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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: Shawna 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
<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	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	--	--	Should this proposal move forward, we suggest to the Department and the Board of Game to consider including the following detailed information: The hunt coincides with current hunt dates, bull only, trophy destruction and required reporting.
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



Bethel Advisory Committee Meeting

November 25th, 2019
ADFG Office, Bethel, AK

I. Call to Order 6: 17 PM, Chairman Kassamann

II. Invocation- moment of silence

III. **Roll Call/ Quorum is Established:** Jaime Kassman, Jon LaVallve, Henry Kohl, Alissa Nadine Rogers, Mike Riley, Lucinda Alexie, Jerry White *Excused:* Robert Lekander, Thad Tikiun, Henry Hunter

IV. **Motion to approve Agenda-** Rogers 2nd- Kohl, Kohl item number 7 to number 5, Unanimous Approval

V. **Motion to approve Meeting Minutes-** Rogers 2nd- LaVallve, Unanimous Approval

VI. Nominations:

- **Motion to nominate Ben Eisen-** LaVallve 2nd- Kohl, Unanimous Approval

VII. Kuskokwim Salmon Season Summary, *Nick Smith, ADFG Area Management Biologist*

- Sockeye & Chum (average run)-
- Coho (below average)-
- Chinook Salmon (average run)- Estimate 233,000
2020 Preliminary Forecast- 200,000-250,000

(9:35pm- Recess till 26 November 2019, 6:00pm)

I. Call to Order 6: 10PM, Chairman Kassamann

II. **Roll Call/ Quorum is Established:** Jaime Kassman, Jon LaVallve, Henry Kohl, Alissa Nadine Rogers, Mike Riley, Lucinda Alexie, Jerry White *Excused:* Robert Lekander, Thad Tikiun, Henry Hunter

VIII. Alaska Board of Game Proposals

Western Arctic/ Western Region GMU: 18, 22, 23, & 26A January 17-20, 2020 Mini Convention Center, Nome		
Motions	Proposal No.	Description
Support	4	5 AAC. 85.050. Hunting seasons and bag limits for muskoxen. Extend the hunting season for muskox in Unit 18, Nelson Island as follows. Feb. 1- Mar. 31 [MAR. 25]
Motion to Support- Kohl 2 nd - LaVallve		



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	Question has been called; <i>Unanimous Support</i> <i>Justification:</i> This will simplify regulation and more opportunity to fill tags that get one.	
Support	5	5 AAC. 85.050. Hunting seasons and bag limits for muskoxen. Extend the hunting season for muskox in Unit 18, Nunivak Island as follows. Aug 1. [SEPT. 1]- Sept. 30; Jan. 15 [FEB 1.]- March 31 [15]
	Motion to Support- Kohl 2 nd - LaVallve Question has been called; <i>Unanimous Support</i> <i>Justification:</i> This will simplify regulation and more opportunity to fill tags. Transportation to the island has become difficult and has decrease the success rate for harvesting Muskoxen.	
Support as Amended	6	5 AAC 92.034. Permit to take and use game for cultural purposes. Add muskox to the list of species that can be taken under a cultural education program permit for Unit 18 as follows: I am proposing that muskox be added to the list of species under the Cultural Education Program Permit for Nunivak Island for the years where the herd is healthy enough to allow it.
	Motion to Support- Kohl 2 nd - LaVallve Discussion: The Muskoxen population has to be evaluated though a population estimated. There isn't too much worry about population, due to tags not being filled and the drop of the population isn't in danger. Adding Nelson Island would be appropriate, since they both have schools and cultural ties to Muskoxen. Motion to Amend by adding Nelson Island- LaVallve 2 nd - Riley Question has been called; <i>Unanimous Support</i> <i>Unanimous Support as amended to include Nelson Island.</i> <i>Justification:</i> To allow better education opportunities in our region.	
Support as Amended	7	5 AAC 85.045. Hunting season and bag limits for moose. Change the opening date for the registration moose hunt, RM 615 in Unit 18 as follows: The Lower Kuskokwim Fish & Game AC seeks to change the start date of the RM 615 moose hunt for September 1 to September 5.
	Motion to Support- Kohl 2 nd - LaVallve Discussion: Friendly amendment to extend in Zone II. If USFWS went into October, they would need a management authority. The hunt will still last 7-10 days, the increase in time will not affect the state management. The ability to start early or later, people will get the opportunity to hunt during as weather permits and upon availability. There is a lot of youth hunters, jobs, and many people go back to work. Motion to amend the extension RM 615 from September 1- October 15. - Eisen 2 nd - White	



