou in the area- how their presence has fluctuated a lot in the last 70 years; seems like it is a function of population- when their numbers are high then they seem like they get here where we can use them. In 1976, the caribou crossed Whiskey Creek (between Galena and Ruby) for three full days.

Benedict's 15 year service on the WACH was noted, and the committee thanked him for his service.

Benedict noted that the loss of our language has had a huge impact. We used to be able to put whitefish on the ice to freeze and could leave them there and the wolves and ravens and eagles would leave it along

Kokrine Hill Prescribed Burn

Glenn Stout gave an update on the Galena Mountain Herd population, biology and habitat changes (re Proposal 76 at Interior BOG Meeting to tie in).



Richard noted that a couple years ago FWS wanted to do a prescribed burn right over my entire trap line. This area sounds like it is more remote, but this is a concern.

Concern raised about losing control of the burn, and Glenn noted it would be written into the fire plan. It is protected by the Yukon and the Melozy (Meložitna) River.

The committee ensured that the Ruby AC supported the burn, although that Don Honea did note that the Ruby AC supported the predator control but took no action the prescribed burn.

Glenn noted there were three phases to this, the burn plan, the burn, and then the predator control.

Members noted that the people around here like eating fall bears, department outlined Sleetmute predator control done where the meat was taken and shared.

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
Discussion on who to attend; Arnold will already be there for the UAF Class. AC nominated Tom Krista, with alternate being Arnold since he will already be there.

- XII. Other

Adjourn



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57	Allow residents to take game from a boat under power in Unit 21		
Support	11	0	This is our proposal, we still support
58	Establish a Controlled Use Area for the Kaiyuh Flats area in Unit 21D		
Support	11	0	This is our proposal, we still support it
59	Change the winter any-moose season for residents in Unit 21D		
Support	0	11	<p>A December hunt would be fine because the moose are still fat, but you start getting to march and it is not good to take a moose that has a calf in its womb</p> <p>December isn't good because it is so cold and there isn't a lot of daylight. An old hunter knows how to single out the barren cows. The bulls are still recovering from the rut at that time as well</p> <p>It was noted that this AC has traditionally always been against taking cows</p> <p>This will benefit those that really need the moose</p> <p>Clarification on the harvestable surplus available in this moose population, and the harvest numbers for the last season.</p>
60	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
Support	11	0	See comments for proposal 59
67	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21D		
Support	10	0	Discussion on requirements for how and what is eligible to be sold if the bag limit is increased.
68	Open a fall bear baiting season in Unit 21C		
Support	10	0	<p>Ruby AC Member Tim Gervais noted that these proposals were voted on in November 2019 as well as January 2020. Concern that the current commercial activity on the Melozy River is not being done ethically (green meat coming out of the field) and they did not want to see an potential increase in opportunity for the guide operating in this area.</p> <p>Member noted that we may not always agree with commercial hunting, but there can be benefits to it.</p> <p>Question about if it was to align seasons, and the amount of opportunity it would provide.</p>



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			It is hard to hunt brown bears, it is up to pure luck. We don't have a lot of black bears anymore, and those are what we eat. The brown bears eat the black bears, sometimes even out of their dens when they are hibernating. We should be promoting this
69	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21C		
Support	10	0	<p>Ruby AC Member Tim Gervais noted that these proposals were voted on in November 2019 as well as January 2020. Concern that the current commercial activity on the Melozy River is not being done ethically (green meat coming out of the field) and they did not want to see an potential increase in opportunity for the guide operating in this area.</p> <p>Concern over why the Fairbanks AC would be writing proposals in our area. We are concerned with our area and our people, and it is concerning that we have other ACs attempting to implement changes in our area that affect our people without considering those that actually live here.</p>
73	Eliminate the RB601 brown bear registration permit hunt for Units 21D and 24		
Support	10	0	The difference between the requirements between RB601 and a bear harvested under the general season.
74	Establish a registration permit hunt for muskox in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D		
Support	10	0	Our proposal
75	Develop a feasibility assessment for intensive management of wolves and bears in Units 21D and 24		
TNA			
76	Establish a non-intensive management predator control plan in Unit 21 for bears and wolves		
Support			*this was voted on during the earlier discussion on the Kokrine Hill Prescribed Burn when all members were present*
108	Require trophy destruction of moose antlers taken from Unit 21E under RM836 permits, and establish check stations		
TNA			Discussion as the author had asked the AC to discuss this proposal. Member noted that check stations are expensive and can't see the department funding more then there already are.



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			Members noted that they are partaking in the Hunting and Fishing Task Force and that they would really like to start working with the other advisory committees to help the resource.
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Federal Proposals

Bob Rebarchik gave a brief update on the federal winter moose hunt conducted in the area. The federal winter hunt in 24B and 21 B will most likely not happen at this time.

WP20-37

WIRAC Hunt;

The federal proposal will be pulled by request of the WIRAC. AC too no action.

WP30-36

Heard update from Federal Staff. AC did not take formal action on this proposal.

ADF&G Staff noted to please report your hunt and stress in your communities to report your hunt. It only hurts the communities if you don't.

Jeremy Havener (speaking as a member of the public) reminded folks to get their furbears sealed and that he was a sealer in the community.

Percy took a moment to recognize both Benedict Jones and Richard Burnham for their long-standing service as chair and vice chair of the Middle Yukon AC and received a round of applause from the committee and attendees of the meeting.

Adjournment: 3:30 pm



**Minto Nenana Advisory Committee
February 18, 2020
Council Office, Minto**

- I. Call to Order: 1120 by cochair Tim McManus
- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Tim McManus, Victor Lord, Mike Carson (ENN)
Knowland Silas (undesignated)
Charlie Titus Jr, Eric Bachmann (Minto)
* elections for Minto to be held during meeting, two others elected at this time

Members Absent (Excused): Steve Ketzler, Conrad McManus (Nenana), Philip Titus (Minto); Two members from Minto have left the community and their seats will be filled
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mark Nelson (DWC), Nissa Pilcher (BDS)

Guests Present: Ben Stevens (TCC Hunt Fish Task Force), Ashley Alexander*, Vinny (concerned with food security), Lindberg (minto council), Carl Frank*, Jay, Keith Charlie (Minto Council),
* elected to the AC
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Minto would like to hold elections at this meeting instead of later, also include a 20C moose concern update and elect member to attend the Interior Board of Game Meeting Add Elect member to attend BOG & Minto Elections
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes; approved
- VI. Old Business; old business is the new business, potlatch/ceremonial harvest moose concerns
- VII. New Business
Minto Elections:
Carl Frank & Ashley Anderson were elected to replace Candace Titus and Peter John as they both have moved to Fairbanks and don't wish to continue on the AC.

Members comments on serving on AC



Charlie said important to have young people with families on the committee, need to protect the flats. Food security and habitat protection. We are protecting the land out there, that is our purpose.

Victor we get so busy with paperwork/grants/policies/other stuff. We still eat the food, and want our younger ones to go out and be able to get foods and have the knowledge.

Carl noted that he just wants to be able to protect what is out there for his kids. Have seen a lot of changes out there recently, just want to preserve our way of life.

Tim got on to fight for my grandkids right to hunt and that was before I had grandkids, now I have four.

Knowland noted has also seen a lot of changes. Used to see a lot of moose by the village; right now just two. Global changes have really affected us.

Ben discussed TCC and UAFs training series to effectively engaging, training with UAF, basics of BOG/FSB AC basis for resource management

Concerns from the AC/public-

Charlie asked if the members and public had read the antlerless moose proposals that are before. We need to thank Anna Frank for bringing this issue up, it wouldn't have been in there otherwise. We need to be aware of what is going on out there. Never thought of writing something up, glad council members are here. Hope more tribal members speak up at this BOG, this concerns us.

Victor has concerns about past management; it is too bad that we have to operate outside of the law in order to do what our people have always done and need to do.

Game Update

Mark Nelson presented Minto Management Area presentation

Members asked department questions on;

sustainability of habitat, moose wolf interactions, wolf numbers, survey practices, moose population drop & wolf population around 2010*(Knowland has incidental wolf information for Mark), antidotal historic population information & fat layers, burns and moose movement, RM785 and local harvest questioned, and questions about the current hunt management

Members noted that after the rut we don't mess with the bulls they smell and they have no fat. We were restricted from cows from January to June of 2018 and that is when we won't take bulls. We didn't even find out until we asked for a ceremonial harvest and were told we could no longer take cows. This concerns us.

Additional concerns to be addressed at the next meeting

The committee would like some answers about the 40mile caribou herd, more wolf pack information, and muskrat and pike information. Muskrat numbers have been down and we are interested to see if pike are responsible.



A member noted that someone from Huslia caught a pike that was tagged in Minto, pike movement questioned. Concerned with invasive species, so many boats coming in from different areas

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VIII. Select representative for board meeting; Charlie Titus Jr will be attending

IX. Set next meeting date; next cycle, will discuss later

X. Other

Adjourn at 3:30 pm

Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 6-14, 2020 | Fairbanks, 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
44	Establish customary and traditional use findings for migratory birds and waterfowl in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25, and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunities		
S	8	0	Questions asked about how these numbers are established and how they are used.
45	Prohibit the use of moose, caribou and reindeer urine as scent lures in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
S	8	0	If chronic wasting disease could possibly be spread this way, we support this prohibition
50	Establish registration archery only hunts for bull moose in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Units that have general moose seasons		
O	0	8	This sounds like sport hunters wanting more opportunity to hunt and less about feeding families
54	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
S	8	0	We support this exemption every year
55	Allow the use of dogs for hunting for lynx in Units 12 and 20		
O	0	8	Not something we do, could probably take lot of lynx this way since they tree easily
56	Establish minimum distance requirements for trapping around dwellings in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		



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O	0	8	This doesn't make sense for rural users
121	Establish hunt areas for moose drawing permit DM770 in Unit 20A		
S	8	0	The trails that access this area are being used very heavily, this could be good to help spread out this hunt/effort a bit.
122	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
NA			Nenana uses the registration winter hunt as an additional opportunity. When the fall hunt occurs, then there are too many people out in the country and the winter hunt allows us to hunt when it is better and not crowded. But, we would like to be consistent and we have concerns with antlerless hunting in 20B so we will take no action on this.
130	Disallow the issuance of methods and means disability exemption permits for the Yanert Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
O	0	8	This doesn't seem like something that is fair. There are some nonmotorized places up by us and we wouldn't like it if someone came in with this exemption.
131	Limit the use of off-road vehicles for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
O	0	8	Don't think that this is a sensible fix, although we do see the proposers concern
134	Open a resident youth hunt for moose in Unit 20C		
S	8	0	We are all for this
135	Shorten the moose season five days in a portion of Unit 20B		
S	8	0	This make sense; we do want the department to know we are supporting them on ONE proposal
136	Extend the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 20B Remainder as		
O	0	8	If they have the money to pay that much for a moose, they can hunt in that window of time
138	Create a fall archery and muzzleloader hunt for moose in Unit 20B Remainder		
O	0	8	No additional take of moose with a different type of weapon
140	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
O	0	8	We are not happy with the current antlerless hunt that occurs



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			<p>within the Minto Flats. It has impacted our ability to take mortuary moose in 2018. Since we cannot predict how many of these moose will be needed yearly, nor would we want to, we do not support the take of antlerless moose out of the flats.</p> <p>We do also have some population and changing habitat concerns for these moose as well.</p>
141	Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
S	8	0	Refer to comments for proposal 142
142	Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
S	8	0	<p>Refer to comments for proposal 141.</p> <p>In 2018, after the RM785 had happened, and nearly 20 moose had been taken out of the flats by this permit, we were restricted to taking bulls only for mortuary moose from January to June. This is exactly when we do not want to be taking bulls as they smell of rut and have no fat. Since we cannot predict how many moose might be needed for these ceremonies, we are concerned when we are restricted.</p>
143	Eliminate all antlerless moose drawing hunts in Unit 20B except for the Minto Flats Management Area		
S			Because we supported 141 and 142 we support this one as well
147	Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Units 20A and 20B Remainder		
NA			While we would like to take more brown bears to help out moose, are people eating the bear and is the fur any good? We don't bait bears.
148	Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 20B Remainder		
NA			While we would like to take more brown bears to help out moose, are people eating the bear and is the fur any good? We don't bait bears.
149	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 25C		



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March 6-14, 2020 | Fairbanks, 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
O			Little comment, AC often opposes bear baiting proposals
150	Establish an intensive management plan for wolves and bear in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
O			We concur with the departments reasoning <i>at this time</i> , although if things change, we reserve the right to change our mind and support this idea
153	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 20F		
S			This seems like a good idea

Bridge to 20C, concern with bridge going in, Tim elected to write ACR to submit to the board about changing season dates/antler configuration before the deadline in the fall.

Adjournment: 3:25pm

Minutes Approved By: Tim McManus

Date: _____



Meeting Minutes
Naknek/Kvichak Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:30pm
At the Naknek Village Council Office, Dolly's Hall
Teleconference 1-800-504-8071, access code 8425142

I. Call to order 6:34 PM

II. Roll call-

Present: Everett Thompson, William Regan Jr, Joe Klutsch, Joey Klutsch, John Wise, Ralph Zimin, Graham Morrison, Patricia Edel.

Absent: George Wilson Jr, Marc Watson, Gustie Tallekpallek

III. Approval of agenda- Everett Thompson moved to approve, Joe Klutsch 2nd. Motion carries Unanimously

IV. Approval of minutes from the February 4, 2019 meeting- Everett Thompson moved to table minutes until fall meeting. John Wise 2nd. Motion carries unanimously

V. Introduction: Staff - Taryn O'Coconor-Brito, Boards Support; Lee Borden, Sport Fish; Dave Crowley, Wildlife; Troopers David Bump and Travis Lyons. Guests- Lydia Olympic

VI. Elections for AC members- Brief discussion of committee members reiterating they still want to be on board, no new nominations, all incumbents reinstated, no objection.

VII. Elections for officers - Committee asked if they would like to see change in officers, no change wanted.

VIII. ADF&G staff updates:

Lee Borden talked about the sports fish, the hot summer, some mortality of fish and recent surveys on Naknek River done. Use is up considerably since last survey was done in 1999. Committee brought up low numbers of kings and pressure on other species. Jason Dye is new Regional Coordinator.

Dave Crowley talked about better North Pen. Caribou Herd numbers up to 4000, calf survival rate better south than Mulchatna herd up north, calf survival rate. Mulchatna herd closed hunt after Jan. 31. Moose numbers talked about.

IX. Comments

- Public, None
- AC members,

Predation, moose, caribou and fish numbers

X. New Business



I. Board of Fisheries Proposal 279: Requirements and Specifications for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet in Bristol Bay- Everett Moved to adopt, John second. Everett moved to amend prop 279 to support if it pertains only to the Nushagak using 200 fathoms of gear while Naknek Special Harvest Area was in Effect. Graham 2nd. Amendment passed unanimously. Proposal supported as amended 6-1

II. Board of Fisheries Proposal 281: Live Earthworms- Joe moved to adopt, Ralph 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries unanimously

III. Board of Game Proposal 166: Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemption Reauthorization- Everett moved to adopt, Joey second. Discussion was made that \$25 for a tag fee isn't substantial and that residents won't consider it a burden if fee isn't reinstated. Fee exemption prop was opposed unanimously.

IV. Board of Game call for proposals for the 2020/2021 Central/Southwest and Statewide

Game Meetings, props due May 1, committee doesn't foresee putting any in.

XI. Miscellaneous Business:

I. Discussion of approval of these minutes for submission to the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game (on time comments due February 21st), committee designated Everett to finish minutes, and William to approve minutes.

II. Discussion of date and location for next meeting - Early November

XII. Adjourn 8:03

Minutes recorded by Everett Thompson

Minutes approved by William Regan

Date: Thursday, February 20, 2020



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

DRAFT Agenda

November 12, 2019 – 2:30 p.m.

Nagozruk Conference Room – Northwest Campus – Nome, Alaska

Charlie Lean-Chair, Nate Perkins-Vice Chair, Kevin Knowlton-Secretary,
Adem Boeckman-Nome, (vacant)-Nome, Edward Stang-Nome
Brandon Ahmasuk-Undesignated, Tom Gray-Undesignated
Davis Lincoln-White Mountain, Lloyd Kiyutelluk-Shishmaref,
Tanya Oblowaluk-Teller, Clifford Seetook-Wales; Henry Olanna Jr.-Brevig Mission
Charles Saccheus-Elim; Jack Fagerstrom-Golovin

1. Call to Order By Committee Chair Charlie Lean at 1432hrs on November 12th, 2019
2. Roll Call – 8 to make quorum
 - a. Present: Charlie Lean, Kevin Knowlton, Adem Boeckman, Edward Stang, Brandon Ahmasuk, Davis Lincoln, Lloyd Kiyutelluk, Clifford Seetook, Henry Olanna Jr., Charles Saccheus, and Jack Fagerstrom (quorum requirements met)
 - b. Excused: Tom Gray (Beluga Mtg in Anc.)
 - c. Unexcused: Tanya Oblowaluk, Nate Perkins
3. Approval of Agenda; Motion Made by Adem Boeckman, Second by Kevin Knowlton to approve the agenda with a change to the address proposals 32-38 first. Motion Carried Unanimous
4. Elections to seat AC members whose terms expired or soon to expire:
 - a. Five Nome designated seats
 - i. Nome seat incumbent Charlie Lean interested in reelection
 - ii. Nome seat Incumbent Nate Perkins no longer living in the region
 - iii. Nome seat Incumbent Lucas Frost no longer living in the region
 - iv. Nome seat Incumbent Edward Stang interested in reelection
 - v. Nome Seat Incumbent Adem Boeckman not interested in reelection
 - b. One Undesignated seat
 - i. Undesignated seat incumbent Tom Gray interested in reelection
 - c. Nominations from the floor for the Nome seats:
 - i. Charlie Lean, Nome seat
 - ii. Jacob Mannix, Nome seat
 - iii. Andrew McCann, Nome seat
 - iv. Patrick Knodel, Nome Seat
 - v. Edward Stang, Nome Seat
 - vi. Tom Gray, undesignated seat
 - d. Motion Made by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Jack Fagerstrom to accept the nominees to fill the seats up for election. Motion carries Unanimous
 - e. Allowed two Alternates – Committee can decide: No action taken
 - f. Wales, Golovin, White Mountain community elections: With no information from the Village councils to change representatives though their seat term has expired the committee, on Hazel Smiths recommendation, seated incumbent representatives until advised different from the different village councils.
5. Election of Officers: Officer Nominations from committee members:
 - a. Chair – Charlie Lean
 - b. Vice Chair – Brandon Ahmasuk
 - c. Secretary – Kevin Knowlton
 - d. Motion Made by Edward Stang, Second by Davis Lincoln to accept nominees to fill the officer seats. Motion Carried Unanimous



