

TOGIAK FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE
11:00 A.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 2009
TOGIAK SENIOR CENTER
TOGIAK, ALASKA

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-chairman Frank Logusak called the Togiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee to order for the re-scheduled meeting at 11:36 am, Thursday, January 29, 2009.

2. ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISH QUORUM

Members present at roll call were: Chris Gloko, Manokotak; John J. Bavilla, Togiak; Julius Henry, Twin Hills; Frank Logusak, Togiak; and John Nick, alternate, Togiak. The members absent were: Posen Alexie; Helen Gregorio; Moses Kritz, Sr.; and George P. Smith, Sr. Due to lack of quorum, election was held to replace Robert Awolin(deceased). Gust Bartman of Togiak was elected. A quorum was established.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

John Bavilla moved/ Julius Henry seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Julius Henry moved/ John Bavilla seconded to approve the November 2, 2006 meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

5. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF & GUESTS

ADF&G staff present and introduced were: Joe Chythlook, Boards Support; Jason Dye, Sport Fish; Jim Woolington, Wildlife Conservation; Tim Sands, Commercial Fisheries; and Matt Jones, Commercial Fisheries. TNWR/USFWS staff present was Andy Aderman. Others present included: Frank Woods III, BBNA; Ronald Oertowich, Lodge Operator; Wilbur B. Sharp, Twin Hills; William P. Andrews Sr.; and Richard Echuck.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. ELECT AND SEAT NEW MEMBERS

Due to lack of members presence and public participation, John Bavilla moved/ Julius Henry seconded to table both election of members and officers until the joint meeting of the Togiak Entities Community meeting in the near future. Motion carried 5-0.

B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

See action of item A.

C. ADF&G/ TNWR STAFF AND OTHER REPORTS

Jason Dye, ADF&G, Area Biologist, SF, gave a brief report and shared some numbers for the Chinook and Coho salmon sport fishery for 2007. The numbers for 2008 will not be available until early this summer. However, the Coho salmon run return observed in the Togiak area looked good for 2008. The outlook for 2009 Chinook projected return is 9300 based on the parent year information. The Coho returns are also expected to be decent. The USFWS is helping with a one year King salmon study in the Togiak area by putting some transmitters in Keshiak River to get a better abundance estimate. John Bavilla shared his observation on subsistence caught kings as being mostly medium to small this past year. He indicated that there very few large kings caught. And he also mentioned the Coho run came later this past fall.

Tim Sands, ADF&G, Area Biologist, CF, introduced Matt Jones, the new assistant area biologist for the Togiak area. Tim also reminded the TAC members of the deferred Board of Fisheries restructuring proposals which will be taken up in December 2009. The subcommittee of the BOF will hold some hearings on these proposals next fall. He also mentioned that TAC may want to and can submit other proposals by the April 10, 2009 deadline.

Matt Jones, the new assistant area biologist, gave an update on the 2008 Togiak salmon fishery season. The Togiak tower was in place by July 2. And the sockeye escapement as of August 6th was 206,000. This was mid range of the 120,000 to 220,000 escapement goal. The total sockeye harvest was 649,000. This was 59,000 above the projected harvest. And this was the seventh largest within the last twenty years. The Chinook catch was projected to be 3000, which was 10% of the 10,000 run goal. The Coho catch was around 1000 and the total chum salmon was 289,000. More information can be found in the handouts given for both salmon and herring fisheries for 2008.

John Bavilla had questions on the effect 200 fathom gear was having on the Togiak salmon fishery. Tim Sands mentioned there had continued to be good sockeye and other salmon species escapements. The Board of Fisheries can change the 200 fathom regulation. However, another option would be for the fishermen to propose to not allow drifters to fish the upper channel of the Togiak section. Frank Woods mentioned that the use of 2 permits was not user friendly in the Togiak fishery. Tim Sands reminded him that management of the fishery was based on the escapement. However, Frank pointed out that influx of the use of dual permits later in the season caused some conflict between local set netters and drift fishermen that basically take over the area and don't adhere to the distance requirement between drift and set gill nets. He also mentioned that Trooper Justin Rodgers, Wildlife Protection, was aware of this and was working on more enforcement of this regulation. Frank reiterated that set net fishers were not benefiting from the dual permit system. He also expressed his view on over escapement as equaling lost income opportunity for all fishermen involved.

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Frank Logusak asked if there was any bycatch information on trawling from the Bering sea and Bristol Bay area. Tim Sands mentioned that around 130,000 Chinook were reported as by catch in 2007. The number of reported Chinook by catch numbers dropped to 15,000 in 2008. The local king runs have been very poor within the given years. The early by catch of Chinooks for 2009 indicate the numbers are up again and may be higher than 2008. Tim also mentioned that Robin Samuelson of BBEDC has been working with the NPFMC to cap the trawler by catch. Frank L. also asked about the affect trawlers were having halibut. Tim said that in the early 1990s there were reports as high as 50% waste from halibut by catch. Frank also mentioned that he had heard that the yellow fin sole trawling fleet have thrown out halibut. It was mentioned that as high as 124,000 halibut were thrown over in 2007. While the committee was informed that the NPFMC has regulations in place for up to 30% observer coverage of by catch of the trawlers, Frank shared that reports back from local crew members indicate high numbers of by catch including different salmon species being thrown over board.

Andy Aderman, Area Game Biologist, TNWR, gave an update on the Nushagak Peninsula Caribou herd numbers. The 2008 count on the herd showed around 556 caribou. These caribou are presently all radio collared. This number compares to 546 counted in 2006. By October of 2008, there were lots of calves observed. So the numbers could be improving as a result. Andy mentioned the main reason for the decline of the herd was 1) food shortage; 2) High numbers of old caribou in the herd with 10 year age average. And as these older caribou die off, they are not being replaced. 3) Wolf numbers have increased in the area. 4) Some respiratory diseases seem to be associated with the decline. Therefore, the result has been to keep the number of harvest permits low. A few have been issued for Manokotak residents with the Traditional Council controlling the numbers given. Andy also shared some numbers regarding Moose in GMU 17A, which includes some federal land. The last count was approximately 1100 moose and going up. Some of the moose from this area have moved west into the Goodnews River drainages. The folks in Unit 18 in the Goodnews area had their first fall moose hunt in 2008.

Jim Woolington, ADF&G, Area Biologist, WC, gave an update on the fall registration moose hunt in Unit 17A. For the fall hunt, the numbers of moose harvested show 44 so far. There was also a recent winter moose hunt in the area including Manokotak. The 2008 actual estimated moose numbers were 1060 in the Unit 17A area. Jim expressed that the Unit 17 A moose management was working well.

Jim also shared some numbers from the Unit 17 A Mulchatna Caribou Herd. The composition surveys indicate the overall herd size had declined to around 35,000 within its 50,000 square mile range. With these numbers caribou declining, the numbers of reported successful hunters have also declined. Gust Bartman wondered if the Pebble Mine project had any affect on the migration of caribou in that area. Jim mentioned that the mine did not appear to have any affect either way. Some years since the mine project started, the caribou have remained close to that area, while in other years, they have been away.

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Jim also gave a short synopsis of the 17A brown bear, wolf and wolverine harvest numbers. The brown bear harvest numbers are very low in 17A. The wolf harvests depend largely on snow conditions. Reported wolverine harvests have also been low.

Frank L. thought it would good if Kuskokwim Refuge and TNWR people would have a joint meeting sometime to share information and work on management of the resources together as one group.

Frank Woods III, BBNA Subsistence, handed out migratory bird survey information of the Bristol Bay area. He also mentioned his department had made him available to work with and provide help as needed on any resource management issues that the village council had in their area.

D. DISCUSS AND ACT ON BOARD OF GAME PROPOSALS

Proposal 49. Create a predator control plan in GMU 17B.
The TAC decided to take no action on this without objection.

Proposal 50. Implement predator management in Unit 17B and 17C.
Gust Bartman moved and Chris Gloko seconded to adopt. The motion carried 6-0. The TAC members agreed with the justification as given in the proposal.

Proposal 51. NA per action of Proposal 50 w/o objection

Proposal 52. Extend the brown bear season in Unit 17.
Gust Bartman moved and John Nick seconded to adopt. Motion carried 6-0. The TAC members agreed that there was enough bears to allow more time for harvest.

Proposal 55. Change the Intensive Management population and harvest objective for the MCH.
Julius Henry moved and John Bavilla to adopt. Motion carried 6-0. The TAC agreed with the staff and viewed this housekeeping.

Proposal 56. Change bag limit for portions of Units 17A & 17C. The motion carried 6-0. The TAC members agreed this would reduce confusion for the caribou bag limit for this area.

Proposal 57. Close the nonresident hunting season for the Mulchatna Caribou.
John Bavilla moved and Gust Bartman seconded to adopt. The motion carried 6-0. The TAC members the lower numbers of MCH and only 2 caribou bag limit for residents merits closing for nonresidents until the herd starts to grow again.

Proposal 244. Big game may not be taken with 223 caliber full metal jacket bullets.
Chris Gloko moved and Julius Henry seconded to adopt. The motion failed 0-6.

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The TAC members and local hunters object to any changes regarding the use of full metal jacket bullets for it is used primarily to cause less damage to meat of big game animals. These type of bullets are used for seal hunting and wolf hunting by area coastal villages. The passage of this would cause hardship on bush Alaska hunters who depend on meat from game resources harvested for food.

Proposal 62. Change boundary of winter registration hunt in Units 17B & 17C. Julius Henry moved and John Bavilla seconded to adopt. The motion carried 6-0. The TAC members agreed this would make the regulation easier for everyone to understand.

F. OTHER

Jim Woolington mentioned that there was consensus by the Department and TNWR to hold off on changing regulations concerning the 17A winter moose hunt. There may be proposals which address it in future Board of Game cycles.

Ronald Oertwich suggested that the Togiak AC should act on doing away bait in the Togiak River sport fishery. The staff informed him this could be addressed by a proposal by the April 10, 2009 Board of Fisheries proposal deadline.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** None
- B.**

8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Left to the call of the Chair.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business at hand, the Togiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee adjourned at 3:03 pm.

These minutes drafted by Joe Chythlook, ADF&G, Boards Support

STATE OF ALASKA

Sarah Palin, Governor

Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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David Martin, Chair
PO Box 468
Clam Gulch, AK 99568

Dear Commissioner Lloyd, Jan. 19, 2009

BOARDS

At our November 11, 2008 public advisory committee meeting the committee and public present unanimously voted in favor of sending you a letter requesting that you lift the Kenai Peninsula brown bears from their listing as a population of special concern under the species of special concern.

This is the first step that needs to happen in order for the Board of Game (BoG) to be able to establish a meaningful opportunity for the public have a hunt and harvest a brown bear.