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		<p>Discussion: The consideration of school students and in-service season. Then allow to extend the season in order to reach quota. Question has been called; <i>Unanimous Support</i> Unanimous Support as amended to extend the dates Sept. 1- Oct. 15 Justification: To extend RM 615 from September 1- October 15 allows to keep the students in school and allow people to go hunting in their traditional times as scheduled. This will also allow for hunting opportunity season limit to be met. In addition, this change will simplify it for both Federal and State managers and hunters.</p>
Support	8	<p>5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Extend resident season for moose hunting in Unit 18 Remainder as follows: Dec. 1- April 30 [MAR 15]</p>
		<p>Motion to Support- Kohl 2nd- LaVallve Discussion: The change in dates will allow hunters accessibility to hunt more moose in Unit 18 Remainder and help decrease the population before the moose eat themselves out of home and food. Question has been called; <i>Unanimous Support</i> Justification: More moose need to be harvested and to align the season with federal regulations.</p>
Tabled 11/25	9	<p>5 AAC 85.045. Hunting season and bag limit for moose. Modify the hunting season and bag limit for moose in Unit 18 as follows: Unit 18, that portion south of and including the water draining into Goodnews Bay [River drainage]; Dec 1-March 31 [Jan. 1- Jan. 31]</p>
Support 11/26		<p>Table 11/26/2019: To hear what Central Bering Sea AC had to vote. 11/26/2019-Motion to Support B and to extend the season- LaVallve 2nd- Kohl Discussion: If people on the ground want B, for the boundary to align with the other Advisory committees. Question has been called; <i>Unanimous Support</i> Justification: To allow more opportunity to harvest more moose.</p>
Support	10	<p>5 AAC 85.045(a)(16). Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18. Up to 2 moose; of which only 1 may be an antlered bull; a person may not take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf; or Up to 2 moose antlerless moose; or Up to 2 moose.</p>
		<p>Motion to Support- Kohl 2nd- LaVallve Question has been called; <i>Unanimous Support</i> Justification: More moose need to be harvested to reduce the population</p>
Support	11/12	<p>5 AAC. 92.085. Unlawful methods of taking big game; exception. Establish a minimum caliber ammunition to be used to harvest moose in Unit 18 as follows: .243 or larger.</p>
		<p>Motion to Support- LaVallve 2nd- Riley</p>



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		<p>Discussion: Changing to a larger caliber will decrease the number of wounded. Question has been called;</p> <p>Roll Call: <u>5</u>-Support <u>3</u>- Oppose</p> <p>Eisen- Oppose Kassaman- Support LaVallve- Support Kohl- Oppose Rogers- Support White- Support Riley- Support Alexie- Oppose</p> <p>Justification: There is already a minimum caliber for other types of game in Alaska, were just adding in moose to the list.</p>
Oppose	13	5 AAC 92.200. Purchase and sale of game
		<p>Motion to Support- Kohl 2nd- LaVallve Question has been called.</p> <p>Roll Call: <u>2</u>-Support <u>6</u>- Oppose</p> <p>Eisen- Oppose Kassaman- Support LaVallve- Support Kohl- Oppose Rogers- Support White- Support Riley- Support Alexie- Oppose</p> <p>Justification: This proposal is only seeking solve social issues, hard to enforce, and there is not biological justification.</p>
Support	14	5 AAC 85.065. Hunting seasons and bag limits for small game. Modify the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18 as follows: <u>15 per day, 30 in possession</u> [50 PER DAY, 100 IN POSSESSION]
		<p>Motion to Support- Kohl 2nd- LaVallve Question has been called; Unanimous Support</p> <p>Justification: Due to the decrease in population and lack of research, reports, and information. There should be a decrease in the harvest until there is more ptarmigan research. Also, because there is a wide spread decrease statewide.</p>
Support	15	5 AAC 85.065. Hunting seasons and bag limits for small game. Address customary and traditional use finding for Alaska hares in Unit 18 and modify the season and bag limit as follows: <u>Unit 18, Alaska hares only 2 per day, 6 total; Aug. 1- May 31; Aug. 1- May 31</u>
		Motion to Support- Kohl 2 nd - LaVallve



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		<p>Discussion: Last rabbit that was seen was 20 years ago. Old timers use to say they seen them in a herd 40-50. A herd was seen between Bethel and Napaskiak powerline.</p> <p>Question has been called; <i>Unanimous Support</i></p> <p>Justification: Due to the decrease in population and lack of research, reports, and information. There should be a decrease in the harvest until there is more ptarmigan research. Also, because there is a wide spread decrease statewide.</p>
Support As amended	16	<p>5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limit for brown bear. Extend the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 18: Sept. 1- June 30 [MAY 31]</p>
		<p>Motion to Support- Kohl 2nd- LaVallve</p> <p>Question has been called; <i>Unanimous Support</i></p> <p>Justification: There is no impact on the harvest and this regulation will make it easier for hunters to participate. Due to the lack of snow, this will allow for more participation in the harvest season.</p> <p>Motion to revoke the Support requested by LaVallve for further discussion to add a friendly amendment- Kohl 2nd- LaVallve</p> <p>Discussion: This wouldn't be able to use this due to regulation effect of July 1, 2020. For immediate change, we need to add the language.</p> <p>Motion to include "immediate implementation"- Kohl 2nd- LaVallve</p> <p>Question has been called; <i>Unanimous Support</i></p> <p>Justification: This wouldn't be able to use this due to regulation effect of July 1, 2020.</p>
Support	17	<p>5 AAC 92.044. Permit for hunting bear with the use of bait or scent lures. Change the opening date for bear baiting in Unit 18 as</p>
		<p>Motion to Support- Kohl 2nd- LaVallve</p> <p>Discussion: It's a good regulation, because we can travel during safe conditions. There is no concerns on a biological stand point and there is no concern of bait station crowding.</p> <p>Question has been called; <i>Unanimous Support</i></p> <p>Justification: There is no harm to the population and allows hunters to transport equipment during safe weather and travel conditions.</p>
Oppose	18	<p>5 AAC 92.210. Game as animal food or bait. Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait in Unit 18 as follows: all game birds include swan, geese, and cranes including the humerus, radius and ulna, and the meat of the humerus radius and ulna be allowed other human uses such as trapping bait in Unit 18. The back and the meat of the back should also be used for other human use like trapping.</p>
		<p>Motion to Support- LaVallve 2nd- Kohl</p>