6. Teleconference Attendees present: None
7. Fish & Game Staff present
 - a. Bill Dunker, Sara Germain, Tony Gorn, Warren Hansen, and Brynn Parr.
 - b. Maggie Stang AST Wildlife Trooper
8. Federal officials present: None
9. Guests present: None
10. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – **02/13/2019**
 - a. Motion made by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Davis Lincoln to accept the minutes of the February 13th, 2019 meeting as presented. Motion Carries Unanimous
11. Wildlife Management Report – Bill Dunker, Area Biologist
 - a. Muskoxen survey for the Seward Peninsula and moose survey in 22B and 22C did not occur as originally planned due to weather. ADF&G will use data collected during other field activities. It appears that there is a 40 Bull to 100 Cow ratio of Muskox with a 15% recruitment. Moose are showing a 19 % recruitment in unit 22C, and 13% recruitment in unit 22B.
 - b. The Northwest arctic Caribou survey is complete department staff is now counting the number of caribou in the photos and will have the report published in December.
 - c. Moose survey for unit 22D remainder will be conducted in early February 2020.
 - d. Unit 22 Bear survey will be conducted in May 2020
 - e. Muskox Survey has been rescheduled for spring 2021.
 - f. Brandon asked about the geographical extent of the area that will be involved in the muskoxen survey. Bill Dunker said that it will encompass the Seward Peninsula and depending on weather the F&G Board determines if the muskox in the Nulato hills area are part of the Seward Peninsula population or a separate population, if so then the survey area will include the Nulato hills.
 - g. Jack Fagerstrom asked if Fish and Game were planning of doing a flora study on the Seward Peninsula to determine overall health of the tundra? Bill advised that other than the browse studies for moose, there was no plan for a full flora study at this time.
 - h. Charlie stated that in the past you could see signs of stress in the moose population by the condition of their teeth. If they were having to eat large willow branches their teeth would become all cracked and worn. The moose are not showing these signs now.
12. Other Wildlife management/research topics
 - a. Warren Hansen stated the moose study that he is involved in is looking at the overall nutrition and health of the moose on the Seward Peninsula. They have captured 280 moose so far and collared 108 of them. It is too early to establish any conclusions but one trend that they are seeing is the calves that are captured in the fall are some of the heaviest calves in the state and when recaptured in the spring they are some of the lightest in the state so our winters have been hard on them. They have also seen a 10% mortality rate of calves due to primarily bear predation.
 - b. Charles Saccheus explained what the winter conditions are in the Elim area and how the moose use the cover of the trees to make it through the winter.
 - c. Brandon inquired about if the Biologists had seen any effect of pestering on the moose population. Warren stated that they had not included that into their survey data but found it interesting.
 - d. Brynn Parr reported on how the department is still developing their protocols for the muskoxen study due to this actually being the first one done but they did see an alarming 2% survival of neonate muskox in 2019. But without more data they are not sure if that is a trend of a fluke but it is a red flag to continue to monitor. Recent collaring concentrates on long yearlings.
13. 1543hrs committee went into recess, resumed at 1549hrs



14. Boards Support Report

- a. Hazel Smith reported to the committee that the Board of Game would be meeting in Nome in January 2020, and encouraged everyone to attend if they could. She expressed the need for obtaining a real ID for travel and other activities. Hazel advised committee members that she could no longer get cash for member's premium that it would now have to be a check out of Juneau so the earlier members could lock in their travel the sooner they would receive their per diem.

15. Chairman's Report

- a. Charlie Lean expressed the importance of the Board of Game meeting, and explained the rolls of the board, the AC Committees, and the Department and how they worked together.
- b. Bill Dunker talked about the proposal books and the roll of the public, the AC's and the Department were involved with proposals.

16. New business – Board of Game – **Comment deadline, January 3, 2020**

Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals

January 17-20, 2020 | Nome, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
1	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose or caribou under intensive management in the Western Arctic/Western Region until harvest or population objectives are met		
Support	13	0	
2	Establish intensive management programs for bear across the Western Arctic/Western Region		
No Action			
3	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	13	0	
30	Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit in Unit 22		
Support	13	0	
31	Establish a registration permit hunt for muskox in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D. Amend to Close hunting on March 15 and to manage these contiguous GMU subunits consistently with each other since the Nulato Hills are part of the expanding Seward Pen. Herd.		
Support as Amended	13	0	
32	Allow caribou to be taken east of and including the Nuluk River drainage in Unit 22E		
Support	12	1	
33	Modify hunting seasons and require a registration permit for moose hunting in Unit 22D Remainder		
Support	11	2	



34	Open a nonresident drawing hunt for moose in Unit 22D Remainder		
Oppose	0	13	
35	Change the availability of Unit 22 registration permits for moose hunting with an option to require a registration permit for the Unit 22D Remainder hunt (option 2 in proposal book)		
Support	13	0	
36	Change the availability of Unit 22 registration permits for moose hunting		
No Action			
37	Close the nonresident moose hunt in Unit 22C		
Support	13	0	
38	Modify the hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
No Action			
39	Amend proposal to: two bears per year in 22D and 22E. Seasons to remain August 1 -May 31.		
Support as Amended	13	0	
40	Require a registration permit for brown bear hunting in Unit 22C		
Opposed	2	10	
41	Extend the season dates for brown bear hunting in Unit 22B and 22C		
Opposed	0	13	
42	Unlawful methods of taking game (positioning snow-machines, game, etc.) and not Extend the season dates for brown bear hunting in Unit 22B and 22C.		
Opposed	0	13	
43	Address customary and traditional use findings for Alaska hares in Unit 22, and modify the season and bag limit		
Opposed	4	9	
167-168	The Board of Game does not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposals 167-168 regulating guide activities and issuing permits to agencies for collaring animals. They are included in the book for review and discussion by the board. Advisory committees may choose to provide comments on these proposals for the board's consideration.		
No Action			

17. New business – Board of Fish – **Comment deadline, February 21, 2020**

Review BOF Proposals in preparation for a Spring meeting.

18. Guests/Public comments: None

19. Advisory Committee member comments

20. Board of Game and Board of Fish Meeting Schedules and Comment Deadlines

- November 1, 2019 Board of Game – Agenda Change Request deadline
- November 15, 2019 Boards Support – travel requests to board meetings
- January 3, 2020 Board of Game – Arctic/Western Region comment deadline
- January 16, 2020 Board of Game Work Session – Nome, AK
- January 17-20, 2020 Board of Game – Arctic/Western Region meeting
- Jan 21 to Feb20 NNSAC Shellfish meeting at call of Chair
- February 21, 2020 Board of Game – Interior/Eastern Arctic Region comment deadline
- February 21, 2020 Board of Fish – Statewide Tanner/King crab comment deadline



- March 6-14, 2020 Board of Game Interior/Eastern Arctic Region
Fairbanks, AK
- March 7-11, 2020 Board of Fish – Statewide Tanner/King Crab
Anchorage, AK

21. Select representatives to attend Board of Game and Board of Fish meetings as appropriate.

- a. Primary Charlie Lean
- b. Alternate Brandon Ahmasuk

22. Set next meeting date

23. Adjourn: Motion Made by Kevin Second by Pat to adjourn at 2001hrs motion carried unanimous

Kevin R. Ahmasuk secretary
Charlie Lean chair



Nushagak Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 7, 2020
Meeting Minutes

I. Call To Order: 9:02

II. Roll Call:

present

Frank Woods Dlg chair	Joe Chythlook vice chair by phone
Todd Fritze Dlg	Gayla Hoseth Dlg
Tom O'Connor Dlg	Dan Dunaway Dlg Secretary
Steve Perkins Dlg	Gust Tungiung Koliganek by phone
Travis Ball Aleknagik	Richard King Ekwok by phone
Curt Armstrong Dlg	Peter Christopher New Stuyahok by phone until noon
Susie Brito Dlg arrive 9:32	

Absent excused:

Chris Carr Portage Creek too cold for plane
Joe Wassily Clarks Pt. power plant failure
Walter Kanulie Togiak alt training conflict

Absent no contact, not excused:

Barbara Moore Manokotak
Moses Kritz Togiak

It should be noted that temperatures were below zero, down to -20 or colder and this deterred some members.

Additionally, Jan 7 is Russian Christmas and is observed extensively in most Bristol Bay villages. The AC members expressed regret for the conflict and will seek to avoid this in future meetings.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: total seats 15, quorum 8
quorum met. 13 present at start of the meeting.

List of User Groups Present:

Subsistence fishing and hunting
Commercial Salmon drift net



Commercial Salmon set net
Sport fishing and guiding.
Trapping

III. Approval of Agenda:

Todd moved and Gayla 2nd to adopt the agenda. Dan asked to add a discussion of Mulchatna Caribou hunt under IX New Business as item IV. Motion maker and 2nd agree to add Mulchatna Caribou. Agenda approved Unanimously.

Frank Woods, chair announced his resignation from as chair and from the AC for personal reasons. Frank departed the meeting immediately. Several members expressed thanks for Franks hard work and regret he had to resign.

There was a discussion how to conduct the rest of the meeting since vice chair, now chair Joe Chythlook was attending by phone and it is so difficult to run a meeting over the phone. Several names brought up. Dan and Taryn worked through first items of the agenda.

IV. Introductions:

ADFG and Enforcement Staff present:

Lee Borden Sport Fish

Lauren Watine Wildlife Conservation

Tim Sands Commercial Fish

Jordan Head Com Fish by phone

James VanLanen ADFG Subsistence by phone

Joe Wittkop AWT

Guests and other Agencies

Togiak Refuge

Kenton Moos

Patrick Walsh

Andy Aderman

Gary Cline BBEDC

Cody Larson BBNA

Isabel Ross KDLG

Pete Heyano commercial fisherman

Greg Marxmiller set netter

Lindsay Layland set netter

John Bennett drift netter

V. Election of AC Members:



1. Designated Dillingham Seat

Gayla moved to open nominations Tom 2nd.

Todd Fritze & Robert Heyano nominated

There was some question whether a non Dillingham resident could make nominations, and nomination for Mr. Heyano was withdrawn. Others present noted that Mr. Heyano has declined nominations in previous meetings.

Dan move to close and Tom 2nd.

Todd Fritze elected to the open designated seat. Term to expire 6-30-20

Chair Joe Chythlook asked attendees to postpone remaining elections until next meeting given the low attendance at this meeting. After discussion, it was decided there was adequate notice and we should proceed with elections.

2. One Undesignated Seat and Two Alternate seats.

Consensus to take nominations, top vote to be seated as undesignated member, second and third most votes to be assigned alternate seats.

Nominations: Gayla Hoseth, Steve Perkins, Caleb Westfall. Gary Cline declined nomination.

Travis moved to close Susie second.

Boards distributed, collected, and counted votes including text votes from phone attendees.

Gayla Hoseth won top votes and was seated in the Undesignated Seat.

Steve Perkins and Caleb Westfall elected as alternates.

VI Election of Officers:

By general consensus and given the limited availability of the meeting room, the interim nature of several seats, and soon to end terms of several other members, AC agreed to postpone election of officers until a fall meeting. We have enough officers to get this meeting done.

Discussion: As vice chair Joe Chythlook became interim chair. After some discussion Joe moved to have Susie Brito to run the rest of the meeting, Tom 2nd. Approved by unanimous consent. Its too hard to do by phone. With support of the AC members, Susie agreed to run the rest of the meeting.

VII ADFG Staff Updates:

Tim Sands Commercial Fish

Tim presented and handed out copies of the 2020 salmon forecast, 48.0 million Bay wide, 12.63 total run for Nushagak District. Kvichak is projects to have 19.97 million, and Egegik 10.75.

Herring 202 forecast, 215,000 tons total with 38,749 allocated to Togiak sac roe fishery. Tim discussed how the model for 2020 forecast was revised and produced a higher



guideline harvest than in 2019. Fewer buyers may be present in 2020 and its not likely the whole allocation will be taken.

2019 Salmon run discussion: Nushagak King run was poor, sockeye run extremely good. However high water temps low water levels caused some mortality, worst case was Igushik river where its possible 100,000 fish died. The Igushik is highly exposed to the sun, between tides the mudflats heat up; at the lake outlet temperatures as high as 23 C were observed - salmon don't like above 17C. High temps, low dissolved oxygen kill fish. Even some observations of very lethargic fish in other systems.

King Salmon: problems counting fish with a sonar not designed to count kings, exacerbated by low water high temps, resulted in a count of 46,000 kings, well below desired levels. ADFG will operate the 2020 commercial fishery with extreme caution to protect kings including: waiting as long as possible before opening commercial (possibly let more than 100,000 reds up Wood River before opening) shorter fishing periods for both set and drift gear, possibly keeping fishery closed for entire tide. Depends on fish behavior, conditions, fish passage. BOF Nushagak King Working Group had one meeting in the fall and another scheduled for March - other than a list of considerations no action on the plan.

Other Salmon Mgt Plans. Tim says there are 10 salmon plans that have been addressed piecemeal over the years, He asked AC to consider setting a process to regularly conduct a comprehensive review of a couple plans each BOF cycle to keep up to date. He suggested starting with the Togiak Herring and Wood River Special Harvest Area. He advocates an open process and that ADFG might not be the one to take the lead.

Brief discussion of AC and ADFG on impact of the sport fishery on Nushagak kings.

Peter Christopher advocated for closed windows in the king sport fishery.

Another person pointed out that some upriver residents illegally "seine" the kings taking more than a 100 at a time.

Lauren Watine ADFG Wildlife:

New area biologist introduced herself.

Moose Fall hunt - RM 583: early season was very hot, harvest was poor. Season improved the last half, wetter cooler. 760 permits issued, 131 harvested, 591 hunted.

Winter moose hunt. Reports still trickling in. 228 total permits issued. As of today 1-7-20, 59 reports are returned and 16 moose taken. Only state residents and mostly GMU 17 residents obtained permits. The Dept was poised to close the season if more that 25 moose were taken.

Discussion about 1/2 mile off Lake Road requirement. Its a condition of the hunt the area biologist can set. Several comments objecting to it as very difficult to observe and enforce. Dunaway tried to recall reasons for the stipulation, most folks have GPS, concern for excess



harvest as many moose congregate along the road, residents along road have been complaining about safety for their houses and residents.

Question regarding GMU 17 moose population. ADFG only surveyed 17A this year and the population considerably exceeds desired levels.

But 17 B& C populations are below or barely at goals and of concern to ADFG.

***** In between discussing proposals in New Business, Lauren brought in more data and discussion.

Moose for GMU 17 populations: ADFG can't do annual survey of whole GMU so must rotate by sub unit by year. 17A moose in 2017 biologists estimated ideal population is 800 to 1,200 and estimate is 2,370 - greatly exceeding range capacity.

17B moose preferred population is 4,900 to 6,000 or about 1 per square mile; current estimate is 1,699 or .37 per sq mile and below desired levels.

17C desired population is 2,800 to 3,500 or about .5 per sq mile. 2018 estimate 3,438 or .48 per sq mile - almost at desired level. Barely.

2019 RM 583 harvest was 131 bulls, 118 by GMU 17 residents. This winter hunt 16 bulls reported to date all GMU 17 residents.

There was a discussion about going to intensive management - ADFG is discussing internally.

Beaver: Todd asked about beaver survey former biologist had planned. Lauren hopes to do a cache survey. Todd mentioned the rivers have changed a lot and old surveys might be marginally helpful.

Caribou: Lauren discussed summer 2019 survey, extensive pre-survey work and very good dispersal of collars, mixing of animals. This was one of the most precise surveys on this herd with an estimate of 13,500 animals plus or minus about 2,000 animals. Far below expected population and below the 30,000 desired population. Last survey was in 2016 when about 27,000 were estimated. Surveyors noted no animals in places they normally expect to find some.

Therefore, the State reduced the bag limit to 1 per hunter.

The Federal lands closure effective December 31 was noted.

Currently no state lands closure as ADFG knows many depend on this herd for food.

Fall adult survival surveys have been conducted.

The situation of this herd is scheduled to be discussed January 16 at the Nome BOG meeting.

The state is considering what to do next - the season is subject to change in the future.

Harvest as of 1-7-20: 85 animals, 53 males, 32 females some reports of illegal unreported take. There is evidence of harvests every time surveys are flown and no corresponding reports appear to be filed. People still aren't reporting during the 5 day window after harvest.



Fall 2019 composition survey (Oct 7-9): Herd wide estimate 24 calves /100 cows; east 30.7/100, west 18.2. Goal is to have 30 calves/100 cows. Eastern area is subject to the wolf removal program. West & East groups calve in the east area.

Fall 2018 survey found whole herd 34 calves/100 cow; east 39/100 and west 29/100 shows 2019 calf survival dropped from 2018 in both sections.

Discussion, one person asked if any nonresidents take Mulchatna caribou [NO - ADFG] also much of December poor travel conditions and wished for a cow moose season in the winter up the Nushagak River. Complaints of poor winter travel conditions for moose.

USFWS Togiak Refuge:

Nushagak Peninsula Caribou. 2018-19 season had poor travel conditions and only 14 animals taken. Population in 2019 (minimum of 710 and point est 822) and about the same as 2018. Biologists have become very concerned for quality of range and food supply - observing degradation in lichens and bare dirt patches. Refuge presented concerns to the caribou committee and now advocate for much lower abundance on the peninsula of only 400 animals optimum to allow range to recover. Bag limit raised to 5 per hunter. Same day airborne is allowed in the spring.

There was a suggestion to allow same day in the fall when conditions are warmer and easier. In past was a concern for harvest concentrating on large bulls.

Joe Wittkop AWT Troopers:

Herring - large quota few violations. No large patrol vessel available. Used 32 foot Kvichak to patrol, boarded 14 vessels. Issued 2 tickets for crew license violations. One report of possible wasted fish no case made. Boarded 8 trawlers, tramper, and processor boats (may have been 20 such vessels in the area)- difficult thing for him to do. Contacted 135 boats, few violations one missing ADFG triangle plate.

Spring Bear 2019: Effort was reduced no citations issued.

One butchered moose found along Dillingham road in June, DNA evidence collected, no suspects at this time.

Sport Fishery: no funding for a sport fish enforcement team, patrolled as personnel and time allowed. Lack of life jackets and boat registrations were main issue. A few snagging and over limit cases made. Definition of a fly liberalized reduced issues on gear.

Commercial fish enforcement: about 600 vessels in the Nushagak district and skeleton enforcement presence. Mainly Joe, one pilot, one shore based patrol boat. 2026 contacts, 122 warnings, 181 citations, 48,000 pounds of fish seized. Closed period fishing was the main violation; some gear marking, lost nets as well. Grounding drift boats still and issue and a couple instances of permit holder not present at time of sale.

Locally poor internet created problems obtaining picture IDs so Troopers were lenient.



