### Region 5

Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose or caribou under intensive management in the Western Arctic/Western Region until harvest or population objectives are met

Recommendation: Neutral

Proposed by: Resident Hunters of Alaska

Lower Kuskokwim AC Central Bering Sea AC Lower Yukon AC Bethel AC Central Kuskokwim AC Coastal Lower Yukon AC Support (8-0) Meeting Pending Meeting Pending Meeting Pending Meeting Pending Meeting Pending

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# Proposal 1

### Region 5

Caribou	IM Finding <sup>1</sup>	Population Objective	Harvest Objective	Current Population Estimate	Current Avg. Harvest (2013- 2018)
Teshekpuk Herd	Positive	15,000-28,000	900-2800	56,000	2,200-4,400
Western Arctic Herd	Positive	≥ 200,000	12,000-20,000	244,000(2019)	12,000
Mulchatna Herd	Positive	35,000-40,000	3,000-6,000	13,500	305
Moose					
GMU 18	Positive	1,000-2,000	60-200	17,000	850
GMU 22	Positive	5,100-6,800	300-680	6775	250-300
GMU 23	Positive	3,500-9,200	210-920	5506	137
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Region 5

There are currently no populations of moose or caribou under Intensive Management in Region 5.

Alaska Board of Game Nonresident Hunter Allocation Policy 2017-222-BOG

"4) Nonresident hunting will not be authorized for any moose, caribou or deer population under a current intensive management predator control program until the minimum intensive management population or harvest objectives are met unless the board determines that such hunting will not adversely impact resident opportunity, will not adversely impact the recovery of the target population, and is determined to provide for the maximum benefit of the people of Alaska."

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Proposed by: Resident Hunters of Alaska

Lower Kuskokwim AC

Central Bering Sea AC

Lower Yukon AC

Bethel AC

Central Kuskokwim AC

Meeting Pending

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# Establish Intensive Management programs for bear across the Western Arctic/Western Region Recommendation: Neutral Public Proposal Lower Kuskokwim AC Central Bering Sea AC Lower Yukon AC Support (5-4) Meeting Pending Meeting Pending

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Proposal 2 Region 5					
Caribou	IM Finding <sup>1</sup>	Population Objective	Harvest Objective	Current Population Estimate	Current Avg. Harvest (2013- 2018)
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Region 5

If adopted:

- ADF&G conducts and presents feasibility assessment to BOG
- If approved, IM plan will be presented to BOG to be codified into regulation with anticipated start and end dates for IM actions.

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# Proposal 2

Region 5

Establish Intensive Management programs for bear across the Western Arctic/Western Region

Recommendation: Neutral

**Public Proposal** 

Lower Kuskokwim AC Central Bering Sea AC Lower Yukon AC Bethel AC Coastal Lower Yukon AC Support (5-4)
Meeting Pending
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### Region 5

Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemption for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 & 26A

Recommendation: Support

**Department Proposal** 

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# Proposal 3

### Region 5

If adopted, this proposal waives the brown bear tag fee for brown bears in:

- Unit 18
- Unit 22
- Unit 23
- Unit 26A

Tag fee exemptions encourage:

- Incremental increase in harvest
- Opportunistic harvest by residents
- Harvest by a wide range of users

Proposal 3

Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemption for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 & 26A

Recommendation: Support

Department Proposal

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### Proposal 15 Alaska Hare / Unit 18 Establish a C&T finding, and create a season, harvest limit and salvage requirement for Alaska hares in Unit 18 **Department Proposal Recommendation: Support** Lower Kuskokwim AC Support (7-1) Central Bering Sea AC Support (9-0) Mid-Lower Yukon AC Meeting Pending Support (8-0) Bethel AC Coastal Lower Yukon AC Support (5-0) 12

Proposal 15	Alaska Hare / Unit 18					
Units and Bag limits Unit 18	Resident Open Season	Nonresident Open Season				
[No limit] 2 per day, 6 total	[No closed season] Aug. 1 – May 31	[No closed season] Aug. 1 – May 31				
<ul> <li>Customary and Traditional Use determination</li> <li>Salvage requirement</li> <li>Hide or meat</li> </ul>						
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# Proposal 15

### Alaska Hare / Unit 18

### Rationale:

- Addresses resident concerns of dramatically lower densities of Alaska Hares in Unit 18
- Currently no objective data or indices of Alaska Hare abundance or population trends in Unit 18
- Current focus of a study in Units 18 and 22 to address movement, mortality, and survey techniques.
- Lower harvest may allow localized populations to recover more quickly.

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### Alaska Hare / Unit 18

Establish a C&T finding, and create a season, harvest limit and salvage requirement for Alaska hares in Unit 18

**Department Proposal** 

**Recommendation: Support** 

Lower Kuskokwim AC Central Bering Sea AC Mid-Lower Yukon AC Bethel AC

Coastal Lower Yukon AC

Support (7-1) Support (9-0) Meeting Pending Support (8-0) Support (5-0)

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### **Proposal 43**

### Alaska Hare / Unit 22

Establish a C&T finding, and create a season, harvest limit and salvage requirement for Alaska hares in Unit 22

**Department Proposal** 

Recommendation: Neutral/Support

Northern Norton Sound AC Opposed (4-9) Southern Norton Sound AC Support (5-0)

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Proposal 43	Alaska Hare / Unit 22				
Units and Bag limits	Resident Open Season	Nonresident Open Season			
Unit 22 [No limit] <b>2 per day</b>	[No closed season] <b>Sept. 1 – April 15</b>	[No closed season] Sept. 1 – April 15			
<ul> <li>Customary and Traditional Use determination</li> <li>Salvage requirement</li> <li>Hide or meat</li> </ul>					
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# Proposal 43 Alaska Hare / Unit 22

### Rationale:

- Addresses resident concerns of lower densities of Alaska Hares in Unit 22
- Currently no objective data or indices of Alaska Hare abundance or population trends in Unit 22
- Current focus of study in Units 18 and 22 to address movement, mortality, and survey techniques.
- Lower harvest may allow localized populations to recover more quickly.

Alaska Hare / Unit 22

Establish a C&T finding, and create a season, harvest limit and salvage requirement for Alaska hares in Unit 22

**Department Proposal** 

Recommendation: Neutral/Support

Northern Norton Sound AC Opposed (4-9) Southern Norton Sound AC Support (5-0)

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### Proposal 169

Adopt a definition of "Previously Purchase" as a result of a recent court decision

Recommendation: Support

Proposed by: Alaska Wildlife Troopers

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AS 16.05.340 (15) and (20) "...may not take a big game animal without previously purchasing a numbered, nontransferable, appropriate tag..."

AS 16.05.940 "Take" means ...pursuing, hunting, ... attempting to take...game

AS 16.05.330(a) ... without having the appropriate license, tag, or permit in actual possession, a person may not engage in...hunting.

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### Proposal 169

Court of Appeals ruled "previously purchasing" was ambiguous, and reversed the decision.

AS 16.05.340 does not use the phrase for residents, instead residents are bound by 5 AAC 92.012, which says the tag must be in their possession prior to attempting to take game.

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# Proposal 169 Proposed fix: "Previously purchase" means fully paid for and in possession of the hunter before taking or attempting to take an animal.

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