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	<p>Discussion: Trappers traditionally have used these parts. These parts are used in subsistence practice and ate as food. Question has been called; Roll Call: 4- Support 4- Oppose Eisen- Support Kassaman- Support LaVallve- Support Kohl- Oppose Rogers- Oppose White- Support Riley- Oppose Alexie- Oppose Justification: This was a split vote and fails to support.</p>	
Oppose	1	<p>5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou. 5 AAC85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose or caribou under intensive management in the Western Arctic/ Western Region until harvest or population objectives are met as follows:</p>
<p>Motion to Support- LaVallve 2nd- Kohl Discussion: This just doesn't make sense to Question has been called; Unanimous Oppose Justification: This is just taking power away from the managers</p>		
Oppose	2	<p>5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou. 5 AAC85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose or caribou under intensive management in the Western Arctic/ Western Region until harvest or population objectives are met as follows:</p>
<p><i>A.Rogers has been excused from voting on this proposal, due to conflict of interest.</i> Motion to Support- LaVallve 2nd- Kohl Discussion: Currently there is already work being conducted in areas where it is needed with IM Findings. If we weren't meeting our populations, the board will decide if they need IM Findings. 1) Public will have first go at harvesting to decrease the populations 2) ADFG will go in with helicopters. Question has been called; Unanimous Oppose Justification: There need to be more legal regulation language and definition for this proposal</p>		
Support	3	<p>5 AAC 92.015. Brown bear tag fee exemption. Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Unit 18, 22, 23, and 26A as follows:</p>
<p>Motion to Support- LaVallve 2nd- Kohl Discussion: There is a big budget cut and the State is just giving away money.</p>		

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Question has been called; <i>Unanimous Support</i> <i>Justification:</i> It allows more opportunity to go hunting for bears at a lower rate.

Motion to table McGrath Area Proposals, Unit 19, 21A, and 21E.- White 2nd- Rogers

Discussion: We are going to wait till the other AC's can meet in order for us to get feedback and some discussion points from the AC's prior to us making our vote.

Question has been called; Unanimously Supported

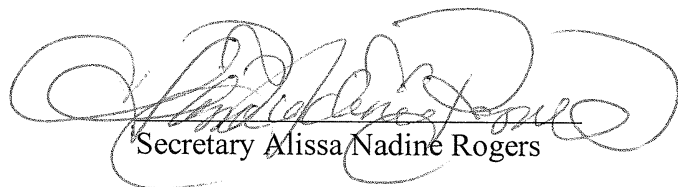
Motion to table Proposal 280- White 2nd- Kohl

Question has been called; Unanimously Supported

Nomination to send Alissa Nadine Rogers, to the Western Arctic/ Western Region, to close.

Motion to Adjourn- White 2nd- Kohl 6:49PM

Chairman Jaimie Kassasman



Secretary Alissa Nadine Rogers

Approved: 11/26/2019

Re-approved with correction: 12/17/2019



CBSA meeting opened @ 9:10a by Chairman David Bill, Sr.

12 members present and 4 absent of the Central Bering Sea Advisory Committee. Quorum established for the meeting.

All of the members introduce themselves from all the villages and phone.

Approval of the agenda. made a motion by Susie Walters, seconded by David Carl. The agenda approved the way it is. All in favor of the motion, passed.

Chairman David Bill, Sr. stated that this is his last year to be on the board. He told us to find a good replacement for him. He wants us to find a person that don't use too much substance abuse because that person needs to perform a big job.

Susie Walters suggested for us to read the April 4 minutes for approval. Meeting minutes read by Stan Atchak,

The caller Johnny Friend stated that he didn't want them to collar the ptarmigans because it is very easy to get the feathers out.

The weather is the factor to the decline of the birds.

Chairman stated that the F&G don't have enough money. Patrick Jones, F&G, tried to catch during the last week of April and didn't find much ptarmigan. He said they have enough money to conduct surveys again during the springtime.

The Fish and Game said they tried three different places they said they didn't find much ptarmigan.

Jackie Cleveland asked if the climate change has anything to do with the decline. Patrick said there are lots of willows but, when the willows are freeze rained it is hard for the birds.

Jackie Cleveland Quinhagak during the moose hunting there was enough moose for the village. Many of the young hunters got their success.

This year the caribou population is not too many because there is lots of wolves around. They want to hunt antlerless moose when there is enough moose. They want the paper work for the rules to reduce for the hunters. Need to simplify the hunting system,

Stan asked about the moose population around the Quinhagak area. The moose are migrating to the Kanektok area even the collared moose are arriving there.

The caribou population declined from 25,000 in 2017 to 13,000 2019 because of the wolves and other predators. The regulation changed from 2 caribou to 1.

David Carl talked about the inconveniences we face during the meetings we have.

Also, David Bill, Sr. stated that we have new worker that will have to follow the rules for the meetings.