Togiak fishery was minimally patrolled - main violation was set nets fishing close periods and having nets too far off shore. One waste of salmon, a net was not picked for several days.

Fall Hunting: slow hunting at beginning as it was so hot, more harvest success towards end of moose season. Still a problem for hunters understanding regulations between registration permit and "general hunt" harvest ticket - confusion on season dates and reporting requirements. One sublegal moose taken and one failure to mark harvest permit.

Winter moose season no patrols due to medical situation. One winter harvest found 250 yard off highway when hunt conditions require 1/2 mile from highway.

Discussion on positioning of hunter with snow machines.

Discussion on incidental or personal use take of kings in commercial fishery.

Discussion of grounding of drift boats, some drift boats using extremely long tow or tag lines (half mile was expressed) to meet letter of the law regarding grounding was drifting. This is causing annoyance for other fishermen. Presents hazard and obstacle to other fishers. The office said they are aware of what they call "parking" and its a concern. May need a proposal to BOF to address the issue.

No subsistence violations were issued in 2019.

Lee Borden Sport Fish

Creel surveys were conducted on the Nushagak Kings, Alagnak Kings, Naknek fall rainbow fisheries. Data currently being analyzed no results ready to present.

Nushagak kings were very low catch rates with low and very warm water. Fish seemed to hole up maybe travel at night.

The previous years' Nushagak King sport mortality study is in the final stages in preparation for publishing and should be out soon.

In 2020 Sport Fish plans to conduct creel surveys on Togiak king salmon, Nushagak coho, and conduct another Naknek fall creel survey.

in 2021 Sport Fish is planning to conduct spring rainbow trout work in the L. Iliamna drainage in major tributaries.

Former area biologist Jason Dye took a promotion and moved to Anchorage, the Area Biologist position will be recruited and refilled.

Taryn Brito Board Support

Note to all: Board Calendars published in the proposal books are now out of date and wrong. Check the website or her office for up to date ones.

1) No further work from rod and reel gear special BOF committee.



- 2) Naknek BOF work session scheduled in 2020.
- 3) Nushagak King Plan work group had a meeting in fall 2019 and another scheduled March 12, 2020. Other than organizing and some guiding papers no actual planning action.
- 4) Action Item: fall work session, BOF approved ACR regarding D boats and 200 fathoms for Bristol Bay - now it is Proposal 279, available on line or at Board offices, comment deadline is February 21 and BOF will address in March meeting.
- 5) AC has action items on BOG proposals 165 re-authorize 17A antlerless moose, 166 brown bear tag fee exemption, ACR 5 (now 169) Troopers request to clarify purchase of locking big game tags,

VIII Public Comments

Cody Larson for Bristol Bay Native Association.

BBNA is concerned for the often warm winter conditions making winter moose hunts difficult and hopes to work with ADFG to add flexibility to the discretionary "conditions of hunt".

Gary Cline Bristol Bay Economic Development Corp (CDQ).

BBEDC is supportive of the systematic review of Bristol Bay salmon management plans. They agree the plans have been "piecemealed" over the years and more comprehensive and systematic approach is warranted to keep plans current.

BBEDC is willing to host the local meetings well ahead of BOF meetings. The goal is to bring well prepared information to the BOF.

LUNCH BREAK 12:03

RESTART 12:32

Susie resumed the meeting emphasizing the 3PM meeting room deadline.

**IX New Business:** Review and actions on proposals.**1. Proposal - BOF proposal 279 (ACR from October 2019)**

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide King & Tanner Crab Proposals March 7-11, 2020 Anchorage, Alaska			
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279	5AAC 06.333. Requirements and specifications for use of 200 fathoms drift gillnet in Bristol Bay.		
Oppose	2	8	<p>Dan Move Todd 2nd: Tim Sands explained history of regulation and how this proposal would affect the fishery. ADFG is neutral. Discussion about the history of D boats and 200 f gear was supposed to aid permit holders without boats, take some boats and gear out of the water. But it activated dormant permits. Now a single person can own 2 permits may have added gear to fishery and works against original intent. When the Naknek RSHA is opened many D boats tend to head to Nushagak District adding competition to that fishery.</p> <p>Joe C. " I've always opposed allowing 200 fathoms of gear and current regulation is working fine.</p> <p>Sands indicated that there were over 600 boats in Nushagak District in 2019 and over 700 in 2018; that Nushagak generally supports the most D boats, especially early in the season and then D boats tend to disperse to other districts as the season progresses.</p> <p>Curt, this does not rise to the level justifying an ACR and would be better addressed by more of the public if it came up in the normal BOF cycle for the Bay.</p> <p>Susie is opposed, in her case it would be better for her family to fish a second boat and full complement of gear. But Nushagak District is already congested and they don't need more boats coming in, especially with 200f. "I am opposed to the fisheries proposal more to the effect that it would increase congestion in the Nushagak and reduce local permit holders</p>



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			<p>opportunity/catch."</p> <p>Gust - I support D boat system, it helps some village families and keeps some gear out of the water. But I only support for 2 individual permit owners.</p> <p>Tom called the question. Roll call vote.</p>

2. Board of Game Proposals

NOTE prior to taking up the wildlife proposals Biologist Watine brought more data and discussion to the AC members. That information is included above in the general format minutes.

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165	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	10	0	<p>Joe move to adopt Travis 2nd.</p> <p>ADFG noted moose population is well above and even exceeds desired levels. The range needs to be preserved from excessive browsing.</p> <p>Dan said he supports, protect range, provide opportunity to local</p>



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			people and reward them for their restraint allowing the herd to grow. . Gayla asked how often the plan is reviews [5 years].
166	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	10	0	Travis move to adopt, Gayla 2nd. ADFG explained proposal. Dan and Travis expressed their support. Very handy to not have to buy a tag and we can take b
169	Clarify Purchase of Locking Tags, AWT proposal.		
Support	10	0	Dan Move to adopt, Travis 2nd AWT Witkopp explained the proposal was to clarify tag must be purchased before taking an animal. AWT had difficulties with a case and current regulation was not clear. Dan I support clearer regulations and yes, if Alaskans must have a harvest ticket before hunting, nonresident hunters should buy their tag before shooting, hunting. Travis supports, these guys are working the gray area and need clear rules This helps enforcement do their job.

3. Discuss proposals to submit to the BOG for 200/21 meeting.

Todd Fritze requested the AC submit a proposal to address positioning snow machines for wolverine and wolf hunting. It was the understanding of several public and some BOG members that this issue was addressed by the last BOG meeting in Dillingham. However when the regulations were published wolverine especially was omitted and only addressed caribou. Reviewing transcripts of meeting its was not clear.



Todd moved to submit proposal. We need BOG to readdress - especially for wolverine, existing regulations cover wolf. Todd wants to have the same options as most other GMU to the north and west of 17.

AWT asked to make positioning clear as current regulations do not mention "positioning" anywhere with regard to snowmachine. Please be clear, positioning the hunter or the quarry?

Joe C. suggest look to existing regulations as a guide and don't reinvent the wheel.

Gayla moved to write a proposal using the wording in the proposal to "mirror" language that is being proposed to the Feds for GMU 17. Initially AC included GMU 9 but review of charter suggests this AC has no authority to make proposals for 9.

Dan 2nd

Curt noted any language adopted likely to be "subject to interpretation" and suggested using the words "...go to..." to be clear.

Roll Call vote: 7 support 3 No.

By unanimous consent: Working group of Todd, Gayla, Dan agreed to work up language and submit by the proposal deadline. Language to mimic a similar proposal to the Federal Subsistence Board.

4. Discuss Mulchatna Caribou herd and current regulations.

Dan had requested this agenda item. He's very concerned and listed the following:

high quality survey shows 13,500 animals +/- 2000 - very tight estimate and less than half the 30,000 minimal population goal. Hot weather may be degrading nutritional quality of the range, animals may have headed into what is now a real winter in reduced condition. Fall rains into November may be hard on young animals. Now we have cold weather and forecast snow building good travel conditions may allow heavier hunting pressure; if we get more snow could also push animals closer to villages and make them vulnerable, suggestions of considerable unreported harvest - very strong comments suggesting considerable non-reporting coming out of some Tribal organizations in the Kuskokwim which seemed a surprise. Look how long its taken for the NAP to try to recover and we've been waiting a long time now too.

Lauren provided recent historic Mulchatna recorded harvests:

2019 to date 85

2018 240

2017 448 reflects best winter travel in years

2016 358

2015 246



Todd: I hear caribou are showing up near Nushagak River villages now and some animals may be harvested. Also mentioned previous years where one year the estimate was low and ADFG worried and next year animals seemed to "reappear" in numbers. Hard to gauge a single year estimate.

Tom thinks current harvest is inconsequential and we should wait for another year's survey.

Travis? -The problem of not knowing the true harvest is obscuring what the problem might be. But closing it would only penalize the honest folks and might not deter the non-reported harvest.

ADFG discussed current assessment efforts, don't have enough satellite collars to locate herd this time of year. Seems like adult survival is uncertain, maybe there is a problem with female survival? Not known. ADFG plans to get out more GPS collars next season.

Todd we could be heading into the prime time for harvest and could have a big impact on the population.

Tom discussed observing the herd decline from top abundance in early 2000's while he was a pilot guide. Seemed like as the herd declined they ventured less and less into GMU 17 - staying more and more at the north end - maybe straying is part of the problem.

Joe thinks GMU 17 could suffer as the Federal land have already been closed and maybe this is just the Feds want the State to act as well. This might be the only year we get good travel and hunt conditions. I would hate to see the harvest opportunity jeopardized now that numbers are down. Maybe Feds just want a blanket closure, I prefer to see the State biologists take the lead. and preserve some opportunity.

Dan asked, has ADFG made any plans or action points if harvest suddenly increases? ADFG said they are watching closely but no action points set.

We can submit these minutes to the BOG when they take this up in Nome.

ADFG: during flights from November to recent days, every time we go we see indications of what appears to be unreported harvests and often appears to be more than one animal has been taken.

Travis supports continued opportunity and we shouldn't over-emphasize illegal activity. Stay with 1 animal.

No other proposals discussed.

ADFG reminded all in attendance Game proposals are due May 1.

Proposals are open for entire range of the Mulchatna herd.



Dan reminded group we've worked a long time to have uniform, coherent range-wide caribou regulations, be careful about breaking things up again.

Gayla commented maybe the AC should have a working group on this.

X. Miscellaneous Business:

1. Approval of minutes:

Joe move and Travis 2nd for secretary write minutes, and have Gayla and Susie review and approve for submission to Boards Support. All three to approve and sign.

Motion supported Unanimously, 10-0.

2. Next Meeting Time and Location:

Time: by call of the Chair. TBA

Location: Gayla moved the Curyung Tribal building where we are less likely to be under time constraints we always have at the City building.

Motion supported Unanimously, 10-0.

XI. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 2:35 PM

I.

Minutes Recorded By: __Dan Dunaway__

Minutes Approved By:

Susie Jenkins-Brito

Gayla Hoseth

Date: _____1-13-20



Paxson Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Monday, September 30, 2019

Mi 180 Richardson Hwy

Minutes - DRAFT

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm. A quorum was present: 5 members and 1 alternate.

Members present:

Gary Alcott
Steve Chemielowski ---sec.
John Schandelmeier--chair
Richard Holmstrom
Alan Echols
Bryan Aberdeen—alternate

Members Absent:

Greg Swope--- excused
Mark Schlenker-- excused

ADF&G Staff present:

Heidi Hatcher
Kate Wilson

Visitors Present:

Seth Wilson-- Glennallen
Ben Doudna-- Fairbanks

Old Business:

Out of cycle game proposal agree to rewrite and submit. To be visited later in meeting.

New business:

1. Discussion of new BOG members and how or if they might be amendable to accepting or listen to Advisory Committee input.
2. Proposal discussion
 - a. Proposal 166: reauthorize resident Brown bear tag exemptions.
 - i. Unanimous: 6-in favor, 0 opposed
 - b. Proposal 158: authorize cow moose permits in Unit 13.
 - i. Failed: 4 opposed, 2 abstain
 - ii. Discussion: Committee members presented 3 points in opposition
 1. Local advisory committees have no input as to where or how many permits are to be issued.
 2. If there are too many cows in a given area, predators, (wolves) handle that just fine. The present aerial predator control conducted in the area



results in an overkill of wolves which has upset the biological balance in many sections of Unit 13, resulting in unforeseen effects.

3. Granted; cow hunts allow additional opportunity to harvest moose. However, this additional opportunity does not help local hunters as the permits are issued on a random draw basis. An additional 5-7 animals taken by hunters from elsewhere does nothing for the residents of the area where the hunt happens. Our committee might be more inclined to accept a cow hunt if it was structured with local benefits.

Old Business, Revisited:

Discussion centered around our out-of-cycle proposal to replace/restructure the community hunt and the moose hunt in general for Unit 13. The present moose hunt is unwieldy. The present Community Hunt does not achieve the purpose for which it was intended, and more importantly, the present hunt, as structured, is not formatted in a way to include all local community members.

The proposal which we will present to the BOG will address these concerns.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm.



Prince William Sound/ Valdez Advisory Committee
February 6, 2020
Valdez City Hall

Valdez AC Current Roster			
First Name	Last Name	Profile	Term Expires
Hope	Upicksoun	Chair	06/2020
Nick	Crump	Vice Chair	06/2021
Marissa	Roberts	Secretary	06/2021
Charles	Upicksoun		06/2020
Ashley	James		06/2019
Damien	James Sr.	Alternate	06/2019

I. Call to Order: 6:10 p.m. by Hope Upicksoun

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Hope Upicksoun

Nick Crump

Ashley James

Marissa Roberts

Members Absent (Excused):

Charles Upicksoun

Damien James

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

IV. Guests Present:

Hope Finely

V. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to Approve Agenda Marissa Roberts

Second by Ashley James

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:



Previous Minutes approved by Chair, Hope Upicksoun

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report
- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

None.

IX. Old Business:

None

X. New Business:

Elections were held with the following results:

2 year seat for Ashley James with term that expires 06/2022

Damien James made the decision to not run for the VAC this year.

Committee members will continue to serve until the next election meeting. We have discussed having elections again in June for Hope Upicksoun and Charles Upicksoun seats that expire in June.

Brief discussion on Prince William Sound Crab Proposals and comment deadlines. Committee discussed and decided on refraining from comment at this time. Motion made by Ashley James. Second by Hope Upicksoun.

Motion to adopt BOG Proposals 142 and 143 by Hope Upicksoun. Second by Marissa Roberts.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date: Next meeting time still TBD.

XIII. Other: None

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Marissa Roberts. Second by Hope Upicksoun. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



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142	Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
Support	3		Shutting down a ceremonial hunt, in order to keep an antlerless moose permits, is unethical. The ceremonial and traditional hunts of Indigenous Alaskans should not be considered as an illegal hunt and should be of higher priority than an antlerless hunt.
143	Eliminate all antlerless moose drawing hunts in Unit 20B except for the Minto Flats Management Area		
Support	3		See proposal 142.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Marissa Roberts
Minutes Approved By: Hope Upicksoun
Date: 02/19/2020



Ruby Advisory Committee
November 6, 2019
Ruby Tribal Council

- I. Call to Order: 6pm by Chairman Ed Sarten
- II. Roll Call
 - Members Present: Billy, Don Honea, Ed Sarten, Yvonne, Dale Honea, Tim Gervais
 - Members Absent (Excused): No members absent
 - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
- III. Fish and Game Staff/Guests Present: no Department staff, no guests recorded
- IV. Approval of Agenda; approved
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes; not recorded
- VI. Old Business; NONE
- VII. New Business

Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals January 17-20, 2020 Nome, 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	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose or caribou under intensive management in the Western Arctic/Western Region until harvest or population objectives are met		
Support	6	0	We don't like trophy hunting, if population is low in the controlled use area, then nonresident hunting should not be allowed
2	Establish intensive management programs for bear across the Western Arctic/Western Region		
Support	6	0	
31	Establish a registration permit hunt for muskox in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D		
tabled			Nulato surplus, hunt 5 bulls a year. Ruby can shoot? If 1 on road, times is reasonable. Last year we supported hunting in Kaiyuh Flats, and they asked why ruby was involved.



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44	Establish customary and traditional use findings for migratory birds and waterfowl in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25, and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunities		
Support	6	0	Our area
45	Prohibit the use of moose, caribou and reindeer urine as scent lures in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Support w/Am	6	0	We could support if amended to allow us to use local urine, so not to allow commercial urine
48	Extend the season for taking wolves in Units 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
Support	6	0	
54	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	6	0	
56	Establish minimum distance requirements for trapping around dwellings in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	6	
58	Establish a Controlled Use Area for the Kaiyuh Flats area in Unit 21D		
Support	6	0	No planes @ Middle Yukon, keep aircraft.
59	Change the winter any-moose season for residents in Unit 21D		
Support			This was discussed in McGrath
62	Allocate 90 percent of the Unit 21B, Upper Nowitna Corridor moose drawing permits to residents and award remaining available nonresident permits to residents		
Support	6	0	21B 50/50 to 90/10
67	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21D		
TNA			Brown bear limits to 2 per year 21D harvest more Concern that if you allow 2 bears in 21D then guides will try to take 2 instead of 1 Amendment to include 21B as well



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68	Open a fall bear baiting season in Unit 21C		
Oppose	0	6	There is a guide working on Melozi and this could bring more sport hunters, guided hunters, trophy hunters into the area, increase traffic and effect moose hunting.
69	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21C		
Oppose	0	6	There is a guide working on Melozi and this could bring more sport hunters, guided hunters, trophy hunters into the area, increase traffic and effect moose hunting.
73	Eliminate the RB601 brown bear registration permit hunt for Units 21D and 24		
Support	6	0	Necessary
75	Develop a feasibility assessment for intensive management of wolves and bears in Units 21D and 24		
Support	6	0	Develop a feasibility plan to control predators and Burn up above Kokrines. Louden Tribe wants a predator control plan.
76	Establish a non-intensive management predator control plan in Unit 21 for bears and wolves		
Support	6	0	Develop a feasibility plan to control predators and Burn up above Kokrines. Louden Tribe wants a predator control plan.
99	Change the Tier II moose permit hunt (TM680) in Unit 19A to a household permit		
Support	6	0	Household permit. Ruby AC should draft a proposal similar to this one for our area.
108	Require trophy destruction of moose antlers taken from Unit 21E under RM836 permits, and establish check stations		
Support	6	0	Antler destruction
115	Require meat to be left on the bone for caribou, moose and bison in Units 19, 21A, and 21E		
Support	6	0	Require meat be left on bones, destroy ribs
149	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 25C		



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TNA			Bear baiting 21D

Adjourn: 7:40 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Yvonne Adams

Minutes Approved By: Ed Sarten

Date: _____

Date: _____



**Ruby Advisory Committee
January 13, 2020
Ruby Tribal Council**

- I. Call to Order: 5:24pm by Chairman Ed Sarten
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Billy, Don Honea, Ed Sarten, Yvonne, Dale Honea, Tim Gervais*

Members Absent (Excused): No members absent
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
- III. Fish and Game Staff/Guests Present: Glenn Stout & Sara Longson (ADF&G DWC), Patrick McGarty, Mike Josephson, Arnold Demoski*(Middle Yukon AC), Jeremy Havener*(FWS, Galena)

* via teleconference
- IV. Approval of Agenda; approved
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes; 11/6/2019 minutes approved
- VI. Old Business; NONE
- VII. New Business

Public comment: First, thank you for keeping committee going. Consider seriously fall moose hunt and the market for moose antlers and getting more moose then necessary. Population is down. Lots of families not getting any and consider a proposal 1 moose per household due to some households holding 4 tags (4 shooters).