Brown bear populations on the Kenai Peninsula have increased dramatically over the last decade. This is verified by the dramatic increase in brown bear mortality from defense of life and property and by automobiles. There has also been a dramatic increase in brown bear mauling, sightings, conflicts with nuisance bears and heavy brown bear predation on moose.

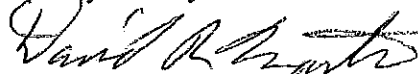
Unfortunately the Department does not have the resources, nor will they be receiving the resources in the near future, to do a population study of brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula to scientifically document their dramatic increase. Not having this data should not be a reason to not acknowledge the problems or take action to manage them. We must be proactive instead of reactive to these escalating problems. Doing so will best benefit all wildlife resources and the people of Alaska dependant upon these resources for food and enjoyment.

Our advisory committee is being proactive by submitting several proposals to the BoG to address these brown bear issues and the rapidly declining moose population and harvest. To sit by and do nothing now will only prolong and intensify the problems resulting in a longer recovery as we see happening in other areas of the State.

We are strong advocates of using the best reliable science available to biologically manage Alaska's game to provide a healthy, sustainable moose population that provides a maximum harvest for food but at the same time maintaining a balance of a healthy stable brown bear population. Right now the Kenai Peninsula brown bear population and predation is increasing dramatically while the moose population, cow / calf ratio and moose harvest are declining dramatically.

Again we request your immediate action to remove the Kenai Peninsula brown bears from their listing as a population of special concern under the species of special concern. This classification does not apply anymore!

Thank you for your time and consideration,



David Martin, Chairman cc: BoG

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addition to the minutes of 1-26-09

Board Support.

It was the consensus at the Jan. 26, 2009 meeting that the Chairman, David Martin, or his designee, would represent the AC at the Board of Game meeting in Anchorage Feb. 27 - March 9, 2009.

David Martin, Chairman.

Attn: Scott AC
BOG-Comments

January 26, 2009

Central Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee
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To: Governor Sarah Palin

Re: Diversity Requested for State Board of Game

Dear Governor,

Defenders of Wildlife, and the Alaska Wildlife Alliance, are familiar political opponents to the sound biological management protocol which Advisory committees across the state have worked diligently to firmly establish as the future of our resources. Management of our game populations for greatest sustainable yield is more than an ideology for game management principles, it is a statement of the value which we place on our resources and how those same values are reflected in traditional Alaskan lifestyles.

By definition, the Consumptive Users of our Game resources have responsibly and collaboratively succeeded in forwarding management plans which we believe will serve our objectives, which can only be defined by the sustainability of the managed resources for the people of Alaska, first of all, and then to the rest of the country. Again, protocol speaks to serve the people of Alaska rather than to vet the interests of organizations claiming concern for "the impact on the tourism industry".

The major impediment to improvement of our Game management plan has always been a lack of appropriate funding, and not a lack of input from user groups. Giving respect to former Board members, does not exclude their political affiliations from consideration, in reviewing their claim that all user groups are not fairly represented by our board. When we look at tourism as a leading industry in the state, and add that to the biological equation for management of our valued and sustaining resource, we are defeating ourselves, and inviting the lower 48 to manage our resources for us.

We encourage you to acknowledge that the request to give the "non consumptive user" representation on the Board of Game is like inviting the wolf to the public hearing on management of our sheep. Public record speaks to the intent of the principals, and organizations, which seek to undermine the traditional value of our Game resources, and to thwart the sincere efforts of our current Game Management. If the millions of dollars which they have spent in opposing media propaganda were spent in support of our Game Board function, and our Game Management Plans, there would be no need to debate the value of our present conservation effort, the effective representation on our Board, nor the traditional tools implemented to serve our goals. The request for the inclusion of a newly identified "group" of Alaskan users warrants heeding the merits of their prior efforts.

David A. Martin, Chair

CC: Board of Game

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Klukwan Fish and Game Advisory Committee

February 11, 2009

Meeting called to order by: Mike Adams, V. Chair

Opening Prayer by: Sally Burattin

Jones Hotch arrives:

Roll Call: Jones Hotch Jr., Mike Adams, Lani Hotch, Val Burattin, Sally Burattin. 5/5 present, quorum established
Jim Mercott, Scott Crass, Shannon Stone attending by phone conference. ‘

Jones- calls on Shannon Stone

Shannon asks if the F&G committee if we have any questions
Lani,- asks about the Chilkat River being under Federal, State, or Tribal jurisdiction.

Jim- Their division is not in the position to answer this question, refers us to Mike Turek.

Sally- Asks about contact information for Mike Turek.

Lani- I can access that information on the internet.

Jones, asks for resource information from the State F&G officials

Mike- Asks for clarification regarding the Upper Lynn Canal F&G Advisory Board- Questions regarding the John Katzeek seat.

Jim- Mercott- states that John Katzeek has moved over to another open seat and that the Klukwan seat is now open. Gary Hess is open to working with Klukwan Board

Sally- Has contact with the Haines native community and they are unaware that John Katzeek is speaking for them.

Shannon- states she called Haines radio, posted notices around town etc.

Jones- Asks the State officials if they are still willing to come to Klukwan or is this phone call taking the place of that.

Shannon-is still willing to come, but has been at board meetings for the past few months.

Jim Mercott- Scott Crass and Shannon Stone are providing support to Southeast, Shannon provides support for Southern end and Scott the Northern end of Southeast. They do tag team so we have access to both but Scott is primary.

Jones --Asks what Scott's schedule is

Scott,--will e-mail us with their schedule

-would like to make suggestions as how to proceed with meetings and how to go about things procedurally.

-when addressing proposals, need to identify them in the minutes

Can use the table of proposals as guide, go down list

Shannon- The boards read minutes and they would like to know how we voted on the proposal, don't need to write down all the discussion.

Lani- At our last meeting we didn't really have any strong feelings or interest in the shellfish and crab proposals because we are river people.

Lani- clarified that we held off on going through the fin fish proposals because we all didn't have the proposal book to look at. Jones and I went through it, flagged and noted certain proposals and then handed off to Mike for him to go through. I guess Val got his book of proposals from the last meetings on shellfish and crab.

Jim- Asks if the Klukwan F&G has any questions.

Lani- Asks if we can act on proposals that don't directly affect us such as the Herring egg fishery in Sitka.

Jim Mercott- Absolutely, you just need to show how you vote on any given proposal and the reasons why—be succinct.

Shannon- In regard to testimony at Regional meetings, the person must identify themselves as a representative of the F&G committee. Need to let board know what topics we will be speaking on. Advisory committee members can attend all committee meetings at the regional sessions. Public at large are limited to certain committees. You can talk at the committee level regarding the proposals.

Jim—You need a clear idea of what issues are important to you, And act on them. Adopt a proposal for discussion, Discuss it then, then vote on it. Need to vote for it or vote against.. Want to avoid double negative situation.

Val- Asks about hormone in fish hatchery issue

Jim- That issue has already come and gone in Cordova.

Val- okay,

Mike- How do we know which proposals have already been acted on.

Jim M. - Refers the Klukwan F& G to proposal book –index at beginning of book will show what proposals are coming up at which meetings.

Mike- The next meeting will be dealing w pages 154 -263 of the proposal

Jim- Discussion of pages and proposal names

Board of Fisheries on 3 year cycle

Suggests going through book early and get Scott or Shannon's help

Next year statewide finfish proposals will come up.

Mike Turek from Fish & Game in Juneau.

Lani/Mike- To support Proposal 232 to close subsistence fishing in Chilkat Inlet.

Mike- opposes this because it will affect fishing in Chilkat River

Motion fails 0-5

M/S Mike , Val to support proposal #200, Sitka Sound commercial Sack Roe Fisheries

Mike reads info on proposal.

Lani- references earlier comments on how we depend on herring roe fishery in Sitka and wish to protect it.

Val- reiterates lani's comments

M/C- None opposed

M/S-Mike, Val- To support Proposal 203 regarding Quotas and guideline harvest levels in SE Alaska

Remarks same as above- we depend on herring and wish to protect that fishery

M/C- none opposed

M/S Mike, Val- To support Proposal 204 Sitka Sound Commercial Sack Roe Herring Fishery

M/C-5/0

Richard Chappel, joins meeting in Juneau office

M/S Mike, Val- To support proposal 208 that restricts tenders and fishers from fishing in same area.

Remarks;

Mike- spoke to several fishermen and tenders and supports this proposal

M/C- 5 for none against

M/S Mike, Val To adopt Proposals 221 SE Ak King
Salmon Mgmt Plan

Remarks on Proposal #221 from Rich Chappel- Non resident bag limit has never been higher than residents. Non residents were pretty much cut out of harvesting King Salmon Information in booklet was incorrect.

Lani-questions the credibility of some of the proposal, some seem to be coming from way out in left field. How can we know if we aren't familiar with the situation.

M/failed- 0/5

Mike asks Rich Chappel about Proposal 225

Rich- Board is neutral on this issue.

Mike- the wording is correct in this proposal?

Sally asks about definition of Sport Fishing-
?—The use of Rod and reel

M/S- Lani, Val To support Proposal 225

Sally- Asks what current bag limit is

F/G- One King Salmon, 28" or greater in length

Mike spoke to 3 people in Ketchikan, they thought it would decrease the stock of hatchery fish and increase the stock of wild salmon.

F/G- when there is an over stock of hatchery fish in a certain area the F/G will increase bag limit in those areas

M/C- None opposed

M/S Lani, Mike- to support proposal 233

M/F- 4/1

M/S, Val, Lani- To support Proposal 234

Lani- wants to support Sitka Tribe in their proposals because they are most closely associated with the Herring egg fishery and we depend upon them for this resource.

Mike Turek- F&G will be submitting seven years of data regarding the herring egg fishery. Should expound on the dependence of Klukwan on Herring Egg fishery for subsistence use.

Sally- asks how much one commercial fishing boat will harvest of the herring roe. We love that resource and depend upon it just as much or more than the commercial fishermen.

Mike-A. Wants to know how survey was conducted

Mike T. –We worked with the Sitka Tribe to conduct this survey. The information was primarily

Jones- Sitka is primary source of herring roe for Klukwan, we barter with them for the herring. If their harvest is reduced we could be cut off.

MikeA.- Asks about numbers used in the proposal

Mike T-

Lani- speaks to importance of ;Sitka Herring Roe Fishery
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M/C 5-0 none opposed

M/S Mike, Val –To support Proposal 236- Customary and Traditional Subsistence of fish stock

Submitted by Kootznawoo- they want to revise the numbers of subsistence use for salmon in Angoon area with the idea to do it through out Southeast Alaska

M /C none opposed

M/S, Mike, Val- To support Proposal 238- Lawful Gear and Gear Specifications- submitted by Klawock F&G Advisory Committee

Remarks- Val reads comment in book subsistence users not have enough

M/C- none opposed

M/S- Lani, Val to support Proposal 240- subsistence fishing nets on Chilkat River

Lani- would like to support this proposal with idea that we can amend it to limit it to Klukwan residents

Mike A.- states that this is a local traditional and customary use. Case law supports traditional and customary uses of Natives.