Stanley Anthony asked if the reporters for the violators are paid for the information.

Some people get paid for reporting.

Collared 54 calves moose on the Yukon which includes the other adult moose. About 8,000 moose population and still growing. Around Marshall upriver they are declining. They studied why and looked at the willows that the moose eat. They will follow the collared moose for about 6 years because that is the life of the collar.



Nelson Island musk ox is declining and the Nunivak Island is increasing
Susie Walters said why the population of the animals are due to the wild fires that are around the area.

Meeting bread for about 10 minutes.

Baylen Toots have couple of proposals or suggestions to open musk ox around early January.

The permits are like 75 males and 75 females.

Another suggestion is to let the local schools have permits for the muskox so they will learn. They are proposal 5 and 6 that will talk about during our meeting.

Stan Atchak reported on the subsistence fishing at Hooper Bay was like spotty this year but, they were good around the other areas.

And on the moose hunting the population is healthy and would recommend antlerless moose hunt in our area.

David Bill, Sr. asked how the food population is good around Kashunak or Yukon. F&G said that the moose food is still plenty at the 2 areas.

All of the guests spoke about their areas and the problems they face about Fish & Game.

On the new business there are 2 undesigned seats which expired held by Leo Moses, Jr. and Willie Atti.

Susie Walters made a motion to re-elect Willie Atti and Leo Moses, Jr. to the undesigned seats. Seconded by Jackie Cleveland, Tommy Kusaik called a question. Motion passed, All in favor.

Nicholas Smith, Summary of the Kuskokwim salmon river.

In Kanektok flow in Quinhagak area they flew and saw enough salmon for the area.

In the Goodnews Bay area were the weir is the escapement goals were met in the areas.

Jackie Cleveland asked about the salmon fishing stating there are many sports fishermen and they needed a weir for their area.

She asked about the Subsistence Salmon Survey as to where the people are harvesting.

How to manage the morality rate in salmon from their area. How do they monitor the mortality on salmon. F&G estimates the mortality rate.

Sara asked why so many salmon are dying in our area and why they do that.

F&G said that the water temperatures were high and along the Yukon and many of the fish die offs. Call F&G if you see any die offs to report and they will investigate.

David Carl stated that why all the fish are dying because the waters are not suited for the fish.

-Willie Atti stated that if the dying salmon were related to the reduction of the mesh size to 6" and if they are juveniles or adult fish.

F&G that are small are not the ones that go up the river to spawn because they are still growing. The smaller mesh size saves the older fish that spawn and die up the river. Bigger fish are females and smaller ones are the males.

-Jackie asked why the fish are getting smaller.

Fish & Game stated that fish are getting smaller all over the areas

Lunch Break @1:10.

Reconvene @1:25p by Chairman David Bill, Sr.



-Board of Game proposals by Patrick Jones with F&G. Start with Proposal 4 which states to extend the musk ox season for about a week. Recommended by F&G to approve it.

They will give out 35 permits in Tununak this year. They give the permits to the five villages and rotate every year. The muskox population is about where the F&G wanted it which is about 250-450 animals. They are missing about 200 muskox and hoping they went to the mainland.

-David Carl wants the permits to go mostly to the natives other than the Sports hunters because the natives use every bit of the animal. F&G stated that most or all the permits are given to the residents of Nelson Island and the surrounding villages.

Tommy Kusaiaik said that he had to pay for his hunt even he has lifetime permit. The harvest permit is about \$25.00.

Stanley Anthony don't like the way the villagers stay at the community hall and wait for the permits. Some of them stay overnight and wait for the permits.

F&G said its first come 1st served.

Stanley Anthony don't like when the family members get two to three permits and not think of the other people. F&G stated that the village needs to let them know about this either through letter or by the village councils so they could restrict it one family.

Baylen Toots made a motion to accept seconded by Susie Walters, motion passed. All in favor.

Proposal 5 asking to extend the season on Nunivak Island and recommends it be passed. K The population is over the favored set goal which is 500-550 muskox.

Susie Walters make a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Jackie Cleveland. Tommy called question. Motion passed, all in favor.

Proposal 6 on Nelson Island for the muskox to use for school cultural heritage made by the Principal of one of the Nelson Island villages.

Susie Walter make a motion to accept the proposal with amendment to include Nelson Island, seconded by Tommy Kusaiaik. Motion passed, all in favor.

Proposal 7 to change the opening day for hunting on the Kuskokwim Area 5 days later than Sept. 1. For the amendment on zone 1 to start Sept. 5 and from zone 2 to extend it to October 15.

Jackie Cleveland made a motion to accept the proposal with the amendment seconded by Stanley Anthony. All in favor, motion passed.

Proposal 8 to extend resident for moose hunting in remainder of Unit 18 to April 30 to match the Federal Regulations.

Tommy Kusaiaik. made a motion to accept the proposal the way it is, seconded by Susie Walters, question called, then discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

-Proposal 9 to modify the season and hunt area for Goodnews Bay for moose. Change the season from Jan.1-31 to Dec.1-March 31 or when they reach the motion. Tabled until we hear from the Goodnews people. Both Peter Julius and Jackie Cleveland supports the proposal to let the hunters have more places to hunt. Jackie favors the B section on this proposal.