Fish for king salmon being over harvested along Yukon River. Sometimes 3-4 hundred kings to sell to places like Barrow. Need proposals to regulate # of kings taken. Make neighbors accountable to watch each other. Locally. Some are filling smokehouses 3x or 4x.

This is not a cultural thing, or a moral (ethical). See 1 family with 3 6-“ moose racks! Bad to take breeders. Fish commission need to come up with something.

Living on Front Street can see 1 family 8-10 racks come in with same boat. Big racks and giving the meat away.



There is an abuse of the proxy system; rumor using a person harvest ticket and hunting with it; can we match up proxy to a particular person who actually gets the moose? Nobody taking proxies from [council office]. Just hear rumors proxy permits in action

Some fishermen are overharvest 75 kings are nothing compared to what others get. Should be equal amounts for each. Maybe hard to control. During Fish & Game openings some get nothing, some overharvest.

Action Item: Suggest we invite Fish & Wildlife [Enforcement/Troopers] to come to Ruby

We can't put in a proposal in for fishing, past mandatory reporting to state with fish failed everyone needs to decide how to handle through education, pressure from community. Asked to confirm [if the tribal council has assisted to issue] proxy permits in the last 3 years.

Rumor that there are folks that are taking harvest tickets from different persons and hunting with it.

Just realize need solution for antler issue and overharvest king salmon, not distribute equally. Subsistence hunt turns into illegal hunt. Get TCC and tribe involved to minimize this type of hunting.

Department noted that if they see illegal activity, that everyone has a smartphone now, and to video the whole process, that selling whole uncut antlers is a violation, but you need evidence to prosecute

Members have witnessed antlers being put on Wrights, another noted that it was a legal hunt but that the federal hunt was being taken advantage of.

Department noted that legally the antlers must be cut off of the skull plate

Member asked if state troopers could put pressure on the offender, and another noted that the tribe could work it out.

Potlatch moose; where to cut up?

Staff Comments

Glenn brought up proposal 76; predation control for Galena Mountain Caribou Herd. Vegetation going up in elevation and here in hills vegetation growing high. The moose calves and first week swim across Melozi River, spend a lot of summer at 10 mile Tower where they can see bears and wolves. Now the predators lie in wait,

Phase 1



We want collar calves & determine what is killing them. Look at what type burn plan. Get data next three years.

Phase II

Prescribed fire alone may boost calf survival. We can test. If not, go shoot predators. The last three years would be lethal predator removal. Low numbers of moose since 2006 (had a visual of the Galena Mountain Herd pop). Used to be 300 [animals] now as low as 150. This is (350-400) early phases. Talked with BLM. Will be talk with TCC, Doyon, and Tribe. Burn would be on Corporation Land, BLM, State land. Warming cause trees going north and west up in elevation. Willows and birch growing and attracting moose and moos can't see. Thick trees also make it hard for hunters.

Members asked about fire destroying [caribou] lichen food?

Department noted that the Galena Mountain Herd is just transitional where they calve and come out. Has pictures 10 year old burns. Caribou eat the new grasses that come up soon after a burn and they don't take up residence where we want to burn.

Members noted that 15-20 caribou were spotted where you say you want to burn.

Department: we need to scientifically see what is killing. We would start burn down below and heat sucks uphill so not to go into flats where good firewood is. We burn alder, black spruce to thin out 15-16 square miles. 16x640 is about 10,000 square acres. Fish and Game and BLM at proposal stage for funding. HQ need to decide takes public involvement to legislature, politicians.

Members: if it helps increase population, this is good, as long as it is not destroying food and spreading of fire (burn becomes uncontrollable). Member noted that the proposed area won't spread fire.

Department: Late June fire vs cooler one that meanders uphill, fire experts looking into it.



Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals

January 17-20, 2020 | Nome, 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
12	Establish a minimum caliber ammunition to be used to harvest moose in Unit 18		
Support	6	0	Unlawful method of taking big game with a small caliber. AC feels that they should support. Member noted that a .243 is not large enough for a moose, as is a 22. It should be a .300. This is a problem. 270-300 is better and we want to support the idea. Member noted that they typically stay out of other's areas, unless the local AC/others talk to us. AC supports if it promotes a better hunting practice. Amendment discussed, but AC did not vote to support it.
13	Prohibit the sale of antlers from moose harvested in Unit 18		
Support	6	0	Say Unit 18 have same problem with antlers taken. Who sponsors the proposal? Mid [Lower] Yukon Fish & game.

Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 6-14, 2020 | Fairbanks, 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
65	Establish a new resident, general season for caribou in Unit 20F		
TNA			Department noted that the population been declining since 2011. Members asked why the herd was declining/who was taking the animals. Members noted that the WIRAC would take action on the proposal



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March 6-14, 2020 | Fairbanks, 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
68	Open a fall bear baiting season in Unit 21C		
Support	3	2	<p>A member not supportive of 21C baiting for brown bear; guide operating in the area bringing rotten meat into Ruby. Why increase the harvest power when the guide isn't showing good stewardship. Other member noted that no issue if it takes care of predators, it falls in line with other units (aligns them).</p> <p>Clarification on where brown bear baiting was legal; member noted that it is currently not common practice to do this around her.</p> <p>Concern about guide operating unethically, and that there was a public safety concern.</p> <p>Department note that this was discussed a year ago at the AC. That there was one situation that was blown up into a bigger deal. One member got good meat from the guide, and it was questionable about when the meat spoiled. Member stated that 3 people spoke with him; 2 out of the 3 people had to throw out meat within 48 hours of receiving it. Two other members noted same concerns and said that they would start documenting issues.</p> <p>Question about resident vs nonresident hunters</p> <p>Member noted they were unsupportive of this because it supports transporters</p> <p>Member noted that they don't see many brown bears around their camp</p> <p>Unsupportive of wanton waste</p>
69	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21C		
Support	3	2	See comments for 68
74	Establish a registration permit hunt for muskox in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D		
			<p>Department noted: these are cows, calves bulls. Musk Ox 5 different Musk Ox shot in Galena, and regularly seen in Nulato. Some guys see every year 21D side. These beg hunters consider season to take a few. During open season only. Need to specify hunt area. Registration or Tier permit. Board needs to determine</p>



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			needs in 21D esp when no historical pattern of harvesting musk ox. Board considers regional hunt Unit 23 is tier hunt and must meet tier qualifications. Members noted Feb-April only time
94	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D.		
Oppose	0	6	Member does not support
95	Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 19D East		
TNA			McGrath area had predatory problem for many years. Nov 2019 mtg with western interior & unit 19D requesting moose hunt. How did they all of sudden have enough moose to call for a hunt.
99	Change the Tier II moose permit hunt (TM680) in Unit 19A to a household permit		
TNA			Used as an example of why we don't vote without knowing all about a proposal
141	Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
Support	6	0	Member suggested the AC vote no on all 3 Motion passes, none opposed, support 141-143 Minto Area
142	Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
Support	6	0	Member suggested the AC vote no on all 3 Motion passes, none opposed, support 141-143 Minto Area
143	Eliminate all antlerless moose drawing hunts in Unit 20B except for the Minto Flats Management Area		
Support	6	0	Member suggested the AC vote no on all 3 Motion passes, none opposed, support 141-143 Minto Area

WP20-36 & 37

Department noted 20-37 is a season to align with winter hunt; 15 days in December.



20-36 was to align refuge season in March

AC voted to have state Dec hunt and AC voted to support prop 59

Jeremy Havener (FWS) noted that the last regional advisory council meeting put state proposal in and then put in federal proposal. The RAC then retracted the federal proposal, so only the state one is in play.

Trying to clarify 21D winter hunt. Folks not want federal so the RAC retracted. Another federal part to include registration permit in 21D. We want to make sure we are in line with the state. Member asked FWS McGrath meeting Loudon proposal to control predators. Taking of predators (management plan). FWS noted that a letter came out in Galena but no formal proposal. To secure food. Member noted that they need to see views of Middle Yukon tomorrow before we decide. Not going to meet until February for the federal.

Members asked Middle Yukon Representative Arnold Demoski if there were any pressing issues concerning their proposal. Arnold noted that he was just calling to come together and work together; we just started to write our common AC interests. A member noted it was good to listen in so we know better how to vote other proposals. Arnold noted that it could take a while to get comfortable but look forward to future discussions.

Members asked Jeremy/FWS if they could come back in Feb or March to discuss the conditions of the November hunt. Jeremy/FWS said he would ask.

Member noted that there is a need to discuss numbers being low

Jeremy/FWS noted that low density population/ Adult moose decline. FWS keep eye no exact numbers. We can put something more specific together. Numbers in corridor & 20-30 miles from where we fly.

Salatna concerns moose migrating. We did not see evidence. Want to get more specifics later

- I. No representative chosen to attend the BOG meeting; we will let the minutes speak for us
- II. Set next meeting date: TBD

Adjourn @ 7:35 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Yvonne Adams
Minutes Approved By: Ed Sarten
Date: _____



From: [Pilcher, Nissa R B \(DFG\)](#)
To: [Pilcher, Nissa R B \(DFG\)](#)
Subject: FW: typo in prior email
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 4:07:18 PM

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Pilcher, Nissa R B (DFG) <nissa.pilcher@alaska.gov>; ed sarten
Subject: typo in prior email

Dear Nissa and Ed, Thanks for both of your time in listening to my concerns over the votes for the Ruby. Ruby AC met on November 6, 2019 and discussed and took action on most of the Ruby area proposals. According to my recollection and the draft Nov. 6 meeting minutes this is a summary of the votes on the following Board of Game proposals:

Proposal 68 - all opposed

Proposal 69 - all opposed

Proposal 75 - all support

Proposal 76 - all support

A second meeting was called on January January 13, 2020. Chairman Sarten wanted to discuss some Minto proposals, Glen Stout from ADFG gave a presentation on the Wolf Mountain Caribou Herd. The Ruby AC discussed the Wolf Mountain herd and the reason for Proposal 76. I do not know if a motion was made to reconsider or vote on Proposal 76. My recollection was the Ruby AC was comfortable with the research being done on the Wolf Mountain habitat and the effects of shrubification/forestation on the migration of the WM Herd. Which was in line with Nov. 6 vote.

At some point one of the ADFG biologist brought up that the Ruby AC (RAC) should consider Proposal 68. ADFG presented some bear harvest information. The Ruby AC discussed the proposal. Some RAC members thought the proposal had predator control benefit. Myself and another RAC member were concerned that it would increase commercial hunting/harvest and that the community was already suffering from commercially harvested meat that was rotten being brought into Ruby. Much of the rotten meat would end up in the community dump. This attracts bears and creates a public safety problem for the community. Chairman Sarten offered for the RAC to take no action because of the differing opinions. I stated that the RAC should take action because the Proposal 68 is directly across the river from our community. I was on teleconference and did not have the minutes from our Nov. 6 meeting. If I had a copy of those minutes I would have reviewed those minutes and seen that the RAC had already unanimously opposed this Proposal 68. With that information I would have agreed with Chairman Sarten that the RAC should take no further action in our January



meeting. I made a Motion to Support Proposal 68, it was seconded, and voted on. The Proposal 68 should have been brought up as a Motion to Reconsider. Since there was no discussion that there was prior action taken on this Proposal 68 and that missing information, if available, would have changed the behavior and actions taken by the RAC, I am asking for January 13, 2020 vote on Board of Game Proposal 68 be stricken from the record. This would allow the Nov. 6, 2019 vote on Proposal 68 to unanimously oppose be the official action taken by the Ruby AC.

Nissa asked that I write this as an email and if agreed upon by Chairman Sarten that January 13 vote on Proposal 68 may be able to be stricken from the record.

Sincerely, Tim Gervais



**Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of November 15th, 2019
Seldovia Multi-Purpose Room**

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

Seldovia Advisory Committee Meeting November 15, 2019			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG, BOF or JB	Proposa I Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	162	Reauthorization of the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B	
Support	6	0	The committee chose to unanimously support the reauthorization of the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B.
BOG	163	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C.	
Support	6	0	The board has historically supported the department in this proposal, and chooses to do so again this year.



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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	91	Reduce that bag limit for Grouse in a portion of Unit 20D	
Support	6	0	The committee supported bag reduction limits in Units 7 and 15 in the past and with the new interest in harvesting grouse this was unanimously supported.
BOF	18	Extend the subsistence salmon fishery in Seldovia Bay through June 30	
Oppose	0	5	With some concern over subsistence salmon being introduced into commercial fish tickets the Committee chose to oppose this proposal. The Chair had to recuse himself from these votes as he was part of the team who wrote the proposal.
BOF	19	Extend the boundary in Seldovia Bay where salmon are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence	
Oppose	0	5	Due to some foul up in language in the proposal in the book and what the proposers intended the Committee couldn't support this proposal. The Chair had to recuse himself from these votes as he was part of the team who wrote the proposal.
BOF	20	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes with 300 feet of in the Cook Inlet area	
Oppose	0	5	Committee thought that maybe there should be more people involved in the fishery before a proposal of reducing the distance be proposed. Committee was also curious about distances of nets in other areas. Glenn Hollowell gave examples of areas where the net distances were 300 feet or less. This would not be a unique situation for Seldovia alone. The Chair had to recuse himself from these votes as he was part of the team who wrote the proposal.
BOF	140	Allow a dual permit vessel to have 200 fathoms of gear onboard while in Chinitna Bay subdistrict, but fish with no more than 150 fathoms of gear in the subdistrict at any time	
Oppose	0	6	Committee thought that there would be too much temptation to have that extra shackle of gear on board and use it. Committee



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			thought that fishermen could leave that extra shackle on the dock or on a tender that might be in the area.
BOF	141	Allow a vessel to carry more than a legal complement of gillnet gear in the Cook Inlet area	
Oppose	0	6	Committee felt that allowing vessels to carry more than their legal complement would be too tempting to fish that extra gear. Committee thought that extra gear should be left on the dock or on a tender.
BOF	150	Require retention of sockeye salmon caught in the Kenai River	
Support	6	0	Committee feels there is a high mortality rate with catch and release and that people should keep what they catch and go home with that catch and not stay fishing all day doing catch and release.

Next meeting December 14.

Adjournment: 1930

Minutes Recorded By: Stephen Payton

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee
MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Agenda

December 4, 2019 – 12:45

Unalakleet Native Corporation Building (NSED Office) – Unalakleet, Alaska

Vacant-Chair, Vacant-Vice Chair, Jacob Ivanoff-Secretary,
Wes Jones-Member; Frank Katchatag-Member
Morris Nassuk-Koyuk; Matilda Hardy-Shaktoolik
Alexander Niksik Jr.-St. Michael; Leo Kobuk-St. Michael
Peter Martin-Stebbins

1. Call to Order Jacob called meeting to order at 12:47 pm.
2. Roll Call – 5 to make quorum
Present Jacob Ivanoff, Frank Katchatag, Morris Nassuk, Matilda Hardy, Peter Martin, Leo Kobuk
 - a. Excused – Wes Jones,
 - b. Unexcused – Alexander Niksik Jr.
3. Introduction of AC members and guests present including teleconference attendees

AC member present: Jacob Ivanoff, Frank Katchatag, Matilda Hardy, Morris Nassuk, Leo Kobuk, Peter Martin. Guest present Gary Eckenweiler, Clarence Towarak, Renae Ivanoff. ADFG staff present Bill Dunker, Sara Germain, Hazel Smith

4. Approval of Agenda

Matilda made motion to approve agenda, Morris seconded motion approved

5. Elections to seat AC members
 - a. Six seats open
Frank made a motion to have four seats for Unalakleet and two seats for the other communities. Morris seconded motion. Motion approved. Wes and Jacob submitted letters of interest, Gary and Renae agreed to sit on the committee. Four seats are filled

6. Officer Elections

- a. Chair/Secretary

Morris made motion to nominate Jacob as Chair, seconded by Matilda. Motion passed

- b. Vice Chair

Jacob nominated Morris seconded by Matilda, motion passed.

- c. Secretary – No interest, Jacob agreed to remain secretary

7. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – **03/08/2019**

Matilda made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Gary

8. Wildlife Management – Bill Dunker, Area Biologist

Bill gave an update on staff work.