MikeT.- The State will oppose preference to Natives

Val- Questions the policy of State Management of waters that are adjacent to Federal land

M/C- none opposed

M/S Mike, Val- Subsistence at Battery Pt. to be allowed

Mike-

Lani- supports this proposal, will lessen congestion of fishing in the Chilkat River, we have pleasure of fishing in front of our homes, why not them?

Val- it is open to commercial fishing, why not subsistence.

M/C- none opposed

M/S Mike, Lani Proposal 257

Change first day of fishing opening, to Monday

Lani- supports this proposal in order

Val- supports for the same reason

M/C- None opposed

M/S, Mike, Val to support 266,

Mike- this deals with gillnet length specification in Yakutat area

Lani- I am familiar with the fishermen in the community of Yakutat and I trust their judgement

M/C- None opposed

M/S Lani, Val- In support of Proposal 286 Regarding Bag limits for processed fish

Lani- it sounds like sport fishermen from out of the state are taking huge amounts of fish and are exceeding their bag limit by processing fish on board

M/S Mike, Val- In support of Proposal 287- this was similar to # 286

Mike A. – Canadians fish in Chilkat River freezing fish in large amounts

M/C- none opposed

M/S Lani, Val-To support proposal 237

Remarks:

Mike- supports this proposal because it would open up more area for subsistence fishing , doesn't think anyone will go down that far to fish hooligan

Lani—I support this for the salmon but wouldn't support it for the smelt/hooligan, these should be separate proposal.

Will support for same reason as Battery Point Proposals.

M/C- None Opposed

3:03pm Lani Hotch is excused.

M/C Mike,Valentino , support for Propossal 295higher mortality then people realize from improper catch and release

M/C Mike/Valentino support proposal 302 retaining first two “legal” fish and no catch and release for larger fish.

M/C Mike/Val support proposal 308 keeping personal & charter fishing separate

M/C Mike, Valentino support proposal 311 to allow ADF&G officers acces to charters freezers etc. to check for proper separation of subsistence and commercial fish catches.

M/C Valentino/Mike , support proposal 312 to police charter fisheries properly.

M/C Valentino/Sally support proposal 313 see remarks for two previous proposals, allow proper policing.

M/C Mike/Valentino support proposal 368 limit non resident to a reasonable amount of fish perday.

Klukwan Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting February 2, 2009

Meeting called to order by :Mike Adams

Opening Prayer by: Jones Hotch Jr.

Roll Call: Mike Adams, Jones Hotch Jr., Lani Hotch,
Valentino Burattin, Sally Burattin

Jones- Reports on the January 29, 2009, ANB and ANS
/Community Meeting and election:

Mike Adams, Jones Hotch, Lani Hotch, Valentino Burattin
and Sally Burattin were elected to the F&G Advisory
Committee. Also Joe Hotch was elected as an Honorary/ex
officio member.

Mike Adams declares nominations open for President:

Mike Adams ~~nominated~~ Jones Hotch as President, Lani
Hotch seconded nomination. No others were nominated so
Jones is elected by unanimous consent

Sally Burattin nominates and Val seconds Mike Adams for
Vice Chair. No others are nominated so Mike is elected by
unanimous consent

Mike Adams nominates Lani Hotch for Secretary, Val
seconds the nomination.

M/S Jones/Val to close nominations

M/C- none opposed

Agenda items:

1. Val's report on regional meeting in Petersburg
2. Select representative for regional Fisheries Meeting in February

Mike-Asks Val if he was able to make contact with other Advisory Committees

Val- There wasn't any natives present at the regional meeting. Didn't think that Subsistence Fishermen/interests were represented at the meeting. When asked a Native community member in Petersburg indicated that they feel intimidated by the dominance of non-natives present at the regional meetings.

Sally- The State doesn't know what the Natives really want because they never seem to show up at the meetings. Consequently the State feels like whatever they put out is okay with Natives. Sally mentions she brought up the Haines Highway re-routing issue and pushed it hard until she got a response from State officials regarding it.

Val- Reports that before the road can be put in that the Habitat Division of F&G will need to be contacted and give their approval.

Sally- We should contact Allen G Cain, and Lance B. Nelson regarding the highway re-routing issue.

Val- Wade Willis stated that he could come to Klukwan to teach the F&G Advisory Committee to give us some training for effectiveness as advisory committee members. Also _____ Hendrickson would be available but she was rather new to F&G. They were thinking we were on State lands and I told them we were on Federal Land.

Lani—We are actually on Tribal Land—it is neither State or Federal.

General Discussion on what the ramifications of the Tribal Land designation are.

M/S Mike, Lani--- To follow up with Rep Thomas' office on the road issue and how it will affect our fishing and salmon habitat.

Jones- directs that Mike Adams will be designated to do the follow up on this issue.

M/C – none opposed

Jones- Asks if we are ready to discuss who will represent us at the next regional Fisheries Meeting

General Discussion as to who among us would be available to go the meeting.

M/S Lani, Mike- to send Val and Sally to the next regional fisheries meeting in Sitka.

M/C- none opposed

Sally-reports that a seat is opening up on the Statewide Fisheries board and they were encouraging Natives to apply for that position.

Lani- Suggests Don Bremner as a possible nominee. He is a native and he is interested in fishing issues. He is a friend of my brother Tony and he lives in Juneau.

Mike- Would like to get to the bottom of the issue of how the State can take away native hunting and fishing rights.

Lani- Suggests that we recommend to the ANB/ANS and the Village Council that another Village Representative be sent when our proposal comes up for action in Sitka.

Val and Sally- The regional meetings have introduction of proposals on the first few days and each community representative is allowed to present their proposals. Nobody really speaks to the merits of the proposals at that time, but they can ask questions. After the first hearing of the proposal are finished then they are divided into the committees and people can speak and hear testimony on the merits of the proposals. After the committees are through hearing testimony, then the proposals go back before the board and it gets voted on. A lot of the proposals get voted down.

Mike- Asks about the date for the next meeting.

M/S Lani/Mike- To have the next meeting on February 11th.

Remarks- to have the meeting at 12:00 noon

M/C – none opposed

Sally- I think we should plan on having a meeting as soon as we can after we get back.

M/S Lani, Mike – to have Jones contact the ANB/ANS and Village Council to get letters of support from them regarding our proposal and to have representatives from each organization send a representative to the Fisheries Meeting.

M/C –None opposed

Val—We should do what we can to get the ANB more active.

M/S Lani, Sally –to adjourn
Closing Prayer- Sally Burattin



CENTRAL KUSKOKWIM AC COMMENTS

Meeting in Aniak AK Feb 9, 2009

This was a joint meeting of the two Advisory Committees. Most of the deliberations were joint discussions. Each committee made moved, seconded, discussed and voted individually on each proposal presented.

(The following is extracted from the minutes, and are comments of the Central Kuskokwim AC on Board of Game Proposals)

Proposal #235

The committee moved, seconded and unanimously voted in support of this proposal. This proposal involved a long discussion centered around the need for wolf control to get the moose population back to a harvestable level.

Roger Seavoy, the area biologist gave a detailed power point presentation telling how the population is doing so far. It is improving, but still not at a robust enough level to allow hunting. Wolf control is known to work to help populations. However he said the Department is proposing to shrink the wolf control area because for several reasons control is not working on the lower river areas. Those reasons include vegetation, cover, difficulty of terrain, and land ownership which prevents aerial hunting of wolves. He stated in order to keep the integrity of the program; it should not be continued where it is not working well.

A lively discussion ensued between the two committees related to the fact that TKC does not allow aerial wolf hunting over and on their land. Liability seems to be the main issue. The members of the committees said, as shareholders, they must petition and demand that this policy changes to allow Aerial wolf hunting.

The committee wants wolf control to be in all of 19A, not just in the reduced area of the Holitna, Hoholitna and Stony Rivers.

Proposal #230

The committee moved, seconded and voted unanimously support of the proposal with amendments.

Central Kuskokwim's amendment was to have no reference to any GMU except GMU 18.

(We should not be involved in what GMU 18 does with their ANS deliberations. They must work out their own needs without input from us.

We don't want other areas dictating to us anymore on what we are supposed to do.)

Proposal # 233

The committee moved, seconded and voted unanimously in support off the proposal with no changes.

Proposal # 235

The committee moved, seconded and voted unanimously in support of the proposal with no changes.

Proposal # 244

The committee moved, seconded and voted unanimously in supported of the proposal with the original language, but

Most members voiced concern that larger caliber (.308, 30-06, 7.62 x 54R) full metal jackets work very well on larger game and restricting their use would be detrimental to hunters that use those types of bullets.

Proposal #247

The committee moved, seconded and voted unanimously in support of the proposal with amendment to have no reference to ANS in the language of the proposal. The committee supported Unit 18 having a hunt, but they did not want all of the ANS confusion tied to their support.

A/C COMMENT # 4

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Comments For Board of Game Meeting February 27, 2009

Proposal # 42

Vote: 0-5 committee is opposed

The committee feels that in October there are not many bear viewers in the area if any at all.

Most hunters are safety conscious AND are sure of their target and what's in the background

Also this area has been open for hunting, as long as we can remember

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Proposal # 43

Vote: 0-5, the committee is opposed

We are opposed to this proposal because there is no problem with the bear population in this area. Harvests have gone up because of the abundance of bears. At our F+G ^{Advisory} committee meeting Feb 2, 2009, our game biologist reported to us that he counted 330 bears in this area, the Fall of 2008

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Proposal # 44

Vote: 0-5 , the committee is opposed

SAME REASONS as for proposal # 43

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Proposal # 45

Vote: 0-5, committee is opposed.

SAME REASONS AS FOR PROPOSAL # 43

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Proposal # 55

Vote: 5-0 , the committee is in support

The committee feels this is more
realistic

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Proposal # 57

Vote: 5-0, the committee is in support

This proposal is aimed at reducing harvest of the large bulls, estimated at around 5%.

A/C COMMENT # 5

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Proposal # 58

Vote: 5-0, Support

The committee feels this proposal
~~would~~ is how the regulation should read

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Proposal # 59

Vote: 1-4, the committee is opposed.

This proposal is our proposal. We changed
our views as our moose population
is not high enough to lengthen the season

We ask this proposal be withdrawn

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Proposal # 64

Vote: 0-5, the committee is opposed

The wolf populations are higher than what this proposal states.

The ADF+G game biologist at our meeting reported that wolf populations are much higher than 350 wolves.

The committee feels the population is much higher also.

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Proposal # 65

Vote: 5-0, The committee is in support

We believe that the unit should be 9C
AND 9E

We feel something needs to be done
to protect caribou especially during
calving.