Question called. Roll call with 10 yes, and 0 no. Motion passed. All in favor.

Jackie makes a proposal to support the motion which includes the section B, seconded by Susie Walters.

-Proposal 10 reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18. F&G supports it. Baylen Toots makes a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Tommy Kusaiaik , All in favor, motion passed.



Chris Johnson introduced himself from the Fish & Wildlife to enforce the caribou and another one from Anchorage.

-Proposal 11/12 requires a smallest is .243 or 6mm rifle shells for taking of the moose in Unit 18. David Carl talked about the rifles that we have in our houses to hunt big game.

David Carl makes a motion for no action, seconded by Tommy K., All in favor of the motion, motion pass for no action.

-Proposal 13 to prohibit the sale of moose antlers in Unit 18, with amendments on naturally shed antlers, antler handicrafts, and bartering. F&G is neutral on this proposal. Makes a motion to oppose the sale of antlers, seconded by no one. Motion fails.

-Proposal 14 to reduce the bag limit for Ptarmigan in Unit 18 to 15 per day, and 30 in possession. From the current regulation which is 50 and 100 in possession.

Jackie Cleveland makes a motion to not support the motion. Seconded by Jackie Cleveland question called.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00p.

CBSA reconvened @ by Chairman David Bill, Sr. @ 8:35a. at the F&G offices.

Stan Atchak suggested to get a Sargent @ arms to control the meeting and to let the meeting go smoothly. Tommy Kusaiaik was elected to be Sargent at Arms to control the meeting.

F&G suggested to support the proposal on the ptarmigan. Jackie Cleveland asked if the ptarmigan gets back on the population will the bag limit go back or wait three years.

Stan Atchak makes a motion to support the proposal, motion passed.

-Proposal 15 establish a bag limit ad create a season for Alaska hare. F&G suggested to support it to have a limit of 2 per day and 6 in possession.

David Carl and Stanley Anthony noted that there used to be many snowshoe hares and not there is hardly anymore. It is because of the snowmachines and 4 wheelers.

David Carl makes a motion to take no action on the proposal. No second. Motion dies.

Leo Moses, Jr. makes a motion to support the proposal, Jackie C. seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

-Proposal 16 to extend the hunting season for the brown bear for 1 more month. F&G is neutral on this proposal.

Jackie noted that some elders eat the brown bear meat but, many don't like the taste because it tastes like human. Jackie makes a motion to support the proposal, Leo Moses, Jr. seconded the motion, discussion. Some families will eat them during the spring but not during fall time. The proposal passed.

-Proposal 17 to extend the baiting bear in Unit 18. F&G is neutral.

Tommy K. makes a motion support the motion, seconded by Jackie Cleveland. Motion passed.

-Proposal 18 allow the use of game bird wings and backs for human uses such as trapping bait in Unit 18. David Carl makes a motion to support, seconded by Tommy Kusaiaik, discussion.

No's have it.

-Proposal 1 to prohibit the non-residents to hunt caribou and moose to get their population increase. Jackie Cleveland makes a motion to support this proposal, seconded by Susie Walter, discussion by Tommy Kusaiaik that there are too many wolves and needs to be controlled. Stan Atchak called question. Motion passed, all in favor.



-Proposal 2 to manage evaluate and predator control for bear across the Western Arctic/Norther Area caribou and moose. -Alissa Rogers talked about the proposal about the bears to bring the population control. To have safety for the people and the ones that camp in the area. Alissa's recommendation is to support it and make modifications for our area.

-Proposal 3 to waive the brown bear tag fee for the hunters at Unit 18. Susie Walters Makes a proposal to support the proposal, seconded by Jackie Cleveland. Question called. Motion passed. Unanimously.

-Nick Smith, F&G proposal 280 statewide meeting March, Kwethluk proposes the net size to be 6" and from the 4" no longer than 60'. This would include the entire Kuskokwim area and the Kuskokwim Bay. This will be used only when it is King Conservation period and will be normal when there is none.

Stan M. Atchak makes a motion for no action, seconded by Jackie Cleveland, all in favor, motion passed.

Lunch break around 11:45a

Reconvene @1:25p by Chairman David Bill, Sr.

Discussion about the proposal 2 amend to just include Unit 18 for predator control. Jackie Cleveland make motion for no action, seconded by Leo Moses, Jr., Question called. Motion carried for no action approved.

Open for nomination for Board of Game representative for the meeting at Nome from January 17-20, 2020 opened.

Willie Atti moved to open the nominations for a representative. Seconded by Jackie.

Susie Walters nominated Jackie Cleveland, seconded by Willie Atti and David Carl. Tommy Kusaik closed the nominations.

We are asking for alternate representative. Jackie nominated David Carl, seconded by Susie Walters. Stan Atchak close the nominations seconded by Willie Atti.

-Next meeting date will be set opened by the Board Support worker-Janet Pavilla and other F&G workers. The next meeting will be thru the Teleconference around April.

-Tommy Kusaik noted that David Bill, Sr. said that this will be his last meeting. Janet Pavilla noted that if the Chairman steps down the vice-chair will take over and we will have to select a Vice-Chairman.

-Jackie Cleveland noted about security system on the hunters and fishermen for the F&G. A balance within the traditional knowledge and need to let the villagers know before they put the rules. The Sports fishermen need to be watched and not only the local hunters and fishermen.