9. New business – Board of Game – **Comment deadline, January 3, 2020**



Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals

January 17-20, 2020 | Nome, AK

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1	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose or caribou under intensive management in the Western Arctic/Western Region until harvest or population objectives are met		
Support	6	0	Morris motioned to support seconded by Renae. If any intensive management is needed in the future it will be wise to be ahead of the situation.
2	Establish intensive management programs for bear across the Western Arctic/Western Region		
No Action	6	0	
3	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	6	0	Morris motion to support, seconded by Peter
30	Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit in Unit 22		
Support	7	0	Morris motion to support seconded by Gary. Also for individuals that cannot hunt be able to get the animal meat for the year.
31	Establish a registration permit hunt for muskox in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D		
Support as Amended	7	0	Morris motioned to support as amended by NNSAC, seconded by Gary. Being able to hunt the growing population of muskox in the region will help family diversify their meat for the year with caribou migration not coming as far south.
32	Allow caribou to be taken east of and including the Nuluk River drainage in Unit 22E		
No Action			
33	Modify hunting seasons and require a registration permit for moose hunting in Unit 22D Remainder		
No Action			
34	Open a nonresident drawing hunt for moose in Unit 22D Remainder		
No Action			
35	Change the availability of Unit 22 registration permits for moose hunting with an option to require a registration permit for the Unit 22D Remainder hunt		
Support	7	0	Morris motioned to support option 2, seconded by Matilda. Option 2 has no effect on RM 841 and Unalakleet does not want the method of obtaining a permit to change.
36	Change the availability of Unit 22 registration permits for moose hunting		
Oppose	0	6	Matilda motioned to support Peter seconded. Motion failed.
37	Close the nonresident moose hunt in Unit 22C		
No Action			



38	Modify the hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
Support as amended	7	0	Morris motioned to support as amended with boundary line change, seconded by Peter. Changing the boundary line allows the residents of Shaktoolik to hunt near the headwaters of the Tagoominick River without having an influence of the RM841 hunt. Moving the line to Anuqhatuulii creek south is more accurate with the traditional hunting area for the residents of Unalakleet.
39	Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22D and 22E, and increase the resident bag limit		
No Action			
40	Require a registration permit for brown bear hunting in Unit 22C		
No Action			
41	Extend the season dates for brown bear hunting in Unit 22B and 22C		
Support	6	0	Morris motioned to support, seconded by Peter. Motion passed. Morris would like to be able to have more bears harvested with a growing population along the Koyuk River drainage.
42	Unlawful methods of taking game; exceptions		
Oppose	0	6	Matilda motioned to support, seconded by Morris. Motion failed
43	Address customary and traditional use findings for Alaska hares in Unit 22, and modify the season and bag limit		
Support	6	0	Morris motioned to support, seconded by Matilda. Jacob asked Clarence to address his concerns to this since he has had many years of experience hunting and trapping. Clarence stated that he does not see the populations he has seen in the past around Granite Mountain. He expressed concern that the Alaska hare population may be moving north with climate change occurring.
167-168	The Board of Game does not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposals 167-168 regulating guide activities and issuing permits to agencies for collaring animals. They are included in the book for review and discussion by the board. Advisory committees may choose to provide comments on these proposals for the board's consideration.		
No Action			

Gary Eckenweiler was present for proposal 30 to 38

10. New business – Board of Fish – **Comment deadline, February 21, 2020**

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide King & Tanner Crab Proposals March 7-11, 2020 Anchorage, Alaska			
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Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide King & Tanner Crab Proposals

March 7-11, 2020 | Anchorage, Alaska

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273	Amend the season dates for king crab in the Northern District Norton Sound Section (Northern Norton Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	6	0	Morris motioned to support, seconded by Peter. With climate change, winter crab fishery may no longer exist and the crab mortality is not good for the population
274	Limit the number of pot tags per permit per season in the Norton Sound Section commercial king crab fishery (Northern Norton Sound Fish and Game Advisory Committee)		
Support	6	0	Morris motioned to support, seconded by Matilda. With not allowing fisherman continually getting tags during the winter fishery it reduces the amount of pots lost.
275	Allow a person or vessel to participate in the Norton Sound red king crab fishery after operating commercial Pacific cod pots in the Norton Sound Section within 14 days prior to the opening of the Norton Sound red king crab fishery (Wes Jones)		
Support	6	0	Morris motioned to support, seconded by Peter. While we understand that fish and game may not be comfortable with allowing other types of pot fishing right up to the opening of the red king crab fishery, there appears to be the ability to compromise between the proposal and the current regulation. The number one reason for this proposal it to allow more fishing opportunities of our local fisherman.
276	Allow a person or vessel to operate commercial Pacific cod pots in the Norton Sound Section within 14 days of the closure of the Norton Sound red king crab fishery after participating in the Norton Sound red king crab fishery (Wes Jones)		
Support	6	0	Matilda motioned to support, seconded by Renae. While we understand that fish and game may not be comfortable with allowing other types of pot fishing right after the closure of the red king crab fishery, there appears to be the ability to compromise between the proposal and the current regulation. The number one reason for this proposal it to allow more fishing opportunities of our local fisherman.

11. Boards Support Report

12. Guests/Public comments



Clarence Towarak said that he was very happy that the advisory committee was active and alive. He appreciates all members that serve on the committee and he used to serve on the committee and was one of the members to help create the moratorium of the moose hunt on the Unalakleet river.

13. Advisory Committee member comments

Morris thanks everyone for all the work they had done for our region.

14. Board of Fish, Board of Game, Joint Board Meeting Schedule

- November 1, 2019 Board of Game – Agenda Change Request deadline
- November 15, 2019 Boards Support – travel requests to board meetings
- January 3, 2020 Board of Game – Arctic/Western Region comment deadline
- January 16, 2020 Board of Game – Arctic/Western Region Work Session
- January 17-20, 2020 Board of Game – Arctic/Western Region meeting
- February 21, 2020 Board of Game – Interior/Eastern Arctic Region comment deadline
- February 21, 2020 Board of Fish – Statewide Tanner/King Crab comment deadline
- March 6-14, 2020 Board of Game – Interior/Eastern Arctic Region meeting
- March 7-11, 2020 Board of Fish – Statewide finfish & supplemental issues Anchorage, AK

15. Select representatives to attend Board of Game and Board of Fish meetings as appropriate.

16. Set next meeting date

17. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 15:56



Minutes

Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee (SHAC) Meeting/Teleconference Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019 / 2:00P.M.

Wildlife Safeguard – 800 478-3377

If meeting attendees want to report a game violation, they should call this number.

SHAC meets to discuss ways and means, habitat and other biological data for hunters and fishers to harvest wild animals.

Call to Order by SHAC Chairman, Doug Carney at 2 P.M.

Roll Call / Quorum established

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

Others Attending -

Josh Peirce - Area Biologist / Jon Barton - assistant area biologist / Nissa Pilcher – Boards Support

SHAC Members' Concerns

- Any agenda additions to Other Business for this meeting? **None**
- Any proposals to discuss besides the ones listed? **None**
- Anything for future meetings? **Nothing**

Approval of Agenda –

Chair - If any committee members have proposals to discuss, other than those listed below, say so now and we'll add them.

I emailed several documents to SHAC members, including a list of the proposals we will be considering. They are –

Western – Region 5 BOG meeting / Jan.17-20 / comment deadline Jan.3 – Proposals 1-3

Interior / Region 3 BOG Meeting / March 6-14 / comment deadline Feb.21

- Regionwide & Multiple Units – Proposals 44-56
- McGrath Area Proposals / GMUs 19, 21A & 21E – Proposals 95-119

BOF Statewide Meeting / March 7-11 / comment deadline Feb.21/ Proposal 280

Reading & Approval of Minutes – The Chair read the minutes from the Dec.7, 2018 SHAC meeting, & the committee approved them.

Updates by Chair –

- RM 682 Hunt At the March, 2019 BOG meeting, Proposal 127 carried as amended and created the RM682 hunt in GMU 19A. All SHAC recommendations became hunt conditions. I emailed committee members the hunt results, and a table from the Nov, 2019 composition count results. Josh will talk more about these later.



- TKC waivers for aerial pred. control - A resolution was passed by The Kuskokwim Corporation (TKC) Board of Directors, to allow aerial predator control on TKC lands. The liability waivers were recently sent to ADF&G for predator hunt permittees to sign. There has been a predator control program in GMU 19A since 2004, so that's 15 years without the use of these permits to kill wolves. So this is a very big deal for 19A, and makes things less confusing for the aerial hunters. CKAC has Proposal 105, asking for a predator control program. Josh will speak more on this.
- Joint Boards Meeting - Proposal 3 was made by the CKAC chair, to add 2 undesignated seats to the committee, which CARRIED.
SHAC Proposal 4 was to move the committee out from under ADF&G Western Boards Support to Interior Region Boards Support, which CARRIED.
Proposal 5, by the Georgetown Tribal Council was to add 2 seats to SHAC. They had been given incorrect information by an ADF&G employee, who was confused about how state committees and federal RACS operate. Georgetown traditional Council pulled their proposal before the Joint Boards meeting took place.
Proposal 12 was to remake a regulation that requires members of ACs to reside within the committee's geographical area. SHAC supported this, but it FAILED.

Barb will give fisheries information and speak about BOF Proposal 280 later in the meeting.

Josh Peirce, Area Biologist –

Josh had emailed a pdf of a slide presentation to members.

- RM682 –30 permits-19 hunted-8 moose taken - 42% success rate. 6 on Holitna & 2 on Stony
- Went over 19A map of hunt areas
- Discussed results of 2017 GSPF survey – another one due in 2020. Spoke of 19A ANS & the harvestable surpluses in TM680(165), RM682(77), LVMA(10), and in the Bear Control Focus Area(29). Total for 19A is 6300 moose -.6 per square mile
- Nov. 2019 moose composition count –21calves-100 cows/40 bulls-100cows –bears & wolves
- Feb.24-27, 2018 aerial wolf survey - showed 60 wolves – close to pre-control levels. Wolf take was very good in 2004-05, and #s stayed low till recent years.
- May 28-31, 2018 twinning survey
- Map showing 40hp CUA
- Board findings on proposal 127 / RM682 hunt conditions

Doug Carney, Chair –

SHAC Proposal for 2021 Statewide BOG meeting / Proposal deadline - May 1, 2020

This split would be roughly where the 2 different hunts are defined on the map. Also discussed was making 19B part of 19A, and splitting the 2 by drainages, with the Aniak Drainage being included in 19A west, and the Stony & Holitna drainages being included in eastern 19A.

We discussed this proposal at the Sept, 2017 SHAC meeting.

Some of the main reasons for a split are that -

- there are 2 separate identified moose stocks that are, and have been managed separately.
- there are 2 separate harvestable surplus numbers
- there are 2 separate hunts
- there are different use patterns
- there is much different topography
- there are major land ownership differences - state, federal & private

A vote was taken at the Sept. 2017 meeting, allowing the chair to write and turn in a proposal to split GMU 19A into 2 separate subunits. It was written but not turned in, because that sort of issue is addressed at statewide BOG meetings, and the next one is in 2021. Does anyone want to discuss this proposal



further? Let's take another vote/ moved & seconded / unanimous in favor. OK - There is a May 1, 2020 deadline to get the proposal put in, so I'll do that.

SHAC comments on BOG Proposals –

The effects of proposals 2 & 46 were discussed – the committee supports both.
Proposals 44, 117 & 118 were discussed – agreement that C & T findings were not needed and already exist for small game. Also mentioned were long term effects in relation to possible future federal actions. There was much discussion centered on proposals 97, 98, 99 - Also on proposals 100, 101, and 103. If 105/predator control passes, it should be a separate program from the one that already exists in 19A. Amended 115 to say, “prior to Oct.1”
Some proposals didn't require much discussion, since SHAC was supporting the actions of other ACs. Some discussion is included on the comment forms.

Barb Carlson, Vice Chair / Fisheries Update

SHAC's Dipnet Proposal 107 passed – they can be used anytime.
Barb gave a talk on what the present regulations do and how they work.
The earlier Kings go to the headwaters, and there are now more getting there to spawn.
Reds are doing very well, and Kings are improving as well. Chums and dogs are not doing that well, but are OK.

Proposal 280 / BOF Statewide Meeting / March 7-11 / comment deadline Feb.21

This is the only proposal that affects our AC and it was submitted as an ACR, so it's not in the proposal book. This proposal would change the early net closure that is currently in regulation. It would allow 6" mesh openings with no bank orientation to occur during the closure.

Currently, only 4" or smaller mesh is allowed with the outer end of the net being within 100' of the high water mark.

Discussion mentioned that this proposal could easily lead to the catching of kings on their way to the headwaters, which is what this regulation was put into effect to prevent.

Present regulation already allows for an adjustable start date to the closure. Only the end date of June 11 is firm. The open start date is already built-in to allow for fishing longer before the closure starts, if King numbers indicate that the early run of upriver Kings can hold up to more fishing.

SHAC voted unanimously to oppose 280.

A motion was made, seconded & approved to appoint Barb to go to the BOF meeting.



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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
44	Establish customary and traditional use findings for migratory birds and waterfowl in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25, and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunities		
OPPOSE	0	5	C & T findings are not needed.
45	Prohibit the use of moose, caribou and reindeer urine as scent lures in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
SUPPORT	5	0	There is no reason to take a chance of this disease taking hold or spreading in Alaska.
46	Establish intensive management programs for bear across the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
SUPPORT	5	0	Increase bag limits, allow snaring & baiting, get rid of tag fees or tag requirement altogether. These activities allow locals to take part in predator control. Aerial ADF&G bear removal programs are generally done by state personnel, and are done in more crucial, focused areas due to the huge expense of those programs.
47	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region until harvest or population objectives are met		
OPPOSE	0	5	Population & harvest objectives not being met does not mean there are not enough animals to justify a general hunt. This would cut out incidental predator control done by non-residents. It also cuts out any revenue the state would receive from license & tag fees – revenue used by ADF&G to fund wildlife conservation programs.
48	Extend the season for taking wolves in Units 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
SUPPORT	5	0	Opening the season on Aug 1 adds only 9 extra days to cover the start of sheep season, so hunters could also take wolves – This is a cost effective form of predator control
49	For the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region, allow the use of crossbows in archery only hunt areas for hunters possessing permanent identification cards		



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NA			
50	Establish registration archery only hunts for bull moose in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Units that have general moose seasons		
NA			
51	Remove the bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for nonresidents over the age of 60 hunting in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
OPPOSE	0	5	This would be an unnecessary regulation that would confuse things even more than they are now, and accomplish little.
52	Change the nonresident general season sheep hunts in Units 20 Remainder and 19C to drawing permit hunts		
SUPPORT as amended	5	0	Amend the number of permits to 80. No action taken in regard to GMU 20
53	Establish an archery only registration permit hunt for Dall sheep in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
NA			
54	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT	5	0	This increases local resident take & is a cheap form of predator control
55	Allow the use of dogs for hunting for lynx in Units 12 and 20		
NA			
56	Establish minimum distance requirements for trapping around dwellings in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
OPPOSE	0	5	This may be OK near villages and cities, and is for local govts to regulate or not. <u>It should certainly not be applied region-wide.</u> We are certain trappers don't like catching dogs and cats. Maybe these people should pursue getting a local leash law passed, or simply leash or chain their own animals.
95	Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 19D East		
SUPPORT	5	0	There are plenty of animals and habitat is at risk
96	Reauthorize the Unit 19D-East predation control program		
SUPPORT	5	0	This is needed as an ongoing program



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97	Change the Tier II permit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt		
OPPOSE	0	5	<p><u>Some comments for 97,98, & 99 apply to all 3 of these proposals. SHAC opposes 97 & 98 as written. Any sort of registration hunt would need some restrictions & should have permits available in GMU 19A, and within the hunt area – just as it is done in GMU 18.</u></p> <p><u>An unconditional hunt with an unlimited # of permits should NOT happen. This would be repeating the 19A RM640 hunt disaster of 2004 & 2005.</u></p> <p>Some conditions are needed to protect this herd and allow it to grow</p> <p>SHAC believes conditions should include, but not be limited to, 1) A registration hunt with up to 300 permits, 2) Permits available within the hunt area. 3) A person won't qualify to receive a permit, if they have a permit to hunt moose anywhere in the Kuskokwim Drainage, 4) Only one permit per household, 5) Hunt reports turned in within 15 days of hunt closure.</p> <p>This comment also applies to Proposal 98.</p>
98	Change the Tier II permit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt		
OPPOSE	0	5	Comments as shown above for Proposal 97, also apply for Proposal 98.
99	Change the Tier II moose permit hunt (TM680) in Unit 19A to a household permit		
SUPPORT as amended	5	0	<p>SHAC supports this because this is what the local AC, (CKAC), has proposed, and the people of those villages in western 19A support it as well.</p> <p>If BOG decides to keep the Tier II hunt in place – then it's settled. <u>Most importantly - the resource will not suffer.</u> But with the harvestable surplus above the ANS, SHAC doubts that will happen. (In regard to the household portion of the proposal, the language in the proposal must be referring to the Tier I community hunt in GMU 13.)</p> <p>IF Proposal 99 is <u>not</u> approved by BOG, then a registration hunt makes sense - but not an unlimited one as proposed in 97 & 98.</p> <p><u>An unconditional hunt with an unlimited # of permits should NOT happen. This would be repeating the 19A RM640 hunt disaster of 2004 & 2005.</u></p> <p>Some conditions are needed to protect this herd and allow it to grow. The same conditions recommended in SHAC comments for Proposal 97 would be a good start, and are listed again below.</p> <p>SHAC believes conditions should include, and possibly not be limited to-</p>



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			1) A registration hunt with up to 300 permits, 2) Permits available within the hunt area. 3) A person won't qualify to receive a permit, if they have a permit to hunt moose anywhere in the Kuskokwim Drainage, 4) Only one permit per household, 5) Hunt reports turned in within 15 days of hunt closure.
100	Extend the resident season dates for hunting moose in Unit 19A Remainder		
OPPOSE	0	5	For proposals 100, 101,& 103 refer to AC # Extending the hunt into rut would increase hunter take. <u>All the reasons for these restrictions still exist.</u> Apparently the author doesn't understand that there is a low density moose population, that can't support the sort of hunt he wants. The RM 682 hunt, with its conditions, started in Fall, 2019. The 3 GMU 19 ACs and people in 19A support the hunt conditions in the new regs, <u>as did the author's local AC - the Bethel AC.</u> BOG approved the hunt in 2019 as amended by SHAC. This hunt was supported as an "Experimental hunt" by SHAC - <u>ONLY</u> if these important protective amendments/ conditions were included. BOG was aware of, and recognized their importance, as the BOG meeting summary and findings on 127 state. Proxies were kept out because they must be for <u>"any bull."</u> SHAC wanted the hunt to be restricted to <u>"any antlered bull."</u>
101	Remove the horsepower restriction in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A		
OPPOSE	0	5	Refer to ACs <u>None of the conditions that led to this CUA's formation have changed.</u> Documents provided at this meeting to BOG demonstrate what a beneficial action this has been, with better hunter success for all hunters, as well as <u>addressing boat safety concerns and protecting salmon spawning beds.</u>
102	Shift the season dates for the Tier II moose permit hunt in Unit 19A		
OPPOSE	0	5	This proposal would extend the hunt into rut and later, causing problems. Hunter success would increase, and possible overharvest could occur. Possible actions - ADF&G might be forced to decrease the number of permits issued, and/or have an Emergency closure.
103	Establish a Tier II permit for moose hunting in Unit 19A Remainder		
OPPOSE	0	5	SHAC and BOG support a closure rather than a Tier II hunt. They chose/choose to have any harvestable surplus used for recruitment as opposed to having a Tier II hunt.