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Proposal # 67

Vote: 0-5, the committee is opposed.

We feel the wolf population is
high in this area.

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Proposal # 68

Vote: 3-2, the committee is in support

The committee is in support of a predator plan to protect caribou, although 2 members didn't think moose needed the same.

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Proposal # 69

Vote: 5-0, the committee supports

This is our proposal AND we would like
to amend the proposal to say
Unit 9B + 17B

We submitted this proposal because of the
mulchatna caribou herd in severe decline
AND the large bull count less than 50%
of what it should be.

Also the moose population in 9B is at
a low count although considered stable

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Proposal # 206

Vote: 0-5, the committee opposes

The committee strongly opposes this AS because Sept 20-30 would be during the peak of the rut. Making bulls to vulnerable, but the main reason is that the meat is uneatable.

Nov 1-10, the meat might be eatable but this is during freeze up and not accessible.

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Proposal # 207

Vote: 0-5, the committee opposes

Unit 9 already has a December
season.

IF the board wanted to impliment
a youth season in any of the
other units we have no comment.

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Proposal # 221

Vote: 0-5, the committee opposes

We oppose this proposal

We feel adding another day to the
wait is to much.

This would impact residents more
than nonresidents

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Comments For Board of Game Meeting February 27, 2009

Proposal # 244

Vote: 0-5, the committee opposes

The committee opposes this proposal.

We feel that the .223 is the primary caliber to harvest wolves + wolverine (which are considered big game) the use of full metal jacketed bullets is the most common bullet.

Hunters need to realize that full metal jackets are not deer bullets, AND use appropriate bullets.

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Comments For Board of ^{Fish} ~~Game~~ Meeting ^{MARCH 2009} ~~February 27, 2009~~

Proposal # 377

Vote: 5-0, the committee is in support

By giving setnetters another 10 Fathoms,
when fishing in RIVER it would help
eliminate part of the over escapement
issue.

January 30, 2009
 Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee
 Tele-Conference

1. *Call to Order 1:07 pm.*

2. *Committee Participants:*

Daniel Kingsley, Chairperson
 Tim Enright, Treasurer
 William Albecker
 Myra Olsen
 Bobby Christensen
 Nancy Flensburg, Alternate
 Eddie Clark

Pilot Point
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 Port Heiden
 Ugashik
 Naknek

3. *Approve Agenda:*

Motion to Approve-Myra Olsen Second William Albecker

4. *Approval of Minutes from November 7, 2008 meeting.*

Tabled because many of the committee members did not receive a copy.

5. *Introductions:*

Lem Butler, ADF&G Game Biologist
 Frank Woods, BBNA Subsistence
 Nancy Hoffman, US Fish & Wildlife, Refuge Biologist
 Joe Chythlook, ADF&G Board Support

6. *New Business:*

- A. Lem Butler started out the discussion of the proposals by explaining that most of the game proposals were for other game units throughout the state and that he would just concentrate on proposals dealing with game units 9 and 17.

Proposal 47: *Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear.*

The Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee (LBBAC) voted to **unanimously adopt** Proposal 47 as amended:

- ◆ Lem Butler pointed out that there were several mistakes in the proposal that need correcting. There are only 3,000 bears in game unit 9E. In addition, the department does not just manage the bear population on harvest data only. Hence the proposal was amended to read:

PROPOSAL 47 (Amended) – 5 AAC85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear. Open a brown bear hunting season in Unit 9E as follows:

One brown bear every regulatory year. State of Alaska residents only.

ISSUE: Over population of brown bear in Unit 9E. The Department of Fish and Game estimates there is currently a brown bear population of 3,000 brown bears in Unit 9E. This is a two-fold increase in the number of bear in this game unit since the early 1980's. Of particular concern is the population estimates are based on an extrapolation model utilizing mainly harvest data collected. No hard population data like survival and recruitment data is available.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? The brown bear population will continue to increase. The increase in the number of brown bear in Unit 9E has caused safety concerns among the residents of Unit 9E. In addition, with a large bear population there is fewer moose and caribou calves surviving.

WILL THE QUALITY OF THE RESOURCE HARVESTED OR THE PRODUCT PRODUCED BE IMPROVED? No.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? A few resident big game guides but more importantly the residents of the communities located within Unit 9E. In addition the moose and caribou populations may benefit with less predatory bears in the region.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? A few big game guides might have a more difficult time harvesting trophy brown bears.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED? None.

PROPOSED BY: Lower Bristol Bay Advisory.

Discussion about Proposal 47 as amended.

- LBBAC members discussed the problems with not having a predatory control implementation plan for game unit 9 except around Port Moller. It is well documented that our ungulate population is on the decline and currently at very low levels and our predator population, namely brown bears and wolves, is large and growing.
- Lem Butler pointed out that just reducing the number of bears in a population will not necessarily reduce the predation level on the moose and caribou calves. One needs to harvest specific problem bears out of the population to improve ungulate calf survival rates.
- Lem also mentioned that it is hard to manage for ungulates when the State Legislature has designated 9E as a unit to be managed for optimum bear population.

Proposal 58 – 5AAC 85.045 Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Change the moose bag limit during the winter season in Unit 9 to one antlered moose.

The Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee (LBBAC) voted to **unanimously adopt** Proposal 58.

- Lem Butler explained that this proposal was put in by the Department because too many moose were being harassed by hunters attempting to determine gender. Mr. Butler also said the State Troopers supported this proposal for enforcement reasons.

- Myra Olsen also stated that this proposal was worth supporting since it does not reduce the length of the winter hunt for local residents.
- Mr. Butler explained that the bigger bulls will lose their horns at the start of the winter hunt but the smaller bulls would retain their horns for the duration of the winter season. This selective harvest of smaller bulls would eventually be good for the continued propagation of the moose population.
- Tim Enright expressed concern that the caribou and moose population is so low that maybe the winter moose hunt needed to be extended to include the month of November. He also suggested that all non-resident moose hunts be cancelled until local residents could again harvest caribou.
- Mr. Butler explained why the winter moose hunt was not expanded in 9E as requested by several local villages. He said the Board did not find the need of an "emergency" and that the moose populations in 9E were low-moderate densities but stable. The only unit that received an extension of the winter hunt, by Board of Game, had a moose population increasing approximately 30% annually.
- Bobby Christensen went on record that he was in favor of keeping the winter season as is and encourage local residents just to work harder to bag a winter moose.
- Motion to adopt - Myra Olsen: Second Bobby Christensen

Proposal 64 – 5 AAC 85.056. Hunting seasons and bag limits for wolf. Change the season dates and bag limit for wolf in Unit 9 as follows:

Set the wolf harvest back to the pre-Intensive Management rule that provides for 5 wolves annually in a season starting August 10 to April 30 for those portions of Unit 9B, C and E that are in Lake Clark, Katmai and Aniakchak National Preserve.

The Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee (LBAC) voted to **unanimously oppose the adoption of Proposal 64.**

- Lem Butler stated that there was no biological reason to adopt restrictions in the bag limit and shorten the season for wolves in Unit 9. Mr. Butler explained that the Department does not feel that the current regulations demonstrate an attempt to over-harvest wolves. He also pointed out the Department encourages more wolf harvest by extending the wolf season in the fall so brown bear hunters might bag a wolf.
- Motion to oppose – Myra Olsen: Second Nancy Flensburg

Proposal 65 (Amended) – 5 AAC 92.125 Predation Control Areas Implementation Plans. Expand predator control into Units 9C and 9E as follows:

Direct the Department of Fish & Game to draft a predator control implementation plan for the Alaska Peninsula, Units 9C and 9E.

The Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee (LBBAC) voted to **unanimously adopt** Proposal 64 as amended.

- Basically Lem Butler pointed out that the game units in this proposal were wrong. Should be game units **9C and 9E** instead of **9D and 9E**.
- Mr. Butler also explained that any type of predator control plan on the Alaska Peninsula would be very hard to implement because of all the Federal land inter-mixed with the State land. Currently, it appears the pregnancy rate of the caribou herd appears to be good but recruitment is very poor when the caribou come off Federal land in the spring. He estimates the recruitment rate to be around 10 calves per 100 cows which is well below the 30 calves per 100 cows desired.
- Mr. Butler said he has a meeting scheduled with the Federal game managers to discuss a predator control plan. However, he warned all the committee members that an environmental impact statement (EIS) would probably have to be completed on the Federal land, management objectives would have to be changed, and co-operative agreements negotiated between the Federal and State biologists prior to any predator control plan being adopted. This whole bureaucratic process is very cumbersome and takes a long time.

Motion to Adopt – Myra Olsen: Seconded Tim Enright.

Proposal 69 – 5 ACC92.125. Predation Control Areas Implementation Plans. Implement a predation control area plan for Unit 9 and Unit 17 as follows:

Develop a predator management plan for Bristol Bay; Unit 9 and Unit 17.

The Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee (LBBAC) voted to **unanimously adopt** Proposal 69.

- Lem Butler stated that proposal was too general and problematic attempting to implement game unit wide predator control programs on specific game populations. He said that the Mulkatna moose and caribou along with the South Peninsula caribou herds were below intensive management objectives and something had to be done in the near future to even the playing field.
- Mr. Butler said the Department might go along with this proposal if it was worded as such that the Department could implement predator control plan for specific game populations within a game unit. Again, the issue of all the Federal land within these game units makes this proposal too vague and broad to accomplish.
- Joe Chythlook and Frank Woods asked Mr. Butler about the intensive management objectives in 9E and 9C. He replied that for moose and caribou in 9E and 9C that we are currently way below the proposed intensive management objectives.

Motion to Adopt Myra Olsen: Second Eddie Clark

Proposal 207 – 5 AAC 85.045 Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Establish a youth moose hunt in various Region II Units, as follows:

I propose that the Board of Game authorizes an "any moose draw, youth hunt" for Units 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, and 16 as follows: Starting the first Saturday after Christmas break, and continuing for the next 10 days. This hunt would be open to all youth age 10-16. These tags should be in addition to the tags that are currently being issued. Hunts in 14C, should be under the direction of a professional guide or the Department of Fish & Game.

I also would suggest that all individuals drawing this tag would have to pass a weapons proficiency test such what the bow hunter's use. If not, then at least make it mandatory to attend a hunters' safety education class.

The Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee (LBBAC) voted to unanimously oppose the adoption of Proposal 207.

- Lem Butler stated that the Department would not support this proposal.
- Mr. Butler went on to say that the Department had some conservation concerns for certain game populations, in addition, he felt there is currently able opportunity to take youths out and hunt during the regular gun and archery seasons.
- Mr. Butler also said the game units were too large and that each game unit designated in the proposal have many different distinct game populations.

Motion to Oppose- Myra Olsen: Second Bill Albecker

7. *Old Business*

- A. Elections and seat new members next meeting.