Various discussion on different subjects relating to the area. To close the executive session by Leo Moses, Jr., seconded by Jackie Cleveland.

Jackie Cleveland made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Stanley Anthony, Meeting adjourned @3:05p.



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



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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
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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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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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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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



FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kotzebue Advisory Committee

**Kotzebue AC Meeting Minutes
10/24/2019
Northwest Arctic Borough**

1. **Call to Order:** 7:05 pm by Chair Lance Kramer
2. **Roll Call: Members Present:** Lance Kramer (Chair), Shyler Johnson (Vice Chair), Alex Whiting (Secretary), Cyrus Harris, Karmen Monigold, Eugene Smith, Chad Sheldon, Hans Hansen, **Members Absent:** Aucha Kameroff (excused), Hannah Loon (arrived 7:20)

Quorum established: 8 - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda with the inclusion of New Business item C. ADF&G Staff Report on sheefish and Dolly Varden research (Brendan Scanlon) - unanimous approved.
4. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** From meeting date 01/29/2019 – Motion to Approve minutes - unanimous approved.
5. **ADF&G Staff Present:** Alex Hansen, Brandon Saito, Hazel Smith, Kathy Sherman - (Kotzebue Office), Brendan Scanlon, - Fairbanks Office
6. **Federal Officials Present:** Hannah Atkinson (NPS), Raime Fronstin (NPS), Susan Georgette (SNWR)
7. **Guests Present:** Ron Monigold Jr (AST), Scott Bjork (AWT), Ess Scott, Mike Kramer, Seth Kantner, Thomas Baker, Enoch Sheidt, Pete Schaeffer, Jamie Schaeffer
8. **Recognition of Retiring AC Members:** Pete Scaheffer, Enoch Sheidt, Victor Karmun were recognized for their many years serving on the Kotzebue AC – certificate, gift and Pete and Enoch both spoke about their time working on the AC.



9. **Election of Advisory Committee Members:** Shyler Johnson elected in spring 2019 and leaving the AC to return to Unalakleet. There were 9 seats available of the 15 max allowed on the Kotzebue Sound AC.

a. Nominations for AC members included: Alex Whiting, Karmen Monigold, Aucha Kameroff, Michael Kramer, Ess Scott, Seth Katner, Thomas Baker, Enoch Sheidt, Tom Fields.

b. Elections: All 9 qualified and were seated as Members volunteering for terms, as follows:

1 year - expire June 30, 2020: Thomas Baker, Enoch Sheidt

2 year - expire June 30, 2021: Seth Katner, Tom Fields

3 year - expire June 30, 2022: Alex Whiting, Karmen Monigold, Aucha Kameroff, Michael Kramer, Ess Scott

Officers elected: Lance Kramer (Chair), Thomas Baker (Vice Chair), Alex Whiting (Secretary).

10. **Old Business:** None

11. **Fish & Game staff reports:**

a. Wildlife: Alex Hansen reported on caribou collaring at Onion Portage where 49 collars were put out with a total of 108 collared caribou, the best season at Onion Portage in a couple of years. Herd photographs are still being counted and will be completed in time for the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group. Brandon Saito talked about the moose counts on the upper Kobuk where they found 23 calves per hundred adults. He also talked about the moose calf collaring effort on the Lower Kobuk where they found 65% of collared calves were killed by brown bears. 730 moose in 2014 to 601 in 2019.

b. Boards support: Hazel Smith gave updates on staffing, upcoming meeting dates and the need to get a Real ID to travel to meetings in the future on commercial airlines.

c. Fisheries: Brendan Scanlon gave an overview of the Kotzebue commercial chum season and OSM funded sheefish and Dolly Varden research in the region.

12. **New Business:** Review BOG proposals for support/oppose and comments with a **deadline of January 3, 2019**

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Opposed	
1	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose or caribou under intensive management in the Western Arctic/Western Region until harvest or population objectives are met		
	0	15	Moose in GMU 23 already have a non-resident closed season due to decrease in population and caribou are limited to 1 bull per 2-month season by non-residents
2	Establish intensive management programs for bear across the Western Arctic/Western region		
	0	15	While we believe the number of bears needs to be reduced and support in theory the idea of an IM program to do so to assist in rebuilding the moose population, the AC is aware that the SOA is in the process of collecting information on moose calf mortality and once the science is sufficient would be the party to propose an IM plan
3	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
	15	0	Exempting the fee is good policy as a small step in encouraging the harvest of brown bears, the number of which needs to be reduced to assist the moose population in rebuilding
19	Open a year-round resident season for caribou bull harvest in Unit 23		
	15	0	Will assist in reducing the number of cows harvested
20	Open a year-round resident season for caribou bull harvest in Unit 23		
	15	0	Will assist in reducing the number of cows harvested
21	Reduce the bag limit for caribou in Unit 23		
	0	15	The daily bag limit of 5 caribou throughout the year is the important number to focus on and not the cumulative number for the entire year. The restricted cow seasons put in place over the last few years is helping with reducing cow harvest and the proposals (19, 20) above to reopen the bull season year-round will further assist in reducing the cow harvest, no need to arbitrarily restrict either sex harvest at this time.
22	Extend the season for taking cow caribou in Unit 23 remainder		
	0	15	At this time, we are still trying to limit cow harvest in GMU 23 and help rebuild overall numbers. Taking cows this late in the spring season will take both the cow and the close to fully developed calf found in over 80% of the cows at this late date.