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			<p>When the closure option was brought to BOG in 2006, it was supported by resolutions from all 4 Traditional Councils within the hunt area.</p> <p>Residents of eastern 19A don't have comparatively near options with good moose populations, as exist in GMU 18.</p> <p>It's hard to understand the importance 19A has for subsistence users of GMU 18, when the distances involved are so great.</p> <p>The area needs very little hunting pressure, if any at all.</p> <p>SHAC supported this hunt as an "Experimental Hunt", and listed the conditions that are important & crucial to the success of the hunt.</p> <p>Returning to a closure is an important condition which SHAC included in its amended support of proposal 127 at both the 2018 and the 2019 BOG meetings. The GMU 19 ACs – McGrath, CKAC, & SHAC as well as the Bethel AC, supported SHAC's proposal with these conditions. BOG agreed in its 'Findings' that if/when necessary, the RM682 hunt will return to a closure rather than going into a Tier II hunt.</p>
104	Reauthorize the Unit 19A predation control program		
SUPPORT as Amended	5	0	<u>Amend to include the area referenced in Proposal 106 on the Stony River -The Lime Village Management Area (LVMA).</u>
105	Authorize predator control for wolf and bear in Unit 19A		
SUPPORT as Amended	5	0	<p>This proposal makes no sense as it is written. It is as if there is not already a pred. control program in place in 19A. The existing program was originally approved for all of 19A & 19B in 2004 – 15 years ago. It was never applied in 19B, <u>but was in effect i ALL of 19A from 2004-2009.</u></p> <p>The old CKAC, (in 2002-2004), supported pred. control and SHAC has as well, ever since it was created in 2007. Feds & TKC have prevented pred. control on their lands, which are large parts of 19A, ever since it was approved.</p> <p>In 2009 the aerial wolf program was altered & focused in parts of 19A where land ownership is not as confusing, including large areas of state land, which allows effective aerial wolf control.</p> <p><u>Just last summer, the Kuskokwim Corporation Board voted to allow aerial pred. control on its lands. If BOG approves a program, SHAC believes it would be best to separate this new program from the existing one in 19A.</u></p> <p>Some main reasons are, the existing program in 19A East, which has been operational for 15 years, has a different moose stock than 19A West, And</p>



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			different topography & use patterns. Also, in 19A East, the data collected over these years from moose & wolf surveys, and the bear control program, contributes to the successes experienced there. Adding 19A West, with large areas of federal land, and difficult topography could affect the success of pred. control there. SHAC does not want to see the existing program in 19A East affected negatively in any way.
106	Expand the predation control area for bear in Unit 19A		
SUPPORT	5	0	Bear predator control in the LVMA will be important for the increase of moose calf survival. It will also help with the issues listed in the proposal itself.
107	Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT	5	0	There are plenty of animals available, and habitat is at risk.
108	Require trophy destruction of moose antlers taken from Unit 21E under RM836 permits, and establish check stations		
NA			The way this is worded, this proposal would negatively affect local hunters, rather than limiting non-res hunters, which is probably not what the author intended.
109	Replace the moose general season hunts for residents and nonresidents in Unit 21A with registration permit hunts		
SUPPORT	5	0	Harvest reporting has been poor – with registration hunts it will improve.
110	Allow proxy hunting for moose in Unit 19D		
SUPPORT	5	0	This is the local AC preference
111	Allow proxy hunting for moose in Unit 21A and 21E		
SUPPORT	5	0	This is the local AC preference
112	Open a registration permit hunt for moose in a portion of Unit 19C and eliminate the general season hunt		
SUPPORT	5	0	Harvest reporting has been poor – with registration hunts it will improve.
113	Require hunter orientation for nonresident moose hunters in Unit 21A and 21E		
SUPPORT	5	0	This is a regulation in GMU 19B, and has caused no undue hardship.
114	Establish a winter registration hunt for antlerless caribou in Units 19D and 21A and remove the winter harvest ticket hunt in Unit 19D Remainder		



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SUPPORT	5	0	There are plenty of animals available.
115	Require meat to be left on the bone for caribou, moose and bison in Units 19, 21A, and 21E		
SUPPORT as Amended	5	0	<u>Amend with the words - "prior to Oct.1"</u>
116	Adopt a Board of Game finding for the Unit 19A Portage Mountain Muskoxen Herd Strategy		
NA			This does not appear to be a proposal. Whatever it is – it's premature. GASH has discussed the possibility that Wood Bison hunt plans in 21E could include a limited registration hunt for locals & a drawing hunt for the general population. That might be a possible plan for muskox as well. SHAC would also like to see the same thing for the established bison herds in the state.
117	Determine a customary and traditional use finding for grouse in Unit 19 and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence take		
OPPOSE	0	5	C & T findings are not needed.
118	Determine a customary and traditional use finding for ptarmigan in Unit 19 and modify regulations for provide reasonable opportunity for subsistence take		
OPPOSE	0	5	C & T findings are not needed.
119	Extend the lynx trapping season in Units 19C, 19D, and 21A		
SUPPORT	5	0	Why not?

Adjournment: Dec.17, 2019 @ 4:20pm

Minutes Recorded By: Barb Carlson & Nissa Pilcher

Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney

Date: December 20, 2019



Background & History of Holitna-Hoholitna /40hp CUA

In the years since the CUA was formed, (1992), there have been many proposals originating in GMU 18 to get rid of it. In 1994 there were Proposals 111-121, in 1996 Proposals 118-121, in 2004 Proposals 236 & 238, 2008 Proposal 87, and 2017 Proposal 80. Now in 2020, there is Proposal 101 to get rid of the 40 HP CUA.

Nothing much has changed, except for the moose herd populations, which have decreased in 19A & increased in GMU18.

Due to the habitat on & between the two rivers, the Holitna drainage had a remarkable concentration of moose. That changed due to the ban on aerial predator control from the late 80s till 2004.

During the 90s, the Mulchatna caribou herd migration route changed, and for several years the migration turned north at the headwaters of the Holitna, and followed the valley. This also brought in wolves that accompanied the migration, some of which stayed in the Holitna.

The ban, along with the continuing access of many boat accessed hunters, finally took its toll, and the effect was visible by the late 90s.

Prior to 1992, there had been 4 proposals for horsepower limit regulation in the Holitna Drainage

Chronology of events

1986 Subsistence Act/AS 16.05.258 becomes law. Protecting users who rely economically on subsistence resources for basic necessities was a primary purpose of the 1986 Act, (McDowell Decision)

Nov. 21, 1990 – The Native Village of Sleetmute files suit against Alaska Commissioner of Fish & Game Don Collinsworth.

This suit was actually filed at the instigation of the Bethel-based Alaska Village Council Presidents, (AVCP), by one of its employees, who had lived in Bethel most of his life, but was still enrolled in the federally recognized tribe of “The Native Village of Sleetmute.”

This suit blamed guided hunters for wanton waste, and creating an environment that affected / deprived local users of their ability to harvest subsistence moose. The suit claimed that commercial guiding interests were unfair competition for local hunters in moose hunting that they wasted meat, etc.

Nov.8, 1991 - Bethel Superior Court Judge Dale Curda made a “partial summary judgment” in favor of Sleetmute, saying that BOG failed to comply with state subsistence law, (AS 16.05.258), which gives priority to subsistence users over sport users. Curda remanded the issue to the Joint Boards, with the judgment saying, “the board’s action will become effective only after being submitted to & reviewed by this court.”



April 3, 1992 –At the Region 3 BOG Meeting, the board generated its own Proposal “D” - creating The Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area, (40 hp limit).This was in response to a number of proposals, and with Judge Curda’s ruling in mind.

There was much testimony, and what became evident to the board, is that the largest user group hunting moose in the Holitna drainage were boat-accessed GMU 18 hunters. The main problem for Sleetmute hunters was created not by airplane-accessed, guided hunters, but by GMU18 hunters with large boats & large outboards. **The BOG Summary of Findings from that meeting are very clear. See the attachment below**

Fall, 1992 – AVCP meeting in Sleetmute –after the fall hunting season, AVCP found that the people of Sleetmute, including the tribal govt., were unanimously in favor of & satisfied with the new 40hp CUA .

May 7, 1993 After reviewing BOG’s actions, Judge Curda made a final judgment on the case in favor of Sleetmute.

Fall, 1993 – The “Boat Owner’s Association” of Bethel, obtains a court injunction to throw out the 40hp ruling. The injunction was thrown out one week later.

Spring, 1994 - At the Region III BOG meeting, there were proposals 111-121 to get rid of the 40hp CUA. Harvest success records kept by ADF&G again showed that GMU 18 hunters were by far the main competition Sleetmute hunters had for fall moose hunting. ADF&G records also showed that success rates for GMU 18 hunters had increased in the 2 years since the 40hp limit became regulation.**(See Aug, 26,1994 Memo below).**

Summer, 1996 – “Boat Owner’s Association” files suit against state to get rid of the 40hp CUA, which the court throws out.

2002-2004, The Central Kuskokwim Moose Management Planning Committee, (CKMMPC), met. This committee was made up of members from advisory committees- Central Kuskokwim, Lower Kuskokwim, Anchorage, Mat-Su Valley, guides, transporters, Native organizations, & a conservation group.

2004 – **The completed CKMMP, listed the Holitna-Hoholitna CUA as one of the "Key Regulations"** that was in place before the planning project began, along with the Upper Holitna-Hoholitna Management Area, and the Non-resident Closed Areas in GMUs 19A & B, & a few others. The plan recommended & resulted in an aerial predator control program and BOG approving an unlimited Tier I registration hunt.



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**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS
UNIT 19 A & B MOOSE**

The Board of Game heard public testimony, staff reports, advisory committee reports, and discussed the issue of management of moose in Units 19A and 19B on April 1 and April 2, 1992. Based upon all the testimony and reports, both oral and written, the Board makes the following observations and conclusions:

Biological Findings:

1. The Board finds that the moose found in the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages in 19A and 19B are a moose "population." AS 16.05.940 (18). The boundary between 19A and 19B was drawn to reflect different use patterns of the population. The Unit 19A and 19B portions of this population have been subjected to discreet management.
2. The moose population within the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages in GMU 19A and 19B is of moderate density, increasing in size, and highly productive. Calf:cow ratios in the lower Holitna and Hoholitna rivers in the fall during the past 10 years have averaged about 50-60 calves per 100 cows. Calf:cow ratios in the upper Hoholitna drainage in Unit 19B over this time have averaged about 25 to 30 calves:100 cows.
3. Bull-cow ratios within the 19A portion declined from 60-70 bulls:100 cows to approximately 30 bulls:100 cows during the 1976-1990 period as a result of high hunting pressure. The current ratio remains biologically adequate for productivity and the population sex and age structure provides for high sustained harvests.
4. Bull-cow ratios within the 19B portion remain higher than 19A, reflecting lower hunting pressure.
5. An estimate of the annual moose harvest during the period 1985-1990 for the Holitna and Hoholitna drainage for all types of uses is approximately 300 bulls and 30 cows, which is well within sustained yield limits. Of this estimated harvest, an average of 40-50 bulls were harvested each year by non-residents during this period, with the remainder by Alaska residents.
6. In general, the harvest of moose in the 19A portions of the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages is predominately by hunters using boats, primarily residents of Units 18 and 19. The harvest of moose in the 19B portions of the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages is primarily by hunters using aircraft access. Wheel-equipped aircraft are used to access upland areas, and float-equipped aircraft are used to access Whitefish Lake and certain landing and takeoff points along the rivers, including the



confluence of the Holitna with the Kuskokwim, the confluence of the Hoholitna with the Holitna, and other locations downriver from the mouth of the South Fork.

Subsistence Use Patterns:

1. The Board of Game found in 1987 that there are subsistence uses of moose in Unit 19, including the Holitna and Hoholitna drainages described above.
2. There are at least three distinct subsistence use patterns for moose in the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages: a Lower Kuskokwim Use Pattern by hunters from Unit 18, a Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern by hunters from Unit 19, and a Floater/Drifter Use Pattern by Alaska residents supported by floatplanes. In the Lower Kuskokwim Use Pattern, hunters tend to access 19A and 19B by boats powered by outboard engines often in excess of 70 horsepower, which is part of the means and methods of harvest. In the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern, including Sleetmute residents, hunters tend to access the areas by boats with horsepower engines less than 70 horsepower. In the Floater/Drifter Use Pattern, hunters typically access the area by airplanes or transporters combined with float craft.
3. In addition, there is some non-Alaska resident guided hunting in 19A and 19B. Guided hunters typically access the area by airplane, and harvest is predominately large bulls. The number of moose taken by guided hunters in 19A is small; harvest information indicates 7 moose taken by guided hunters for all of Subunit 19A in 1991.
4. The success rate during the fall in 19A and 19B for hunters who are part of the Lower Kuskokwim Use Pattern is about 50%. The success rate during the fall in 19A and 19B for hunters who are part of the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern is in the 70% range. The success rate for hunters who are part of the Floater/Drifter Use Pattern is estimated to be about 50%, although there is no detailed information on this group.
5. Hunters from Sleetmute hunt as part of the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern. The Department estimated an annual subsistence harvest to be somewhat more than 1 moose per multiperson household during the 1980s. A high estimate of the traditional use level by Sleetmute residents for the 1980s was between 1 to 2 moose per multiperson household, or about 48 moose for the community; however, actual harvest levels fluctuate according to a number of factors including weather and competition from other hunters. The reported harvest during the September season was approximately 12 with an additional 7 taken in the November and February seasons during the 1982-83 season, or about .86 moose per multiperson household. There



probably also were moose taken outside the open moose hunting seasons, but there is no estimate of numbers for Sleetmute. Sleetmute residents have indicated increasing difficulties in hunting moose along the river corridor during the September season.

Moose Required for Subsistence Uses:

The Board concludes that there is not a Tier II situation for moose hunting in the Holitna and Hoholitna drainages, as there is a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses for the Lower Kuskokwim Use Pattern, the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern, and the Drifter/Floater Use Pattern. The number of harvested moose necessary to provide for subsistence uses of this moose population for all subsistence uses is within a range that may fluctuate from year to year, and is estimated to be about 300 in the period 1985-90. This is also a reasonable estimate for 1992 based on available information.

Subsistence Use Concerns:

There is evidence that the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern, particularly for Sleetmute, is being impacted by an increased number of hunters and increased noise and disturbance by hunters in the river corridor of the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages of 19A and 19B. Most of the increase is by Unit 18 residents who hunt as part of the Lower Kuskokwim Use Pattern. There also may be an increase in hunters who hunt as part of the Floater/Drifter Use Pattern based on reports of local hunters, although the Department has no firm estimate of trends in numbers for this user group. The board recieved testimony from local residents who perceived that the use of aircraft in Units 19 A and B contributed to disturbance of moose and competition from urban hunters. The board found that the disturbance exists primarily along the river corridor from boat traffic, and that the use of aircraft for access to this population for hunting is not a significant disturbance factor. The major impact on the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern has been that there are fewer bull moose available along the Holitna and Hoholitna river corridor. Hunters of the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern report having to spend more days afield and spend more money hunting in the fall to obtain moose. A shortfall of fall moose takes are made up to some extent by harvests in the November and February seasons.

Board-Regulatory Action:

The board adopted the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area (5 AAC 92.540 (e) (2)) at the Spring 1992 board meeting. The board finds that this regulation, combined with the moose hunting seasons for Unit 19 A and B, provide a reasonable opportunity to satisfy the subsistence uses of this moose population. The moose seasons for Units 19 A and B (outside the Lime Village Management area) are as follows:

Unit 19 A (except the Lime Village Management Area):



Resident hunters: Sept. 1 - Sept. 20; Nov. 20 - Nov. 30; Feb. 1 - Feb 10: 1 moose; however, antlerless moose may be taken only during the Nov. 20 - Nov. 30 and Feb. 1 - Feb. 10 seasons.

Nonresident hunters: Sept. 1 - Sept. 20: 1 bull with 50 inch antlers.

Unit 19 B:

Resident hunters: Sept. 1 - Sept. 25: 1 bull.

Nonresident hunters: Sept. 1 - Sept 25: 1 bull with 50 inch antlers.

The purpose of the controlled use area is to minimize disturbance along the Holitna - Hoholitna River corridor which has tended to displace moose, especially bull moose, making moose less accessible to subsistence users who rely on river access. The horsepower restriction is intended to limit noise disturbance while still allowing reasonable access by the method primarily used by subsistence users of this moose population. The board is also recommending that the department establish a check station at Whitefish Lake to further document the use pattern for Floater/Drifter hunters and better assess the extent of this use.

Based upon the best available information presented to it, the board believes that the regulations now established for moose hunting of this population will provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence users of this population to satisfy their subsistence needs.

Dated: April 3, 1992

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Richard Burley, Chairman
Board of Game



1994 Proposals – Repeal 40HP Controlled Use Area (CUA)

Included are –

- 1994 proposals 111, 112, 119, 120, & 121. (111-121 were very similar, & originated in GMU18)
- An August 26, 1994 memo from former McGrath Area Biologist Jack Whitman to Wildlife Conservation Director Chris Smith. It discusses the effectiveness & increased success rates of hunters, with the 40 HP in place its first 2 years.
- The ADF&G Wildlife Conservation comment on 1994 Region III BOG Proposal 119. This has virtually the same information as the memo listed above.
- The Board action FAILED Proposal 111 There was no board action needed or taken on Proposal 119 or the other proposals to repeal the 40hp CUA, due to action taken on Proposal 111.

PROPOSAL 111 - 5 AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS. Change the Upper Kuskokwim and Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area as follows:

Delete aircraft and outboard motor restrictions in these controlled use areas.

PROBLEM: Non-biologically justified restriction on access for hunting in the Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area and the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. These two areas have the highest moose density and healthiest populations in the state. The current access restrictions (aircraft and outboard motor restrictions) are racially and/or residency based and cannot withstand legal scrutiny.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? The board should manage the State's wildlife and not our human population.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? Persons who believe in equality and equal access.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? User groups who live inside the limited access areas.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED?

PROPOSED BY: Lynn Levensgood (HQ-94-G-92)

PROPOSAL 112 - 5 AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS. Change the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area as follows:

Erase the horsepower limitation on boat motors as there is no need for it.

PROBLEM: The limit of only 40 horse engines on the Holitna River during the fall hunting season.



PROPOSAL 119 - 5 AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS. Change the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area as follows:

That the motor horsepower limit be removed to accomodate the boat that is being driven on state navigable waters.

PROBLEM: 40 horsepower limit on Holitna River.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? The people of the Lower Kuskokwim will not be able to buy a 40 h.p. outboard and pay a \$400 hunting fee and pay a \$150 storage fee at Red Devil. We will not get into state owned country to hunt.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? The people that don't have money to buy a 40 h.p. and people who hunt on the Holitna for moose and caribou.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? Nobody.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED?

PROPOSED BY: Jerry Demientieff (HQ-94-G-28)

PROPOSAL 120 - 5 AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS. Change the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area as follows:

All outboard motor restriction would be removed. If hunter number needs to be controlled by state law restrict non-residents first. No float planes on Holitna.

PROBLEM: Remove 40 HP limitation from Holitna River for moose hunting.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? Hunters from down river use larger motors. This rule prevents down river hunters from using Holitna River while allowing non-resident hunters to sport hunt using airplanes. There isn't any biological reason to limit access to the Holitna. Down river hunters will be banned from area.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? All hunters on Kuskokwim River with motor larger than 40 H.P. This is almost all of the hunters from Anlak down river.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? A couple of guides or outfitters who want the Holitna River as their private hunting area.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED?