8. *Time and Place of Next Meeting*

March 23, 2009

1:00 pm

City of Pilot Point Conference Room

Pilot Point, Alaska

9. *Adjournment*

Motion to Adjourn Bill Albecker

Second Tim Enright

Adjourned 2:47 pm

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A/C COMMENT # 6

HOMER FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 03, 2009
Meeting began 6:10

- Members Present: Marv Peters (Chair), Trina B. Fellows (Sec), Lee Martin, Cliff Calkins, George Matz, Thomas Hagberg, Skip Avril, Gus Van Dyke, Tom Young, Dave Lyon, Pete Wedin, Joey Allred, Tabor Ashment & Elise Wolf (Alternate).

Excused: Michael Craig, Jim Meesis.

Public: Chris Day, Ken Day (Emerald Air) & Dave Bachrach.

Fish & Game Biologist: Jeff Selinger & Thomas McDonough.

Allen: Scott

Proposal 42 12 Favor 2 Abstain 0 Oppose
 Discussion: Bear viewing - bear guides - fisherman that come in later to fish rainbows.
 Increase of salmon runs in other streams could be drawing bears away from viewing area.
 All user groups need to clean up campsites and all streams. Should Parks be charging all user groups a clean up fee?

*BOG
AC Comments*

Proposal 45 2 Favor 5 Abstain 7 Oppose
 Discussion: Homer F&G committee preferred Proposal 42.

Proposal 118 0 Favor 2 Abstain 12 Oppose
 Discussion: F&G biologist - no indication that Homer Cranes are a Subpopulation.
 Estimated population of 125 T in this flyway. Maybe this should be discussed more.
 Some people are concerned.

Proposal 119 0 favor 0 Abstain 14 Oppose
 Discussion: Pelts are not in top condition in early or late season. No need to
 Lengthen season.

Proposal 120 0 Favor 0 Abstain 14 Oppose
 Discussion: No beavers in this area & no one trapping this area.

Proposal 123 0 Favor 0 Abstain 14 Oppose
 No need to change - Wolverine not usually along a populated road.

Proposal 126 1 Favor 2 Abstain 11 Oppose
 Discussion: The hunting season and bag limit in place now is satisfactory; one more
 black bear a year might help the moose calf population.

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Proposal 127 1 Favor 0 Abstain 13 Oppose
Discussion: Leave regulations of black bear to biologist.

Proposal 128 4 Favor 4 Abstain 6 Oppose
Discussion: You can now sell pelts from wolf, fox & other critters. Why not sell black bear hides?

Proposal 135 14 Favor 0 Abstain 0 Oppose
Discussion:

Proposal 139 14 Favor 0 Abstain 0 Oppose
Discussion: We support a modification objective of allowable human caused mortality on The Kenai Peninsula. We Support allowing up to 12 reproductive aged females to be Killed by human causes per calendar year.

#2 Bears killed within urban areas or city limits will not be counted against this quota.

#3 Fall season should be September 15 to November 30. Spring season unchanged.

Proposal with amendment 14 Favor 0 Abstain 0 Oppose

Proposal 142 14 Favor 0 Abstain 0 Oppose
Discussion:

Proposal 151 13 Favor 0 Abstain 1 Oppose
Discussion: Don't believe in killing cows. They are needed to reproduce.

Proposal 152 13 Favor 0 Abstain 1 Oppose
Discussion: Same as above

Proposal 183 14 Favor 0 Abstain 0 Oppose
Discussion: This is a difficult area to hunt. Moose population high.

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Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee

"Comments"

For the Spring 2009 Board of Game meeting in Anchorage. The FAC comments include those proposals in the GMU's heavily used by our constituents, proposals likely to be precedent setting and proposals deferred from previous BOG meetings for discussion. The FAC Game Subcommittee held two meetings to discuss the proposals and forwarded recommendations to the full AC. February 12, 2009

Proposal Number	Issue	Comments	The FAC Voted (Favor-Opposed-Abstain-absent)	Recommendation
13	Guide/Client agreement for Dall sheep drawing hunts in 14C (Non Residents)	There should be guide/client agreements. The guide should have to be registered for the area. Needs amendment to add "a letter identifying next of kin" if a guide is not used. On the "issue" of sheep drawing permits, the Board needs to keep non-resident participation on a hunt-by-hunt basis. Their license and tag fees are critical to wildlife management funding. We support some reasonable limits on the percentage of non-residents.	12-0-0-3	Amend then Adopt
14	Limit to 10% Non-residents for sheep in 14D drawing	See comments on this issue #13	12-0-0-3	TNA
15	Exclude Non-residents from sheep hunting in 14C	See comments on this issue #13	12-0-0-3	TNA
16	Limit Non-resident sheep tags in 14C	See comments on this issue #13	12-0-0-3	TNA
17	Limit Non-resident sheep tags in 14C	See comments on this issue #13	12-0-0-3	TNA
18	Change bag limit to "full cur" in 14C hunts DS140 and DS141	See comments on this issue #216	12-0-0-3	Adopt
19	Either limit or eliminate Non-resident sheep tags in 14C	See comments on this issue #13	12-0-0-3	TNA
20	Restrict trapping near trails in 14C. (Chugach State Park issue)	See comments on this issue #27	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt
27	DF&G and DNR eliminate	Why is the Dept. bring a "done deal" to the Board. If		

AC COMMENT #

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	wolverine trapping in Chugach State Park in 14C	the park planning process overtrumps the historic Alaskan resource uses so be it. We fail to understand why a single user group (skiers with loose dogs) cannot compromise with the local areas, designated trails, set back distances and type of hardware used by the trappers (who were certainly there first).	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt
28	Prohibit wolverine trapping in Chugach State Park	See comments #27	12-0-0-3	DNA
29	Wounded bears will count toward the hunter's limit in 6D.	See comments #201	12-0-0-3	TNA
32	Extends brown bear season on Montague Island in 6D and opens to Non-residents	We support this new opportunity and including non-residents. Where will the "registration" be located? We support using technology and opening to all ADF&G offices. You can get to Montague without going to Cordova.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
37	Modify hunting and trapping seasons for lynx in 6	Trapping is also a "subsistence" activity. We recommend adding it in 6.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
42	Brown bear season in 9C	The issue of limiting brown bear hunting to provide more access for the bear viewing industry provides the basis for this, and other similar subject proposals. These are always presented to the Board in "either-or" fashion. The number of bears harvested is closely controlled by the Department. The issue is always framed as a user "conflict". To solve the conflict, we recommend the BOG use the Canadian Dempster Highway example. The Ministry of Tourism asks the tour providers on the Dempster Highway to include in their advertising the information that those using the highway during the late Summer and Fall hunting seasons WHO WOULD BE UPSET BY HUNTING ACTIVITIES plan their trips earlier in the year. Those who do not have a problem with hunting and harvest activities can plan for anytime. No planning or season	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt (Produce written request to the Alaska Travel and Tourism Bureau as discussed.)

		change will prevent some visitors, be they hunting with camera or rifle, from inappropriate behavior. The BOG cannot eliminate such behavior by regulation.		
43 & 44	Close brown bear hunting in portion of 9C	These basically "anti-hunting" proposals note the high harvest rates for the highest year(s). What is missing is the average harvest and the trend. Also missing is the subsistence harvest. To best deal with this issue, please see our comments on #42.	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt
49	Create IM PC Plan in 17B	One of several AC "frustration" proposals because of the lack of intensive management actions to improve moose and caribou populations used by Alaskans for food. There are 45 IM proposals for this meeting. We fully expect Region II to return to their "too many, too costly, too much time, not enough information" stance of the last 10 years to beg the BOG not to adopt this proposal. We recommend a comprehensive, regional review of all such requests and some prioritization so there is a "plan" to solve these problems.	12-0-0-3	Take No Action (Put with other similar proposals for review and priority.)
51	Change season and bag limit for brown bear in 17B (State – Federal land "purpose conflicts")	See comments #112	12-0-0-3	Take No Action
53	Close Caribou season in So. Penn. Herd in 9D	We recommend the Board compare this closure request to the Section 92 plan for IM. This is a "reduction in human harvest" and may require a plan amendment. The Board should consider a "sunset" date for the closure.	No Vote	No Recommendation
55	Dept. Change IM "objectives" for Mulchatna Caribou Herd	We don't read the Intensive Management statute to reduce the population and harvest objectives as a first course of action. The IM Plan for the Mulchatna Herd, if there is one, must include "actions" to reach the original objectives. Only after those actions have been tried and reviewed, or some new resource "conflict" identified, should the Board lower the objectives. Further, the Department's notation that if the	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt

		objectives are lowered, "the caribou herd will be more productive" is the least scientific finding on productivity we've ever seen. This statement makes us question their "comments" and "proposals" for this meeting.		
61	Remote permit "sign up" and requirement to register way before the season opens, in this case moose in 17B	The FAC supports the concept of being able to sign up for registration hunts at "any ADF&G" office. If the number of registrations is limited and would result in too short an opportunity to register, like all the permits would be gone in five minutes, then some combination of drawing and registration should be used. The registration permit should not be used to discriminate between users authorized by the Board.	12-0-0-3	FAC Supports this "concept".
62	Change boundary for winter hunt in 17B and 17C (but includes new definition of "bull" – not mentioned in purpose of proposal)	We have no comment on the "winter boundary" change but this proposal also changes the definition of the legal bag limit. That change should have been listed in the "heading".	No Vote	No recommendation
70	Reopen Spring Ptarmigan in 13A&E Close Spring Season in 13B	The FAC questions that "hunters" have caused the decline in Rock Ptarmigan. What about other types of ptarmigan, like Willow. Is this huge area closure needed?	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt
71	Shorten coyote trapping season in 13	There is no evidence of what constitutes a "large by catch of fox and lynx". Basically, coyote kill lambs and caribou calves. We prefer longer seasons with no bag limits. The Board should examine the evidence of "large by catch".	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt
73	Lengthen black bear baiting season in 13E	The Dept. has put a lot of effort into "training" bear baiters. This is an IM and bears are part of the predation problem. The season should be extended to provide for a higher harvest.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
74	Lengthen black bear baiting season in 11 and 13	Adding to our comments in #73, this is an AC proposal over a wider area. Proposal is a benefit to IM actions.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
76	Increase bag limit for brown bear	An AC proposal to reduce brown bear as part of the		