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Opposed	
23	Restrict the use of snowmachines for taking caribou in Unit 23		
			The Kotzebue Sound AC led the effort to allow for snowmachine use to position caribou for harvest and we still fully support this approach. Every individual harvest situation is impossible to regulate and would be difficult to enforce. While there have been individual cases of bad acting by some, the majority of hunters in the region still depend on being able to use snowmachines to harvest caribou. The local agencies, tribes, organizations and individuals have been working over the last couple of years on education and outreach to teach young people and others in the community how to hunt caribou using snowmachines in an appropriate manner. The AC supports the education and outreach effort and believes this is the best approach to dealing with any concerns about snowmachine hunting of caribou.
	0	15	
24	Remove the restriction on calf harvest in Unit 23		
			While this is not a high priority issue we still believe that it is unnecessary regulation and will biologically be a non-issue.
	15	0	
25	Remove the restriction on calf harvest in Unit 23		
			While this is not a high priority issue we still believe that it is unnecessary regulation and will biologically be a non-issue.
	15	0	
167-168	These proposals were not addressed by the AC		
			No action.

13. Public comment period on Wildlife Proposals or related matters: None.

14. Dates of State Board of Fish, Board of Game, and Joint Board meetings:

- **November 1, 2019:** Board of Game – Agenda Change Request Deadline
- **November 15, 2019:** Boards support – initial travel requests to attend board meetings deadline
- **January 3, 2020:** Board of Game Arctic/Western Region comment deadline
- **January 16, 2020:** Board of Game Work session – Nome, Alaska
- **January 17-20, 2020:** Board of Game Arctic/Western Region Meeting – Nome, Alaska
- **February 21, 2020:** Board of Game Interior/Eastern Arctic region comment deadline

- **February 21, 2020:** Board of Fish – Statewide king/tanner crab comm
- **March 6-14, 2020:** Board of Game Interior/Eastern Arctic Region – F
- **March 7-11, 2020:** Board of Fish – Statewide Crab – Anchorage, AK



15. **Select representatives to attend Board of Game, and Joint Boards meetings:** TBD
16. **Set next meeting date:** Call of the Chair
18. **Motion to adjourn:** 10:50 pm

Minutes Recorded By: _____
Alex Whiting, Secretary

Minutes Approved By: _____
Lance Kramer, Chair

Date: _____

Lower Kuskokwim Adv.
Nov. 13-14.



AC06
1 of 2

As of today's present are 9 four are absent.
there three that are here to be

on-line Napaskick are present, and others

James Charles made a motion need the responses to be
loud he need to hear the clear of voices on the proposal
Motion was made to accept the agenda
Henry Fort second the motion

On fishing openings during spring & summer needed to be on
the agenda for next meetings

Also to extend the nunivut muskox hunting season due to the
climate changes on Unit 18

On 4 inch or fishing season should be ^{not} used for salmon fishing
because they catches small King salmon that are going down
stream river to go out to the ocean. They are used for under
the ice for whitefish

During summer the water was too warm,, many fish were
drifting down river dead, this is due to climate change.

for burial systems only caribou, moose, and use for
feast, and burial purposes.

Climate change mooses are having hardtime moving around
hunting season should be a little longer time until cooler
weather.

OPENING moose hunting season - ZONE ONE - Sept. 1 - 30
* Sept. 1 - 30
ZONE TWO - Sept. 05



Proposal 2

James Charles of Tuntulisk mentioned of BLK Bears are hard to catch

Villages along the mid Kusta to upper river are along their Area are always near their fish camps.

Proposal 3

Hunters need to pay tacks for hunting \$25.00 those that are no fee for elders.

those that are to be careful n look around their camps if the Bears are to be killed if Nos

2006

Prop. 97 & 98

up to 300 permits may be issued for the hunters for 19, 20A & ; these are upriver side.

Early Feb Next Yr Feb 4 & 5

Rich. Larson owns H GRN 1969 doesn't know what it is so they Jante we'll call for him, and let him know



Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee
12-3-19
Screaming Eagle Archery, Wasilla

- I. Call to Order: [7:08] by [Herb Mansavage]

- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Herb Mansavage, Aaron Bloomquist, Chad Schierman, Chris Alderman, Don Dygert, Dan Montgomery, Mel Grove and Casey Dinkel.

Members Absent (Excused): Birch Yuknis, Andy Couch, Nick Reeves, Dom Nickols, Austin Manelick, Neil Dewitt and Chad Lipse
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: N/A

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: N/A

- IV. Guests Present: N/A

- V. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Dan made motion for Approval of Agenda. Second by Aaron. No Objections, Agenda approved.

- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved prior to meeting.

- VII. New Business
 - a. Create Sub Committee for BOF proposals. Andy nominated as BOF sub-committee Chair. Individuals participating will change depending on schedules.

- VIII. Set next meeting date
 - a. December 18, 2019 @ Mel's Hangar. Address Coming.