PROPOSED BY: Eric Shrum (W-94-G-1)

PROPOSAL 121 - 5 AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS. Change the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area as follows:



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FISH & GAME-McGRATH

FAX NO. 9076243323

P. 03

Date: 26 August 1994
To: Chris Smith
From: Jack Whitman
Re: Notes on Holitna CUA

Figure 7 displays reported hunter success rates in Subunit 19A of hunters from GMU 18, as well as depicting success rates by all hunters combined (including GMU 18 hunters). This clearly indicates that GMU 18 hunters have enjoyed higher moose hunting success rates than other segments of the hunting population during 4 of the last 6 years. Most notably, the success rates increased substantially during the 1992 and 1993 seasons, during which time the horsepower restrictions have been in effect. I hesitate to get too froggy, but Figure 7 kinda smacks of good management.

Figure 8 shows reported hunter success rates in GMU 19B by hunters from GMU 18 and hunters from all residences. It too, indicates that GMU 18 residents have enjoyed higher success rates during 5 of the last 6 years than the general hunting populace in GMU 19B. I really don't understand the lawsuit. Please explain.

Figure 9. It's obvious from the mandatory hunter reports that success rates throughout GMU 19 by GMU 18 residents has increased substantially during the 2 years that the horsepower restrictions have been in place. Further, during 1992 (the first year of the horsepower restriction), GMU 18 hunters harvested more moose than at any time during the previous 6 years in GMU 19.

Further, I would bet that if the GMU 18 hunters would quit poaching the Unit 18 moose and let them build to reasonable population levels, they wouldn't have to travel to GMU 19 to hunt; they would have plenty to go around if they'd allow them to become established.

It should be noted, that if subsistence harvest of moose is the real issue, the total reported take in the Holitna and Hoholtna River drainages (where local hunters, both Unit 18 and Unit 19 residents, make up the vast majority of users) was higher during the 2 years of the horsepower restrictions than during any of the 3 preceeding years.

If safety of boaters is the issue, the bigger the boat, the bigger the wake. It could be argued that the big boats (generally from GMU 18) are a hazard to the local (GMU 19) residents. The GMU 18 hunters should learn how to pack a boat reasonably and not overload.

There are myriad variables in regards to the question of number of river miles available to hunters, making it very difficult to obtain a pat answer. Annual (or daily) water levels, whether the boat is equipped with a lift, short shaft, jet unit, etc., as well as knowledge/skill level of the pilot all make a tremendous difference in whether a stream is "navigable". Nevertheless, I've made a stab at estimating the miles of navigable waterways in GMU 19.

When the entire Kuskokwim upstream of Kalskag (including the tributaries) is considered, I estimate there are about 650 river miles navigable by "large" boat, of which about 200 miles are on the Holitna/Hoholtna (31%). When smaller and/or shallower streams are considered, about 1,900 miles of waterways are available, of which the Holitna/Hoholtna Rivers make up less than 14% (about 260 miles).

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STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION DIVISION

PROPOSAL 119. 5AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS.

This proposal would delete the Holitna/Hoholitna Controlled Use Area.

Moose populations, as reflected by composition/trend surveys in the lower Holitna and Hoholitna Rivers, are doing well. No surveys were conducted during fall 1995 because of the lack of adequate snow cover, but until that time, populations appeared to be increasing (Figures 1, 2). With the increases in moose populations, there were limits imposed on motor size, but the reported harvest remained high (Figure 3). Throughout 19A, hunters from Unit 18 had very high reported success rates immediately following the instigation of the 40-hp limit, as did hunters from other areas (Figure 4). According to hunter harvest reports, the 40-hp restriction has resulted in marginally fewer Unit 18 hunters using 19A, but those that chose to hunt there had higher success rates. With the increases in the moose population, the increased harvest, and the increases in reported hunter success rates, the regulation prohibiting boats with motors in excess of 40-hp has apparently worked well.

Figure 1. Moose per hour figures from Holitna/Hoholitna Trend Area during the period 1976-1994.

Figure 2. Number of bull moose observed in the Holitna/Hoholitna Trend Area during 1976-94.

Figure 3. Total reported harvest of moose from 19A from 1983-1994.

Figure 4. Comparison of hunter success rates in 19A during the period 1983-94.



SUMMARY OF ACTIONS BOARD OF GAME

MARCH 26 - APRIL 5, 1994
ANCHORAGE WESTCOAST INTERNATIONAL INN

DESIGNATED REPORTER: Nancylee S. Babbitt

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SOUTHEAST REGION PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL NO. 1 ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 85.015. Reduce Unit 1C black bear bag limit to one bear.

DISCUSSION: There is no problem with bear population in this area.

PROPOSAL NO. 2 ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 85.015. Reduce Unit 3 black bear bag limit by one bear.

DISCUSSION: Bear in this area remain constant, only 13 second bears have been taken.

PROPOSAL NO. 8 ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 85.020. Change Unit 1B brown bear season to September 1 - December 31.

DISCUSSION: There is not an over abundance of bears in this area only one bear killed in the time period when the season was opened this early.



PROPOSAL NO. 107

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Add aircraft to motorized vehicle restrictions in the Yanert Controlled Use Area.

DISCUSSION: Proposal is probably in response to tourist air traffic east of Denali Park which causes disturbance to horseback hunters. Most hunting access is by horseback. Adoption of this proposal would reallocate the harvest among different user groups. The problem is tourist flights and the board cannot create a CUA that eliminates people from flying in for non-hunting purposes.

PROPOSAL NO. 111

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. The Upper Kuskokwim and Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete aircraft and outboard motor restrictions.

DISCUSSION: People from 19A generally use small river boats with 40 h.p. or less. Down river residents were using commercial fishing boats with 100/200 h.p. motors. Down river residents generally felt the problem was aircraft into upper portions of watershed. A check station established in the late 1980's and harvest tickets showed increasing resident use, but little impact from aircraft. Moose and caribou are at moderate density in the area. Effects of the CUA has been to displace hunting effort upstream in the Kuskokwim. Other hunters have found a way around regs by towing a small boat behind big boat till they get to the Holitna than towing their big boat with a small boat. Also some have taken larger boats up the Holitna and indicated they are not hunting while in their larger boats. 19A residents are happy with and support current regs. Lower Kuskokwim residents opposed. One board member noted that he had heard no compelling reason to change the 40 h.p. restriction. Another board member noted testimony from one Bethel resident who was initially opposed to the restriction and now is satisfied with the reg.

PROPOSAL NO. 112

ACTION: No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 113

ACTION: No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.



DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 114 **ACTION:** No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 115 **ACTION:** No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 116 **ACTION:** No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 117 **ACTION:** No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 118 **ACTION:** No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 119 **ACTION:** No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.



**Documents Supporting SHAC opposition to Proposals, 100, 101, & 103 – Repeal
Conditions of RM682 Moose Hunt (includes 101 - Repeal of 40HP CUA)**

2006 – At the Region III BOG meeting, three CKAC members and four village councils advocated for a moose hunting closure in 19A East. There were several proposals, (62-67 & 69-70), including Proposal 64 from the Sleetmute Traditional Council and proposals 65 & 66 from the CKAC.

ADF&G Proposal 70 carried, establishing a closure in 19A East and a Tier II hunt in 19A West. Since that time 19A East remained closed until the fall of 2019.

2018 – At the Feb. BOG Meeting - Proposal 165, (ARC1) - To open a registration hunt in 19A. The Stony Holitna F & G Advisory Committee (SHAC) comments **OPPOSING** 165 – included hunt recommendations if hunt were to be opened. BOG defers the proposal to 2019.

2019 – BOG Proposal 127, (formerly 165), was **SUPPORTED** as amended by SHAC, carried. This opened an experimental registration hunt in fall, 2019 – RM682.

The last two moose compositions surveys, (table at end of this document) show –

- 2018 / 40 calves- 100 cows & 52 bulls – 100 cows.
- 2019 / 21 calved – 100 cows & 40 bulls – 100 cows

The bull-cow ratio is still okay, but these ratios have decreased substantially from 2018, and recent years.

Included here are documents from the 2006 Region 3 BOG Meeting, establishing the GMU19A hunt Closure.

- ADF&G Proposal 70
- Summary of Board Actions

Docs from the March, 2019 Southcentral Region BOG Meeting / Proposal 127-(Deferred Prop 165) to open 19A Registration Hunt, RM 682

- Proposal 127 (formerly ACR 1 & Proposal165)
- BOG Summary of Actions
- Findings of the Board of Game
- 2007 – 2019 Moose Composition Surveys

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PROPOSAL 70 - 5 AAC 85.045(a)(17). Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Retain the Unit 19A nonresident moose season closure that is due to sunset in September 2006; close the resident moose hunting season in the portion of Unit 19A upstream from the Oskawalik River (excluding the Lime Village Management Area); and implement a Tier II permit system in Unit 19A downstream from the Oskawalik River as follows:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(17)		
Unit 19(A), that portion within the Lime Village Management Area		
2 [ANTLERED] bulls per regulatory year; up to 28 [ANTLERED] bulls may be taken by Tier II subsistence hunting permit only; up to 14 permits may be issued	Aug. 10–Sept. 25 (Subsistence hunt only) Nov. 20–Mar. 31 (Subsistence hunt only)	No open season.
<u>Unit 19(A), that portion upstream from the Oskawalik River, excluding the Lime Village Management Area</u>		
<u>RESIDENT HUNTERS</u>	<u>No open season</u>	
<u>NONRESIDENT HUNTERS</u>		<u>No open season.</u>
Remainder of 19(A)		
<u>RESIDENT HUNTERS</u> <u>1 antlered bull by</u> <u>Tier II [REGISTRATION]</u> <u>permit only</u>	Sept. 1–Sept. 20	
NONRESIDENT HUNTERS: 1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 4 or more brow tines on one side		[UNTIL SEP- TEMBER 1, 2006,] No open season. [BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2006, SEPT. 1– SEPT. 20]



RESIDENT HUNTERS:

[1 ANTLERED BULL BY
REGISTRATION PERMIT
ONLY, OR]

[SEPT. 1–SEPT. 20]

1 bull with spike-fork or 50-inch
antlers or antlers with 4 or more
brow tines on one side

Sept. 1–Sept. 20

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

No open season.

Remainder of Unit 19(B)

RESIDENT HUNTERS:
[1 ANTLERED BULL BY
REGISTRATION PERMIT
ONLY; OR]

[SEPT. 1–SEPT. 20]

1 bull with spike-fork or 50-inch
antlers or antlers with 4 or more
brow tines on one side

Sept. 1–Sept. 20

NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:

Sept. 5–Sept. 20

1 bull with 50-inch antlers
or antlers with 4 or more
brow tines on one side

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ISSUE: The Central Kuskokwim Moose Management Plan (CKMMP) was endorsed by the board in March 2004 as a guide to rebuilding the moose populations in Unit 19A and Unit 19B. Since that time, the department has conducted additional moose surveys in Units 19A and 19B. These surveys have verified the concerns about declining moose populations expressed by local residents and others during the planning process. The spring 2005 moose population estimate in Unit 19A was 2350–3250 moose, with a harvestable surplus of 94–130 moose. These data suggest that the reported fall 2005 harvest of 171 moose exceeded sustained yield. In addition, November 2005 composition counts showed low bull:cow ratios and low numbers of calves per 100 cows. In the Holitna River drainage there were 8 bulls:100 cows and most were yearlings. In the Aniak River drainage and along the Kuskokwim River between Kalskag and Napaimiut there were 20 bulls:100 cows.

The Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee (CKAC) met on November 21, 2005 and developed recommendations for further reductions in moose harvest to help the population recover. Recent composition count data was not available at the time of their meeting. The CKAC recommended a moose hunting closure in Unit 19A above the Oskawalik River and that is reflected in this proposal. The CKAC recommended a five day reduction in the season length and bag limit of one moose per household in Unit 19A below the Oskawalik River. These recommendations are included in a separate proposal to be submitted by the committee. The CKAC hopes to meet again prior to the March 2006 board meeting and may have the opportunity to reconsider their recommendations based on the recent composition count data.



This proposal conforms with the CKAC proposal to close the moose season above the Oskawalik River, excluding Lime Village Management Area. As per the CKAC recommendation the moose hunting closure should be revisited at the 2006 board meeting.

With the moose hunting moratorium in the Kuskokwim drainage in Unit 18 and a possible moose hunting closure above the Oskawalik River, the portion of Unit 19A between the Oskawalik River and Unit 18 could be the only area open to moose hunting along this stretch of the Kuskokwim River. The reduced season length and registration permit provisions recommended by the CKAC may help but do not provide a mechanism to ensure that harvest remains within sustained yield. This uncertainty is too risky, given the poor biological status of the Unit 19A moose population. In consideration of other moose hunting restrictions in the area and the fall 2005 composition surveys in Unit 19A, the department recommends the board implement a Tier II permit system in the portion of Unit 19A below the Oskawalik River.

The bag limit for the Lime Village Management Area is proposed to be changed to "bulls only" to reflect the fact that this season is open until March 31 when bulls have lost their antlers. Harvest in the Lime Village Management Area is restricted through the Tier II permit system.

We recommend the board eliminate the any-bull registration permit hunt in Unit 19B and retain the more restrictive general spike-fork-50 season. Because of current and proposed restrictions downstream from Unit 19B, hunting pressure may increase significantly under the current Unit 19B any-bull registration permit.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? Harvestable surplus will be exceeded and the moose population will likely decline further.

WILL THE QUALITY OF THE RESOURCE HARVESTED OR PRODUCTS PRODUCED BE IMPROVED? Yes, it may help slow the moose population decline by keeping harvest within sustainable limits.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? Future moose hunters.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? Resident and nonresident hunters, guides, and transporters.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED? The CKAC and department have considered many options to ensure that moose harvest in Units 19A and 19B does not exceed sustained yield. A moose hunting closure or Tier II was considered for all of Unit 19A. The department considered the recommendations of the CKAC for modifying the registration permit hunt in the portion of Unit 19A below the Oskawalik River, but felt that the board must also have the option of greater certainty that harvest will be maintained within sustainable levels. This can be accomplished by using Tier II permits. Reductions in the length of the resident and nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 19B have also been considered (as recommended by the CKAC in their proposal.) Another option considered was to apply the moose hunting closure in 19A above the Oskawalik River to the Holitna River corridor in Unit 19B and apply the Tier II system proposed for Unit 19A below the Oskawalik to the Aniak River drainage in 19B.

PROPOSED BY: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

(HQ-06S-G-042)



Summary of Actions Alaska Board of Game

INTERIOR REGION BOARD OF GAME MEETING March 10-21, 2006 Princess Riverside Lodge, Fairbanks, AK

DESIGNATED REPORTERS: Rita St.Louis

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PROPOSAL NO. 70

ACTION: Carried as Amended

DESCRIPTION: Retain nonresident closure; close resident moose hunting and implement a Tier II hunt in portions Unit 19A.

AMENDMENTS: The language was amended to change the boundaries from those in the original proposal to exclude the George River drainage but to include the Downey River drainage for the 'No open season' area. Retained the Sept. 5-20 season in the remainder of 19B for nonresidents. Adopted ANS range 19A to 175-225 and the ANS range to 20-24 for 19B.

DISCUSSION: Given the dangerously low moose numbers, the board agreed that the challenge is immense. The board had lengthy discussion on different options to avoid Tier II and to provide opportunity for the various users. Many of the local users clearly did not want a Tier II situation, but after reviewing extensive research and thereby establishing the ANS for 19A and 19B, the board found compelling legal evidence for a Tier II hunt in the downriver portion of 19A. The board discussed including Lime Village in the entire Tier II hunt and the history of the establishment of the Lime Village Management Area. After discussing the history of extensive use in the Holitna and Hoholitna drainages together with trying to oblige the local residents of the upriver villages, the board closed a portion of 19A to all hunting. It was determined that 19B provides ample opportunity for subsistence as well as some non resident opportunities.



Note: The Board of Game deferred this proposal from the Central/Southwest Region Meeting in February 2018. It was previous numbered Proposal 165.

PROPOSAL 127

5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.

Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A as follows:

Replace the closed area of Unit 19A with a registered Tier I permit hunt. Permits would be available at the store in Sleetmute. Permit application would be for one week, one month before opening season. Anyone acquiring this permit can have no other hunting permits in the Kuskokwim drainage.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? The closure of Unit 19A above the George River to moose hunting. The fish and game survey of spring 2017 show there is a harvestable population for the first time since the closure in 2006.

This hunting season should have been available in the 2017 cycle of the Board of Game for Interior/Northeast Arctic Region (Region 3), however weather conditions did not allow for aerial surveys to validate this opening until the board cycle was past. The AC was not able to put an agenda change request together because of all the summer activities of its members.

This would not allow for local people to have an opportunity to take moose in close proximity of their communities.

This will be a Tier I registration permit hunt available to all Alaskans.

PROPOSED BY: Henry Hill

(HQ-F17-ACR1)



**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
Southcentral Region Meeting
March 14-20, 2019 | Anchorage, Alaska
MEETING SUMMARY**

CA (7-0) PROPOSAL 127: Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A. *The board adopted the proposal with the following changes recommended by the Stony-Holtna AC, found in AC 27, page 4: Up to 75 permits for one antlered bull to be issued; only 30 permits will be issued the first year. Permits are available within the hunt area only, during the month of July. Permit holders cannot apply for or hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River drainage. Only one permit is allowed per household, and successful hunters must report within 15 days of harvest. Proxy hunting is not allowed. If the 2-year average bull: cow ratio drops below 35 bulls: 100 cows the hunt area will close; and if the harvestable portion drops below the lower range of the ANS - the area will return to a closure rather than go to a Tier II hunt. Note: deliberation of this proposal occurred 3/17 at 4:13:15 PM.*



Findings for the Alaska Board of Game

2019-225-BOG

Board Recommendation to the Department of Fish and Game on Subsistence Moose Hunting in Unit 19A Remainder Provided during the Southcentral Region Regulations Meeting

The Board of Game finds as follows, based on information provided by Department staff, Advisory Committees, Alaska residents and other wildlife users:

The Board recommended the department take the following actions:

1. Registration permits for moose in the remainder of Unit 19A will be available in person in communities in the hunt area only, during the month of July, and only one permit is allowed per household.
2. A person holding a permit for this hunt may not hold another moose permit in the Kuskokwim River drainage for that regulatory year.
3. 30 permits will be issued the first year. Up to 75 permits may be issued in subsequent years at the department's discretion. In exercising this discretion, the department should consider the harvestable portion of the moose population, the success of hunters in harvesting moose under these permits, and the potential for overhunting that could result in a population decline.
4. If the 2-year average bull:cow ratio decreases below 35:100 the hunt will close until a 2-year average bull:cow ratio is at least 35:100 within the hunt area.
5. If the harvestable portion of the population decreases below the lower range of the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for 19A, the hunt will close until the harvestable portion reaches the minimum ANS for 19A.
6. No proxy hunting will be permitted for this hunt.