	to 2 per year in 13E	predation problem. Because of the expense of using the hides, and the number of small bears in the unit, the suggested action will not likely result in much additional harvest. However, it does clearly demonstrate the frustration this AC (and others see #79) have with the success of the present predator control actions. The low incremental harvest that would result would not be a biological problem for the brown bear population in 13E (or all of 13).	12-0-0-3	Adopt
79	Increase bag limit for brown bear to 2 per year in 13	See comments on #76	12-0-0-3	Adopt
80	Modify goat hunting area in 13D	Re-establishes lost opportunity. There is no biological reason to not add the area back and open goat hunting.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
81	Restrict bullet clips or magazines to 5 shots for Tier II caribou hunting in 13.	There is no statistical evidence given that the mortality from wounding is higher than normally assumed when the number of permits for this hunt are issued. The action requested is a substantial burden on the hunter and unless there is some abnormally high wounding mortality, we would not support this action.	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt
82	Change (In this case, "delete") the extra salvage requirements for the Tier II caribou hunt in 13	There are several proposals to delete or change the salvage requirements for Tier II moose and caribou hunts in 13. These requirements are not decreasing the number of applicants as the Board had hoped. Local advisory committees, local Alaska Native organizations and hunters are asking this requirement be deleted. The Board should delete the requirement and let the salvage requirement be as defined to avoid wanton waste.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
83	Change the extra salvage requirements for the Tier II caribou hunt in 13	See comments on #82.	12-0-0-3	Take No Action
84	Create community harvest for moose and caribou in Ahtna area	We support the "community harvest" concept but this proposal can't work on a racial basis. A community harvest must be open to all members of the	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt

		community, not all members of the Native Corp. For example, what would a non-native resident of Cantwell do to qualify?		
86	Restriction from hunting in other than 13 if chosen for Tier II	The Board's proposal to have a non-subsistence area within 13 is better. There is not any need to restrict hunting in other units where there is a population reduction under IM in place. (Like 20A and 20B)	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt
91	Change salvage requirements in 13 Tier II	See comments for #82. Also, the language in this proposal would require the Board to define "edible".	12-0-0-3	Take No Action
92	Change salvage requirements in 13 Tier II	If this is the Proposal for discussion by the Board on this subject, "neck" should be amended into the proposal.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
93	Modify the salvage requirement for moose liver in 13 Tier II	See comments on #82.	12-0-0-3	Take No Action
95	In part of 13, delete Tier II for moose and use a drawing hunt	This is basically defining a non-subsistence area within 13.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
96	Re-examine ANS for moose in 13	We have always supported and requested the BOG to review the ANS for both moose and caribou. Hopefully the Subsistence Division will have the data necessary for the Board.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
97	Change antler restrictions in 13 moose and add Non-resident participation	Even if the short term trend for the moose population is better, the unit is at less than half of the IM population objective. It would be a slap in the face to resident hunters to return non-residents. If the trend continues for the next cycle, there may be enough information to justify an increased harvest which could include non-residents. The guides and transporters who would benefit need to wait until the "trend" is unit wide and a significant population increase is seen. If one part or sub-unit is opened to non-residents or lesser antler restrictions, that area will be over run with hunters.	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt
101	Change moose antler restriction for 13	See comments #97	12-0-0-3	Take No Action

102	Create a Non-resident moose season in 13D	See comments #97	12-0-0-3	Take No Action
103	AC to open Non-resident moose season in 13	See comment #97	12-0-0-3	Take No Action
104	AC to return to full curl for sheep in 11	We support the statewide use of the full curl horn as the legal definition of a legal ram.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
107	Create archery only sheep season in 13D	The existing sheep seasons are long enough that any "methods" can be accommodated. That "only a few additional animals will be harvested" is not a sufficient reason for special seasons for hunters using one "method and means".	12-0-0-3	Take No Action
110	Restrict motorized vehicles except airplanes in 13 and 14	Proposer wants to limit entire 13 and 14 and add new CUA that would be 14C. Says game is harassed by motorized and it's unethical to spot game via aircraft. There is no biological data included. The example is non-resident v resident success ratio for sheep. 13 and 14 are not atypical for the entire state for the non-resident to resident ratio for sheep. There are both drawing permit and access restriction CUAs that restrict hunting access means, there is no reason to expand restrictions to entire units or even sub-units.	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt
111	(See #13)		12-0-0-3	Amend/Adopt
112	Return wolf harvest regulations to "pre-11M rule and lower bag limit.	Proposer cites federal "management policies" for the reason to return to pre-11M and lower bag limits. Interesting that for this issue the park organizations, represented by the proposer generalizes the national park system requires Alaska to do as he suggests. In nearly every other issue to restrict they cite the individual nature of a particular park or preserve and it's "unique" characteristics. The fact is that these are anti-hunter, animal rights interests and their views do not reflect the direction of the Alaska constitution, our statutes or administrative code. The Board should reject this proposal and all similar proposals.	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt

115	Preference Points	See comments on #241.	12-0-0-3	Take No Action
116	Restrict use of motorized vehicles in 13A	Proposer feels hunters are unfairly using vehicles to chase game. No coordination with Protection or the Department is cited. No statistics given.	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt
119	Lengthen beaver trapping season in 11, 13, 16, 7, 15	Beavers are numerous and additional harvest is unlikely to harm the overall population. As suggested by the trapper's association, nuisance beavers can be removed without as much bureaucracy.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
120	Close beaver trapping in a portion of 15C	Adopting this proposal would set a poor precedent. The proposer cites different causes for the "decline" than the requested remedy. If predators are eating beaver, perhaps more predator trapping and hunting is needed. If there is indiscriminate "shooting" of beaver, then more enforcement is needed. We suspect this is just an anti-trapping viewpoint.	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt
121	Close fox trapping in 7 and 15	The US Fish and Wildlife Service is on the "it may be a sub-species" bandwagon for red fox. They want to close the season to prevent harvest. Presently, no one traps targeting red fox because of the low population. Trappers need to be able to keep incidental catch. Information from Kenai trappers is that very few if any red fox are trapped in the subject area. We prefer the existing regulation. The Board of Game should not do anything to further the USFWS "opinion" that there are sub-species of common animals like red fox. Even humans have slightly different DNA but retain the membership in the species.	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt
122	Change the season and bag limit for marten in 15	Proposer is asking for a limit of 2 marten and a shortened season. She seems to feel that local area depletions will occur along the road system. No harvest or population data are given. No coordination with the Dept. is referenced.	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt
123	Change the season and bag limit for wolverine in 15	Same story as #122 with no data to back up or support request.	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt

142	Goat bag limit and season, adds penalty for harvest of nanny in 7 and 15	Department proposal that encourages hunters to harvest billyes by limiting participation if a nanny is taken. We support this approach over a ban on harvesting a nanny. If a hunter just wants "a goat" the nanny will suffice and the penalty will keep him/her out of the field without a ticket or going to court. Serious goat hunters will work harder to restrict their harvest to billyes.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
163	Modify permit and registration for goat in 8	The FAC has long believed that the existing limits on goat permits is illegal with respect to treating all Alaskans equally. The "local preference" has been misused in these hunts for a long time. Our first response to having "too many goats" is to require any hunter living in Kodiak to have to kill a goat before he/she is eligible to hunt anything else in the state. We have always supported the use of the internet or even having permits available in other cities besides Kodiak. This is an opportunity to really improve the distribution of these permits and encourage new hunters rather than discourage them.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
165	Timing of availability of goat permits in 8	A similar proposal to #163. Fairness in distribution is the issue. We support this request.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
166	Changes to bear hunting in 16B predator control area	These suggestions ask the board to take action to increase the bear harvest in the predator control area. The board should adopt these changes in order to both increase harvest toward the quota and to shorten the time needed for predator control and moose population recovery. Note that these liberal changes would be part of the IMI plan and would be eliminated at the end of the predation control efforts.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
167	Changes the bag limit for black bear in 14A	The change would align 14A with much of Region II and with the rest of the Interior. There is no biological problem with harvesting more bears.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
186	Requests changes to save wolves	See comments on #112	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt

	in 16B, similar to request in #112			
188	Change IM population and harvest objectives in 16	The Department should be asked to clarify their "intent" for the objectives in 16. If the suggested changes are reasonable long term goals, the board should change the IM objectives.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
191	Clarify the definition of firearms for hunting and trapping in the Palmer-Wasilla MA	We support the Department's efforts to clarify the regulation and support a uniform definition of muzzleloader.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
194	Change season and bag limit for coyote in Region II	This proposal is for sheep enhancement. Limiting hunters and trappers from taking coyotes when and wherever they find them means more lambs killed.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
196	Bag Limits for Bison	We recommend that the board consider use of preference points as a substitute for this proposal.	12-0-0-3	Amend Adopt
201	Wounding a brown bear counts as the bag limit in 6,7,9, 10, 15, 17 by APHA	It is our understanding that the definition of "take" now in regulation includes "attempt to take" which would include "wounding". If there is a need to clarify, add the word "wounding" to the existing definition of "take" or "attempt to take". This would, and should be a statewide clarification.	12-0-0-3	Amend as suggested, Adopt
202	Re-authorization of brown bear tag fee exemption in 9B, D, E, 11, 13, 16, 17	Some of these units have predation control plans that include harvest of more bears. The exemption should be continued.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
205	Rescue and transplant of moose calves orphaned along the road system, especially in the Anchorage bowl and Mat. valley	We support the concept of saving young moose and allowing for their care and reintroduction into the wild. This proposal, as written, is probably not legal in that it seeks to "give" a state owned resource to a private entity. Native land should not be required but could be permitted. We are against the policy of killing the calf when a cow is killed on the road system in the urban areas. We note that the state is not asked to provide financial support for these actions and is only asked for a permit with reasonable conditions. This is a very desirable thing to do. Using the Department's "family	12-0-0-3	Amend to not require Native Land and Adopt

		tree" graphic on how many moose come from each cow over time, each calf saved would be a welcome addition to the low moose population units.		
208	Close ewe seasons in 7 and 14	It is our understanding that sheep populations are down in all areas of the state including the two in this proposal. We see this action as part of a recovery for the sheep population. If we need to "make more sheep", why are we hunting ewes?	12-0-0-3	Adopt
209	Modify sheep hunts in 14A and 13D	This proposal book is full of "backlash" requests to fix the permit only, any ram experiment in these sub units. We prefer a uniform definition of the legal bag limit and harvest ticket type hunts wherever possible.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
215	Modify the horn sealing requirement for sheep in Region II	The FAC has never liked sealing requirements for sheep, the sealing is not user friendly for hunters. This debate should be a statewide issue.	3-10-0-3	Do Not Adopt
216	Change the sheep bag limit in all of Region II to "full cur"	We support a uniform definition.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
217	Repeal sheep horn sealing requirements	With a new sheep biologist now on staff, the Department may begin to use the data gathered in the "sealing" process for sheep management.	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt
218	Modify sheep season in Region II begin earlier for resident hunters than for Non-resident hunters	The proposer discussed this request with the FAC game committee. He feels that as written, this proposal removes the language that the board turned down last year for Region III. The sub-committee raised the following points. We should support a resident hunter advantage. Would there be a difference in permit v general hunt areas? Guide industry would be hurt because they lack the ability to "move" because of logistics and permitting. Guides have facilities that they would not be able to utilize for the early portion of the hunt. Most sheep are killed in the first week of the season. The state needs the non-resident tag fee dollars to support fish and game management. Would reduce crowding and use of commercial air	11-1-1-3	Adopt