- IX. Other

Adjourn



Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals

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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		
Oppose	0	9	Our Committee was opposed as this proposal does not seem to effect any measure of actual biological concerns. Meaning, the amount of non-resident harvest of Caribou is Null to the amount of bears needed to be harvested to meet the management goal.
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	9	0	Our committee is in support as we believe any time the resident benefits monetarily and opportunistically, while still maintaining no biological concern towards said species.
4	Extend the hunting season and bag limit for muskox in Unit 18, Nelson Island		
Support	9	0	Our Committee supports this proposal as it allows hunters more time to work with the hunt window when there maybe bad weather, which is very common in that part of the state.
5	Extend the hunting season and bag limit for muskox in Unit 18, Nunivak Island		
Support	9	0	See Comments from proposal #4.
6	Add muskox to the list of species that can be taken under a cultural education program permit for Unit 18		
Oppose	0	9	?
7	Change the opening date for the registration moose hunt, RM615 in Unit 18		
No Action			
8	Extend resident season for moose hunting in Unit 18 Remainder		
No Action			
9	Modify the hunting season and bag limit for moose in Unit 18		
No Action			
10	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18		
Oppose	0	9	



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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
11	Establish a minimum caliber rifle to be used to harvest moose in Unit 18		
Support	9	0	Committee is in support. We believe this should potentially even be a .25 caliber minimum but anything bigger than .223 is an improvement. Also would like to see this statewide.
12	Establish a minimum caliber ammunition to be used to harvest moose in Unit 18		
No Action			
13	Prohibit the sale of antlers from moose harvested in Unit 18		
No Action			
14	Modify the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 18		
No Action			
15	Address customary and traditional use findings for Alaska hares in Unit 18 and modify the season and bag limit		
No Action			
16	Extend the hunting season dates for brown bear in Unit 18		
No Action			
17	Change the opening date for bear baiting in Unit 18		
No Action			
18	Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait in Unit 18		
Oppose	0	9	Committee is opposed to this as this is already state in Federal regulations. The largest concern with this for us is this being used with larger birds such as Cranes and Swans.
19	Open a year-round, resident season for caribou bull harvest in Unit 23		
Support	6	3	See Comments for Proposal 20
20	Open a year-round, resident season for caribou bull harvest in Unit 23		
Support	6	3	Committee is in support of this proposal as this will allow for more opportunity for hunters to take Caribou in non-traditional times of the year. This would allow more potential for bigger bulls to be pulled out of the herd. The 3 opposed votes felt that there could be abuse with the larger bag limits. Personal experience of wanton waste in some of those local areas was another large factor towards the opposition.
21	Reduce the bag limit for caribou in Unit 23		
No Action			



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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
22	Extend the season for taking cow caribou in Unit 23 Remainder		
No Action			
23	Restrict the use of snowmachines for taking caribou in Unit 23		
Support	9	0	Committee is in support as we believed this was already mandated under hazing and herding animal regulations. Also, we amended the proposal to read 300 yards not 200 yards as the distance limit. This amendment was motioned by Don and seconded by Aaron. There were no objections to the amendment. Chris Alderman left after end of proposal.
24	Remove the restriction on caribou calf harvest in Unit 23		
No Action			
25	Remove the restriction on caribou calf harvest in Unit 23		
No Action			
26	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A		
No Action			
27	Increase the nonresident bag limit for caribou in Unit 26		
Support	6	2	This was supported by a majority of the committee as this allows for more potential state revenue. Also, the amount of non-resident harvest was low enough for a legitimate raise in bag limit. 2 Members opposed felt there was not a need for a raised bag limit, for non-residents.
28	Eliminate the registration caribou permit RC907 and general season caribou harvest ticket requirement for North Slope resident hunters		
Support	8	0	??
29	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bears in Unit 26A		
Support	8	0	There was no objection from the Committee. Larger bag limit, with no biological concern, leads to more opportunity.
30	Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit in Unit 22		
Oppose	0	8	I committee was opposed to this as many times this leads to abuse where one hunter is shooting a majority of the game. Especially with Muskox.
31	Establish a registration permit hunt for muskox in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D		
No Action			



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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		
Opposed	0	8	Our committee has and always will be opposed to In-Person registration hunts in any part of the state.
36	Change the availability of Unit 22 registration permits for moose hunting		
Opposed	0	8	See Comments from proposal 36
37	Close the nonresident moose hunt in Unit 22C		
No Action			
38	Modify the hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
No Action			
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		
42	Allow the use of snowmachines to position brown bears for harvest in Unit 22		
No Action			
43	Address customary and traditional use findings for Alaska hares in Unit 22, and modify the season and bag limit		
No Action			
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			



Adjournment: 8:46pm

Minutes Recorded By: Herb Mansavage

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 12-18-19



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. Charlies 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**

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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	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
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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



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

Agenda

December 4, 2019 – 12:45

Unalakleet Native Corporation Building (NSEDC 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**



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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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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 use 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 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.



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		
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.
2	Establish intensive management programs for bear across the Western Arctic/Western Region		
SUPPORT	5	0	Increase hunting bag limits, allow baiting & leg snaring. 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. <u>For residents - get rid of tag requirement altogether.</u>
3	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
SUPPORT	5	0	Tag fee exemptions are a good tool that encourages more local hunter harvest.

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

Minutes Recorded By: Barb Carlson

Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney

Date: December 20, 2019