Vote: 5-0-2

(Members Hoffman and Burnett Absent)

March 20, 2019

Anchorage, Alaska

TED N. Spraker

Ted Spraker, Chairman

Alaska Board of Game

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19A Holitna Composition Surveys 2007-2019.

Regulatory				Calves:	Bulls:100	
year	Moose	Cows	Calves	100 cows	Bulls	cows
2007-2008	200	111	50	45	39	35
2008-2009	124	77	21	27	26	34
2009-2010	129	69	25	36	35	51
2010-2011	212	127	24	19	61	48
2011-2012	164	97	30	31	37	38
2013-2014	244	119	59	50	66	55
2016-2017	273	128	71	55	74	58
2017-2018	300	176	60	34	64	36
2018-2019	343	179	71	40	93	52
2019-2020	275	171	36	21	68	40



**Tanana Rampart Manley Advisory Committee
January 28, 2020
Elders Basement, Tanana**

- I. Call to Order: by Chair Stan Zuray
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Stan Zuray, Tanana
Cliff Wiehl, Rampart
Ashley Woods, Manley
Aaron Kozevnikoff Sr, Undesignated
John Huntington, Tanana
Kathleen Peter Zuray, Tanana (Tribal Council representative)
Una Edwardson, Tanana
Curtis Sommer, Tanana
Charlie Campbell, Tanana

Due to bad weather, additional members from Manley and Rampart were not able to
make it to the meeting

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mark Nelson & Sara Longson (DWC), Nissa Pilcher (BDS)
- IV. Guests Present: various members of Tanana drifted in and out during the meeting***
- V. Approval of Agenda; approved
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes; Approved
- VII. AC Reports

AC Comments

- Members had concerns about the fishing for last year; how so few made it to the spawning grounds. Would like someone with DCF to let him know. 100K past the sonar below the dept noted, but we didn't see that here. We did get what we need. We hear it that we are going to have a good year but we are still in times of conservation, and we did not get enough fish into Canada and that is concerning.
- Concern with fish die-off's in Yukon Tribes- ask DCF- one member noted some crazy diseases he has pictures of on fish
- Manely had been having issues with wolves coming close to town, even killing some pets. Noted she had been in touch with ADF&G, and that people are protecting their dogs more so the interactions are going down. Encourage people to go trap them but their pelts are not that good right now.
- There was a pack of 20-30 near Kosna/Redlin. (Department noted that there was 100 wolves in 10000 sq miles in minto last year and this year only 50 so a lot prob moved/killed so some could be displaced into this area)



- There used to be a lot more trappers taking a lot more animals- own trap line used to meet up with Allakaket traplines. Seems to be a lot more wolves on the landscape now. (before the AC meeting started there was a discussion on how trapping is no longer as lucrative as it was and people are not doing it anymore. It is hard to find buyers; Department discussed with those in the room about the ATA auction in the spring)
- Discussed the recent newspaper article about trapper who was just caught on Hess creek (admitted to taking up to 25 moose to use as wolf trapping bait). So many moose taken and also giving a bad name for trappers.
- Members discussed a lot of moose sign near tow, and that caribou (40mile) have been seen near Minto, may be in the flats. Big fire by Livengood a while ago, maybe made them more food. Not everyone got a moose this year, which is how it goes, but we really need protect our fish lake area in terms of Tanana/Manley, protect habitat and cut all of the burned trees out and that will help. The little bit of moose that are left in the flats are hard for residents of Minto to get, concerned that outside pressure is to high Would be nice if tribe could pay a small bounty for wolves. Manley didn't get enough moose, don't see them there anymore.
- Members discussed nonlocal hunters going past Tanana, the belief was that many were heading to Unit 18 where there is a 2 moose bag limit, the impacts of outside hunters have on local hunters

Old Business

Stan noted that we need to have good communication and notify our tribal council and the Intertribal Fish commission so that they know our opinions and know what we are doing. We should do this every time for both boards, that is one of the reasons that we have tribal representation on the AC. Draft a letter to council, have Kathleen and Curtis sign it to sign off and send it to the Intertribal Fish Commission.

ACTION ITEM

Motion to encourage communication with other TRM tribes to develop some sort of education patrols and/or signage from time to time on the road, and send the encouragement to Manley and Rampart Tribal Council. Noted this was done one year but Tanana didn't really help, all three should help to ensure it continues to happen. With the educational patrols there was very limited trespass on private property for hunting or camping.

Ashley noted that there was a notice put in the paper- picture taken- would be nice to communicate with the military about the private lands (Charlie Wright is going to hopefully talk to military about this).

Department Report

Minto Flats; moose population and ceremonial harvest information given by Mark Nelson
Much discussion focused on the proposals that deal with antlerless hunting in GMU 20, further discussion in the proposal template below



Population estimate, Twinning rate, recent weather issues given. Due to flow of conversation, department also gave an update on the wolf packs and hair issues in the flats that were discovered last winter.

- Members asked about Illegal take, department survey practices, predator take of moose/calves (members noted there is a lot of black bear and wolves in the area) questioned
- Department noted that there is hope to conduct a radiotelemetry project on these moose to see how they move soon.
- Members expressed concern over the changing weather patterns and the inability to call moose in during the hunting season. Department noted that calves are still being dropped at the 'normal' time which would mean that the moose are still breeding at the normal time.
- Members expressed concern over the ticks and other bugs that seem to be moving north with the changing seasons. A member noted that they had seen a mountain lion in Tanana. Department noted that no ticks had been discovered on moose yet.
- Members expressed concern over less moose in local freezers, more wolves, less trappers, all of these are concerning.
- We are conflicted, so we were against moose hunts in the flats because the pop is too low but the department noted that there is some biological concerns with the population being high. We would like to support Minto, but then it looks like RM785 is a necessary tool, and we have people that grew up here use this hunt because they work in September. We can't see any other way to reduce/stabilize population.
- Members noted that a component of this is traditional knowledge from elders that say don't hunt cow, and that is something that should be taken into account. We are using our voice to remind people of this.
- We don't like idea of cow hunts, but there are biological reasons for it, and there are people from here that utilize these hunts. We don't want to eliminate the tool, but we do have concerns with current population, we don't like the idea in general but if the department feels it is necessary now then we could support it.
- Manley was concerned last meeting, and we took that to heart. These are traditional hunting grounds for Minto that aren't ours. The state has opened hunts in these areas, and that is fine, but some members would like to see this AC support Minto in their wants for this area. The permits should go to local users, so that elders and females can fill their freezers. The hunting season this last year was tooooo hot, it was still summer. Then when the hunt was open it wasn't good for hunting.
- We should support the MNAC whether we like it or not. They are our neighbors, and our support of them might cause the BOG to take their concerns more seriously, there is something to be said for TCK. This is a complex issue and Stan should explain our concerns to the Board when he goes.



DCF Concerns- fish dieoffs in tribes from 2019, Fukushima/Soviet sub sinking, how last season got off track so much.

OTHER

BOF Proposal for next season- boundary change in Y5

BOG Proposal for 2 cycles from now - CUA for road/Fish Lake

VIII. Select representative(s) for board meeting; Stan Zuray to attend BOG in March

Adjourn

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56	Establish minimum distance requirements for trapping around dwellings in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
0	0	9	Our kids' trap lines were all within a mile of town, and our dogs are not allowed to be loose in our areas. Maybe a localized issue for the author
65	Establish a new resident, general season for caribou in Unit 20F		
VOTE TO WITHDRAW			<p>Question asked about survey practices, core caribou habitat, distribution. Large migratory herd movement compared with small mountain herds- smaller, predator limited, and stay put. Predator question- wolves/bears but no study to show. Hunting pressure, population decline and access questioned.</p> <p>Members noted that they can see the writing on the wall, that the data is saying that this bag limit increase isn't a good idea right now, and its fine. Been out there this winter, there is too much snow for them to move in this winter. Last winter, were there 2/3 of the winter, brought in wolves. Before the Dalton hwy went in we used to have a lot of caribou around. Now we don't see them anymore.</p>



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			When presented with the data for the herd at the AC meeting, the committee unanimously approved to withdraw the proposal.
140	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
TNA			if we believe the science then it is a nonissue, but you throw in the TCK and then things get messy. We also have to believe in the science that is being presented to us. Similar to the fishing that happens, there is always a balance.
141	Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
S	9	0	See comments of committee discussed earlier in the meeting
142	Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
S	9	0	See comments of committee discussed earlier in the meeting
143	Eliminate all antlerless moose drawing hunts in Unit 20B except for the Minto Flats Management Area		
S	9	0	See comments of committee discussed earlier in the meeting
153	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 20F		
S	9	0	

Adjournment: 315pm



Upper Tanana Forty Mile Fish and Game Advisory committee meeting

December 17, 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Peter Talus, Frank Entsminger, Jake Combs, Lyle Cronk, Matt Snyder, Barb Pine, Thor Jorgensen, were present. A quorum was established.

Introduction of guests: Danny Grangaard, Jeff Wells, Jeff Gross, Tim Lorenzini, Russ Landers, Aaron Atchley, Sue Entsminger, Silvia Pitka(NW), Don Pitka(NW), Glen Marunde (NW), Mike Kendall, Verta(NW), Marilyn (NW).

Approval of the agenda:

Approval of the Minutes: Peter Talus made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July meeting, Frank Entsminger seconded. Motion Carried.

Approval of the April 16 minutes: Peter Talus made a motion to approve the minutes with correction Jake Combs seconded. Motion carried.

Jeff Wells presented data on the TMA sheep numbers and data on the 20E Moose survey results.

Tim Lorenzini presented 2019 TNWR Update. Moose survey 56 bulls per 100 cows. An increase in bull/cow ratios. Fed Subsistence season still open. Caribou to remain open until April 30. Nelchina numbers are up. Low harvest. Twenty-three active collars, more to be put out. Subsistence fishing permit is available at the Refuge. Humpback whitefish population age structure. Oldest is 33. Come back to spawn at 7 to 8 years. Eat things that are in the mud. Lynx data: movement, home range, breeding, other attributes. Very interesting. Rabbits currently in decline. Duck banding at Yarger lake and Scottie. International banding unit. Fire management map options. Visitor services were busy. Hunter education and spring fishing are in the plan.

Chicken. Hunting around the airport.

Wrangell-St. Elias and RAC happenings by Sue Entsminger. The proposal to force people to mark traps must be marked did not pass.

Elder/minor sheep hunt. Attorney said couldn't do that but it's going on anyway. Federal Subsistence board may meet in Gakona in early April.

State Proposals:

Proposal 86 Frank Entsminger made a motion to support proposal 86 to reauthorize the wolf control project. Peter Talus seconded. Motion carried Seven to zero.

Proposal 87. Jake Combs made a motion to support Proposal 87. Frank Entsminger seconded. Seven opposed. Motion failed.

Proposal 88 Jake Combs made a motion to support Proposal 88. Peter Talus seconded. Seven supported. Motion Carried.



Proposal 89 Frank Entsminger made a motion. Jake seconded. Six opposed. One sustained. Motion Failed.

Proposal 90 Thor Jorgensen made a motion to proposal 90. Frank Entsminger seconded. Seven opposed. Motion failed.

Staff Comments

Staff Updates:

Next meeting: January 14, 2020

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:07PM.



**Yukon Flats Advisory Committee
February 20, 2020
Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks**

- I. Call to Order: 2:25 by Chairman Larry Williams
- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Jerrald John, Arctic Village
Charles John, Circle
Ben Stevens, Don Stevens, Stevens Village
Andrew Firmin, Walter Peter, Fort Yukon
Larry Williams, Venetie
Edward Wiehl, Beaver

Members Absent (Excused): Faith Gemmil, Arctic Village; Paul Williams Sr*, Beaver;
Richard James Sr, Birch Creek; Jamey Joseph* Stevens Village; Bobby Tritt, Venetie
* Paul and Jamey were unable to get into Fairbanks due to inclement weather
Chalkyitsik has 2 vacant seats
Circle has 1 vacant seat
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Beth Lenard & Jason Caikoski, DWC; Nissa Pilcher, BDS.
Jeff Gross, DWC, participated via teleconference for the Fortymile Caribou discussion
- IV. Guests Present: Vince Mathews & Nathan Hawkaluk & Cody Smith (USFWS)
Debra Lynn & Madilne Nice & Brook Woods (TCC)
Lonie Stevens (Stevens Village), Bruce Thomas (CATG), Rhonda Pitka (Beaver), Al Barrette (BOG), others that cycled through
- V. Approval of Agenda; approval with addition of a Fortymile Caribou update & discussion of Doyon's resource development meetings
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes; approved
- VII. New Business

Doyon Resource Discussion

When Doyon has a meeting to discuss resource development, the AC should have a representative at the table. We don't want to get biological information from the same guy



that is going to be drilling for oil the next day. We should have a representative from this AC at the table during these discussions and meetings.

There is no funding to send an AC member to these meetings, so the AC proposes that when these meetings are held in our communities we attend as a Yukon Flats AC member and we involve ourselves.

Fortymile Caribou Discussion

Charles was really concerned with wanton waste on the 40mile caribou, had heard a lot of people in Circle were also really concerned. There seems to be a lack of ethics of those out hunting.

Department gave information on current hunt management on the Taylor and Steese, historical and current herd population, current nutritional information and stress on herd.

Questions were asked about herd range expansion, historic populations of the White Mountain herd, predator control in the area, rumor of expansion of herd near Minto, how 'harvestable surplus' is established, .

AC expressed interest in growing herd to allow for more rural users to harvest animals, that currently it seems more of a weekend urban hunt. It seems odd that mother nature starves itself, don't go search out new places instead of laying down and dying

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48	Extend the season for taking wolves in Units 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
S	8	0	In support because there are not a lot of people out there hunting wolves already out there. More the merrier that want to take them. People will be out berry picking, people are traveling between fishing seasons, why not be opportunistic, their fur is good in our area



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49	For the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region, allow the use of crossbows in archery only hunt areas for hunters possessing permanent identification cards		
NA			This does seem like a great idea. If you can't pull the bow back, maybe go to some other gear.
50	Establish registration archery only hunts for bull moose in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Units that have general moose seasons		
O	0	8	This proposal is asking for just more time to hunt during the federally season. These hunters would also be bear and wolf hunting too and this will be user conflict with the federal hunters This is a good time to hunt and this could be a biological issue
51	Remove the bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for nonresidents over the age of 60 hunting in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
O	0	8	WE don't like this one either, more hunting opportunity for outsiders who have a lot of money; if you couldn't get a sheep in the first 60 years why do you need more opportunity
53	Establish an archery only registration permit hunt for Dall sheep in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
O	0	8	This proposal is asking for just more time to hunt during the federally season. These hunters would also be bear and wolf hunting too and this will be user conflict with the federal hunters This is a good time to hunt and this could be a biological issue One member noted that it is really hard to hunt sheep normally and if someone wanted to go do this, why not let him, but then changed his mind when it was brought up that this proposal would put adult archery hunters in the field at the same time as the youth hunt.
54	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
S	8	0	
56	Establish minimum distance requirements for trapping around dwellings in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
O	0	8	Seems sort of broad, can see where it would be good in some places. Would hate to see a dog get caught in a trap, but we shouldn't restrict someone from trapping around their own house. This makes sense more



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			around Fairbanks but not rurally. Too vague to support and one mile is a long way.
63	Repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
NA			<p>These are really complex issues; Stevens Village is very close to this corridor and have had concerns with hunters and trappers that access this area via the road. We don't want any easing of any regulation in this area.</p> <p>Our position will be to remain neutral at this time, but if any change is to actually occur that an actual proposal with language of the change should be created.</p>
64	Clarify the legal use of highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of firearms, and transport of furbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA		
NA			<p>These are really complex issues; Stevens Village is very close to this corridor and have had concerns with hunters and trappers that access this area via the road. We don't want any easing of any regulation in this area.</p> <p>Our position will be to remain neutral at this time, but if any change is to actually occur that an actual proposal with language of the change should be created.</p>
82	Establish the Arctic Village Sheep Management Area in Unit 25A, open a new resident and nonresident drawing hunt for sheep within the area, and change the bag limit for the resident registration permit, RS595		
O	0	8	The Arctic Village representative spoke first. There are allotments in this area, there are unmarked graves. We also use this area to hunt- generally we hunt with younger and older people together; there is hesitation especially with the older folks to report their hunt. They never had to when they were younger and are resistant to start now, so what is reported is not what is actually happening.



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			<p>Other members comments were there were portions of this proposal that has merit and that the EIRAC had spend a lot of time and effort to write it and submit it. Questions were asked about how many people might be going in there if this was to pass and the history of the management area, as well as current regulations.</p> <p>The AC is ultimately opposed to this proposal and would like the board to institute a sunset clause on this topic for a cycle. We are tired of talking about it and would like to have one board of game cycle when we do not have to discuss it; it seems like every year since the early 1990s we have had to discuss it.</p>
83	Modify the bag limit for sheep in the RS595 hunt in Unit 26C		
NA			Seems crazy to be archery hunting in the mountains in October
140	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
O	0	8	
141	Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
S	8	0	<p>Want to support our brothers over the hill, we support this. we know people that don't get moose and yet there are antlerless hunts</p> <p>The department denying the taking of cows for ceremonial and religious purposes but still allowing the RM785 to occur is not ok.</p> <p>This goes in hand with this committees previous proposal to the board to have a celebratory moose permit</p>
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- I. Select representative(s) for board meeting; Andrew Firmin chosen, Walter Peter as the alternate

- II. Other

Long serving chairman Larry Williams resigned at the meeting

He stated that he grew up in the old way, where a person taught to respect animal and land and their hunting grounds, not a piece of paper to say that we own this but we all know where everyone hunts and all these new rules and regulations about what you can do and what you can't and when is just too much. It is just a foreign language to me. We just don't know what the heck to say. This meeting is getting away from me and I will just step down. Man does not control the animals, if you don't eat it, don't take it. These things show no respect, we don't say we are going hunting, we just go out and go see what you can see. We didn't used to have these little tables where everyone sat around them only speaks English. We just didn't take more than we need. The animals were around before we were, and they will be here after we go.

Andrew Firmin stepped up as vice chair to chair the remaining portion of the meeting

Federal Game Proposal WP20-49

The AC would like to assist in sending Arctic Village's message to the FSB that we do not want this hunt opened to non-federally qualified users. There are currently not sufficient regulations in place from the



state to allow us to support a hunt within these boundaries, and we did not feel that the EIRAC proposal to the BOG from this cycle went far enough.

The Yukon Flats Fish and Game Advisory Committee is opposed to WP20-49

Adjournment: 5:45pm

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 2-21-2020