		transportation services. Season would be the same total length. Proposer intends as a statewide regulation eventually.		
219	Adds "any ram" horn to the sealing requirement	We would prefer that the "any ram" bag limit be eliminated. If not, then this should be adopted to allow uniform sealing and reporting for sheep.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
220	A hunter being "transported" could not hunt until they reached the destination. No hunting "while traveling with the transporter".	This is an issue for the Big Game Services Board. It takes collaboration for a hunter to harvest game while being transported. The transporter must participate by stopping the transportation and, as a minimum, allowing the hunter to pursue game. It would make more sense to thus limit the transporter rather than the hunter. A transporter thus assisting the hunter could be considered "guiding" and not be within the licensing of the transporter.	12-0-0-3	Take No Action
221	Modify same day airborne restriction from 3 AMI next day to 24 hours from flight	The issue of concern for this proposer is the fairness of the access and "others" helping hunters by flying at dusk and then showing them where to hunt at 3 AMI. Wildlife protection was not aware of any unusual activity on s.d.a. in terms of a high number of complaints or citations. We question the need for this action especially because the 24 hour requirement would be different for each hunter or pilot. The midnight to 3 AMI is a uniform requirement.	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt
222	Prohibit shooting within 50 feet of roads in 7, 13, 14, 15 and 16A	The proposer wants to eliminate "road hunting". The board could regulate the distance from, for example, the centerline of the road but SHOOTING by itself is not within the pervuew of the BOG. It is a public safety issue but not necessarily a hunting one. The concept of road hunting is more than "where you shoot". Most would consider it road hunting if the game is sighted from the road. As a regulation, this limitation would be very difficult to enforce and be of little help to game management.	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt

224	Restrict harvest of white phase black bear in 1D	It is our understanding that the bear who caused the proposal was a resident of Skagway. We would prefer the board defer to the City of Skagway for shooting restrictions in their city.	0-12-0-3	Do Not Adopt
227	Brown bear tag fee exemptions in 18, 22, 23, 26A	Bear harvest is important to improving moose and caribou populations.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
232	Re-authorize antlerless moose harvest in 26A	We support the local residents harvest.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
233	Brown bear tag fee exemption in 19A, 19D, 20D, 20E, etc.	Many of these areas have ongoing predator control projects and brown bears are significant predators.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
234	Re-authorization of antlerless moose harvest in 20A, 20B and 20D	See attachment #1. "Discussion" and findings with conditions for antlerless approval for 20A and 20B. May be amended after Feb. 21 Joint 20A AC meeting.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
237	Modify 20E predation control plan to increase brown bear harvest	We support efforts to increase bear harvest including changing the methods and means and the definition of a legal bear. Formation of a working group to work on the modification is too slow and bureaucratic a process. Give the Dept. some targets for increasing the harvest of brown bears and let them propose how to get it done. They are now, for the first time ever, staffed to expedite predator control. Make sure all special interest groups, such as the mentioned AOC participate only in an advisory capacity.	No Vote	No recommendation
240	Increase the number of drawing permit hunts a person can apply for.	The number of drawing permit hunts has gone up by factors in recent years. More at each BOG meeting. This recommendation from 3 to 6 makes sense at this time.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
241	Preference Points system for bison	This is a good starting point for testing the use of preference points. The percentages should be set with the idea of changing them easily in the future and the board should note that the bison drawing hunts have different numbers which means that the new system will apply to at least three hunts at the start. A plan to bring the pp system to other species should be	12-0-0-3	Amend/Adopt

		discussed to make it easier to include them in the future. The Board should add Delta Caribou in 20A to this proposal. The goal should be to use it on most drawing hunts statewide.		
243	Special Hunts for disabled veterans	This proposal needs a definition or reference to "disabled" and the Board should address the question of whether or not these applicants can apply in the "normal" draw or are limited to the "disabled".	12-0-0-3	Amend Adopt
244	Modify methods for taking big game in 1,2, 3, 4	Introduced as a request to limit the use of small caliber and/or full metal jacketed bullets in taking big game. The Board needs to identify how big this problem really is. Such a restriction can have statewide implications. We recommend the Board take no action at this meeting.	12-0-0-3	Take No Action
246	Harvest tickets and reports for black bear	Requires hunters to have a tag and report card. Purpose to collect data for black bear management. This is long overdue. Perhaps it can replace the "bring it downtown for sealing" requirements in the future.	12-0-0-3	Adopt
247	Moose Season in Kuskokwim Closed Area	The "conditions" of the closure have been met. The Board should reopen the season as suggested.	12-0-0-3	Adopt

Appendix 1 Discussion Record for 20A Antlerless Reauthorization Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee Key: Condition means required for FAC antlerless approval; Recommendation(s) mean we request the Board discuss and consider; and, Comments. ('09) These issues were discussed by the Joint AC group for 20A.

Issue	Condition(s)	Recommendation(s)	Comment
Season(s)	None	Use "general" season (Fall) then re-open in January (Winter) for additional harvest as needed.	Goal of shortening existing lengthy season to not interfere as much with trapping season.
Type of hunt	Drawing permit by zones and sub-zones in general season, registration permit by zones and sub-zones in Winter hunt.	Use of "exclusive" antlerless permits. Those hunters who draw a permit may not hunt a bull moose in 20A.	Goal is to cut down on the number of hunters in the easy to reach areas and spread out the hunting effort to areas where the moose population are more concentrated.
Boundaries	None	Same as 2008 for zones and sub-zones.	Changes made last year reduced boundary complaints to the "non issue" level.
Definition of antlerless bag limit	1 antlerless moose by registration permit only; a person may not take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf.	none	The FAC realizes this is a "social" condition not a biological one. However, our constituents greatly prefer this definition at this time.
Harvest Quota	Up to 175	Allocated by zones and sub-zones and by seasons.	We agree with the reduced quota and distribution of permits. Thus far the bull/cow ratio has remained well above the goal of 30/100. Our goal is to keep the ratio at or above 30/100.
Buffer Zones	None	Zones and sub-zone number of permits if kept low will reduce the "traffic" and thus the need for buffer zones.	The discussions included the following options: Remove the 2008 buffer zones (where the registration hunt caused traffic several times the "normal" during the season); keep the same buffers as in 2008; place buffers along all major access routes (also mentioned by the public as a way to disperse hunters, especially in the Winter portion of the hunt); along names or specified routes. The goal is to keep the number of permits for each sub-zone low enough to keep the traffic to a safe level. Narrow, winding creeks and sloughs that are shallow enough to require boats to maintain speed cause unsafe conditions when used by large numbers of hunters.

Discussion Record for 20B Antlerless Reauthorization Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee (for 2009)

Issues	Conditions	Recommendations	Comment
Season(s)	None	Use "general" season, then add October and "up to November 15". Continue the Minto MA "any moose hunt" in Winter.	The increase in harvest quota may require more time than is available in the general season. Our goal is to have the "extra" antlerless hunts not interfere with the trapping season. Up to approximately Nov. 10, trappers are concentrating on martin and those sets are less conflicted by extra trail users. Going into Nov. will allow the use of snowmachines which will help reach the quota. Having hunts separated in time with 2 or 3 seasons will also help reduce traffic.
Boundaries	No antlerless permits in the Salcha River drainage.	Historical estimates show both low population densities and a very high "confidence interval". Break "central and western" 20B into zones and issue permits by zone to spread out the effort to as closely as possible match the concentrations of moose.	The survey data shows the eastern portion of 20B has low moose density and is bounded by units with very low moose densities. We prefer continuing the "no antlerless" in these areas. The "draft" map showing 17 zones is very good to spread out hunting effort. The portion of the antlerless harvest, minus the number of expected antlerless in the Minto Management Area hunt, should be spread out by zone in central and western 20B. Map of zones should be available for AC's and the Board.
Definition of bag limit	1 antlerless moose by drawing permit only; a person may not take a calf or a cow accompanied by a calf. (See comments.)	none	The FAC realizes this is a social issue not a biological one. Because of the high cow/calf ratio in the Fairbanks Management Area, the FAC is considering a definition of "any antlerless moose" for the FMA zone ONLY. Because we have a commitment to discuss this "change" with the Joint AC's, a final recommendation will be made after that meeting. (Feb. 21, 2009)
Harvest Quota	Up to 280	Spread out into zones and hunt dates by drawing permit	None
Type of hunt(s)	Drawing outside Minto Management Area, registration within.	Need to rebalance the Minto MA permits, especially for the second period.	Not good to have long lines at one place and nobody at others. If Fairbanks shows lots of interest and Nenana has little, reallocate the number of permits. Use the technology available, check to see the "size of the line" before opening the doors.

A/C COMMENT # 8



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Proposal # Support - Oppose - Abstain

Prop 241 Game Book 0-13-0 Oppose
Opposing feels that there should be a resident preference. Bonus point system may have a non-resident advantage. It is noted that bonus point systems in others states have not been fair to their residents.

Prop 321 0-13-0 Oppose
Strongly oppose. Appears to strongly benefit coastal trollers, yet this prop will most likely have a negative impact on the summer opening, affecting the entire fleet.

Prop 322 0-13-0 Oppose
Opposing this Proposal would continue to benefit our local resident fishing families. Due to the fact that the area is already closed, the local residents of Petersburg would like to maintain this closed area for a local sport fishery.

Prop 323 13-0-0 Support
Supporting due to this fishery converting to a hatchery access area.

Prop 324 Took no action
Committee chose to take no action due to support of proposal 323

Prop 325 0-13-0 Oppose
Committee opposes changing the current system, due to F&G current ability to extend the season on an as-needed basis.

Proposal 326 0-13-0 Oppose
Oppose due to potential mortality risk, in-efficiency in the fishery, loss of opportunity, etc.

Prop 327 Refer to RPT

Prop 328 0-13-0 Oppose
Committee feels hand trollers that wish to use power gurdies should purchase a power troll permit.

Prop 329 0-13-0 Oppose

Prop 330 13-0-0 Support

Prop 333 0-12-0 Oppose

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Members Present: Gary Alcott, Alan Echols, Mark Schlenker, John Schandelmeier

Members Absent Unexcused: Robert Hanson

Public Present: Lee Harper, Jim Murray, Sasha Alcott,

ADF&G Present: Bob Tobey, Sherry Wright

Election was held with the following results: Gary Alcott as Vice Chair for a three year term; Lee Harper for a three year term; and Jim Murray as a one year alternate.

Alan Echols was retained as Secretary.

Tangle Lakes Refuge Proposal – The Copper Country Alliance has is spearheading a push to put this issue in front of the legislature. John updated the committee on how that is developing. There doesn't seem to be much more the Paxson AC can do at this time. The Board of Game supported the Rfuge proposal and it is now in the hands of the legislature. AK Outdoor Council support is crucial and they seem to be sitting on the fence on this proposal.

Federal Subsistence Wildlife Proposals are due by April 30th. As we address BOG proposals, be thinking about any federal proposals that may need to be considered. BLM has initiated discussion concerning the trade of selected lands with the State; that could mean several large blocks of land in some very accessible areas would open to Federal Subsistence hunting. Pressure on Moose and Caribou would increase substantially.

Federal Wildlife Proposals that Paxson AC has submitted are as follows:

Support unanimously 6-0 for one bull moose per household. – This has the potential to spread the harvest, but the impact of additional Federal hunting (for moose) along the highway system is likely to have a big impact in Unit 13.

Support unanimously 6 – 0 for one caribou bag limit with an understanding that cow harvest would only take place when the population warrants it – that allows the harvest to spread out a bit more without increasing overall harvest, the caribou herd is not increasing and is below the current management objective. The herd has not shown an increase in the last three years. Additional Federal Lands means more opportunity to harvest caribou—and potentially an increased number of permits.

John will write these proposals and submit them to the Feds. (These proposals have now been sent to the Federal Subsistence Board)

Board of Game Proposal Comments

Prop 70

Support 6-0

This proposal doesn't impact the local Paxson community; they can still harvest by federal subsistence. Most sport harvest is taken in the spring. Rock ptarmigan were a predominant bird

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in the 70s. Rock ptarmigan are very susceptible to harvest. Tangle Lakes had tons of rock ptarmigan, but they just aren't there anymore. Once they get wiped out, they are done. People need to have more self control, and realize they can devastate an entire flock. Winter Ptarmigan mortality is high. (weather) Most hunters use shotguns and the potential for wounded birds left behind is high. In the fall, a person has to walk to hunt and with a good dog, almost every bird is retrieved.

Prop 71

No action

Discussion: If a person genuinely wants to stop a large bycatch, the season should end February 28th. The wolf season should also coincide. Coyotes are increasing due to fewer wolves. It's a good idea to shorten trapping season with coyotes to coincide with fox and lynx.

Prop 75, 76, 79

Oppose 0 - 6

Discussion; This committee has historically opposed brown bear baiting. They become habituated to bait and when the station leaves, they come to people's homes. To allow nonresidents a registration hunt for brown bear is a more acceptable alternative. If we are trying to harvest bear to deal with a predation problem and you don't take the numbers necessary, you may end up with a bigger problem. You can harvest the high country grizzlies quite effectively, but those in the woods that are less accessible will continue to reproduce. It is most important to harvest the fertile sows and cubs; not the large boars; (which are likely to prey on cubs) Sterilization would be another option, but is not as effective as with wolves and would be cost prohibitive. Genetics also is a concern in a sterilization program. Sterilization also could impact the ability to allow hunting to control predation. The wolf program seems to be effective at this point.

Prop 77 – 78

Oppose 0 – 6

This proposal is in conflict with efforts elsewhere in Unit 11 and also in Unit 13. It's impossible to manage bear populations on tiny segments of land; Brown bears travel over large areas.

Prop 81

Support 6-0

This proposal is basically aimed at eliminating clips. Automatic weapons have a high potential for wounding animals.

Prop 82

Support 5-1

Should be required to take the edible parts out and should be left to a person's discretion what they want to bring out. Hide and head is not edible, but one members is able to use those parts and also feels it is an issue of respect for the animal. The reason this regulation was done is not having the effect intended. A good portion of hides and heads are put in a dumpster instead of staying in the field where other animals can eat them. People are throwing out these parts when they get out of the field. Some people like the regulation as written. True subsistence is using everything.

Prop 83

No action

No action based on Prop 82.

Prop 84

Oppose 0 – 6

This establishes a separate class of people and would allow a separate entity to set up regulation.

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Prop 85 Oppose 0 -6
If you are subsistence hunting, the points shouldn't matter; prefer the regulation as written.

Prop 86 Oppose 0 - 6
This issue was brought by Paxson in order to spread out the harvest effort. Prefer the regulation as written.

Prop 87 -88 Support 6- 0
Prefer to remove the income aspect, since it's not the sole determining factor of need.

Prop 89-90 Oppose 0 - 6
If a chooses to live remote; there should be some benefits, but "remote" should be more defined. There are not many people that choose to live remotely. There may be a problem of defining "remote". There is a concern of abuse. Trading one problem for another problem.

Prop 91-93 deal with salvage – already took action on those.

Prop 94 Oppose 0 - 6
If a person is not able to get a Tier II moose in that time frame, they aren't trying hard enough. People know when the season is, and can plan for it. You can still get a harvest ticket, if you are unable to get the Tier II moose.

Prop 95 Support as amended 6-0
Amended to remove the language referencing elimination of the Tier II moose hunt. There is a need to harvest some of the moose in the predator control areas, as populations are increasing. This may afford additional harvest opportunity. It makes moose management for hunting more complicated, but there are also more people.

Prop 96 Support as amended 6-0
Amended Anything over 700 allow nonresidents for 50 inch/4 brow tine only; anything over 300 to maintain the limited Tier II (like it is now); under 300 would be the trigger for Tier II exclusively.
Nonresident hunters benefit local business and wasn't a major factor in harvest anyway.

Prop 97-99, 101, 102 No action
No action based on Prop 95 & 96

Prop 194-195 No action
Coyotes do have some predation on sheep. Don't think taking a coyote will either help or cause any problems.

Prop 200 No action
Don't believe this will accomplish what may be desired by it.
Prop 202 Support 6-0
This allows hunters opportunistic harvest of brown bear.

Prop 205 Oppose 0 - 6

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Support transplanting reindeer, but there is concern for the spread of disease and potential harm to wildlife.

Prop 206

Oppose 0 - 6

There are other special seasons in other states for deer, but generally don't believe in segregating hunters. Moose are very easy to find November 1st on a snowmachine. The 2nd season was a good idea in the 70s when the machines were less efficient and there were fewer people in the state. Moose Sept 20 – 30 are only marginally edible.

Prop 207

Oppose 0 - 6

This is a winter season. Not sure those particular children would be out there hunting. One of the young people present at the meeting has actually asked other students who play video games if they would like to go hunting and their response was they didn't want to have anything to do with it. Again, this is another special consideration for a select group; everyone should follow the same rules. In a Tier II hunt, a youth can go out with an adult and harvest an animal.

Any proposals that ask for consideration of seasons for special interest groups were opposed by the committee.

Prop 216

Oppose 0 - 6

There are different bag limits for many species and hunters have to have some leeway. Most sheep hunters are dedicated and in the rare case when someone does take a sublegal animal, it is most likely accidental. Sheep sealing seems to be super important, with populations declining. $\frac{3}{4}$ curl is a management tool to protect the genetic makeup of the population.

Prop 221

No action

Prefer status quo. It has little effect.

Prop 222

Oppose 0 - 6

Not really sure that 50 feet will do the trick. All this would do is eliminate spruce hen hunters; it won't affect the caribou hunters. Spruce hens are one of the few species that youth go hunting. This would be difficult to enforce. This is a micromanagement proposal.

Prop 241

Support 6-0

This may give a person a better chance to obtain a permit. Lots of people quit applying for bison permits because they got tired of not getting one. This will also raise some revenue for the state.

Meeting adjourned at 11 pm.

John Schandelmeier will attend the Board of Game meeting to represent the AC.

**Stony Holitna Advisory Committee(SHAC)
Comments to the Board of Game
Spring, 2009 Meeting**

(These comments are extracted from a joint meeting of the Central Kuskokwim and Stony Holitna Advisory Committes held in Aniak on Feb 9, 2009)

Spring, 2009 Proposal Comments –

Brief of proposal support – Both committees support the listed upcoming proposals affecting 19A, **with some amendments**. Each committee took a separate vote, and indicated they wanted to use different language in some of the comments. SHAC proposals are listed below.

Proposal 230/Support – Amend the proposal so that there is no reference to any GMU except GMU 18.

The ANS for GMU 19A can/should not be revised There is no allowable harvest in the closed area of GMU19A, so there are no moose to allocate. When an ANS determination is made for a particular GMU, it should not hinge on the ANS in another GMU, nor should it affect the ANS in another GMU.

Proposal 247/Support – Discussion of GMU18 ANS should be limited to Unit 18. The reason is that SHAC does not want any other GMU involved with or dictating the ANS or game allocation in GMU19.

Proposal 233/Support – Amend – Delete the subsistence registration permit in GMU 19A&B. It has unnecessary restrictions, and has seldom, if ever been used. Brown bear are a target of opportunity for resident hunters of GMU19A, and they are usually taken incidentally to other hunting being done. This is also a good predator management tool.

Proposal 235/Support – Amended to run for 5 years, so that it ends on a cycle year for Region III, (July 1, 2009 –June 30,2014). This program should be reauthorized for **all** of GMU19A, and The program should be amended to include the adjacent parts of 19B in the Holitna, Hoholitna, Stony river drainages. Those areas are open and conducive to effective aerial predator control.

Proposal 244/Support – SHAC supports the ORIGINAL proposal as it was written. This should not apply statewide or include all calibers.

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Meeting called to order at 5:08 pm

Members Present: Chuck McMahan, James Segerquist, Bruce Dickerson, Roy Ewan, Loren Bell, Jim Odden, Fred Williams, Nathan Woodcock, Dave Sarfin, David Bruss, Karen Linell

Members Absent Excused: Don Horrell, Jim Fimpel, Nick Jackson, Mike Roscovius, Mel Matthews.

Warren Olson spoke with Bob Tobey about the gasline proposed to extend from Squaw Creek crossing Caribou Creek, back down to Boulder Creek, cutting through some of the prime sheep areas of the Talkeetna Mountains. There are some scoping meetings coming up – February 24th from 5 – 8 pm will be a scoping meeting at Tazlina Hall where wildlife issues can be addressed. The idea is not to oppose the gasline, but it's routing through the Talkeetna Mountains.

The Copper Basin Fish & Game Advisory Committee discussed that they would prefer the route along the road, where local communities might benefit by having access to the line. They voted to write a letter to Warren Olsen supporting a route to follow the Glenn Highway, rather than go through the Talkeetna Mountains. The committee expressed concern of creating more 4 wheeler access to remote areas once roads are put in both for construction and maintenance of the gas line. Not having more construction particulars makes voting difficult. There may be some additional cost by routing it via the highway, due to private land ownership issues. Having a gas line constructed that would service local areas is supported. If this would affect the migration of game, we would like to take another look at this. Communities that are growing may be bypassed if the route goes into back country. Unanimous support 9 – 0 to send the letter.

Warren Olson, PO Box 110551, Anchorage, AK 99511-0551

Elections were held with the following results: Don Horrell – Tazlina; Chuck McMahan – Gakona; Fred Williams – Copper Center; Mike Roscovius – Glennallen; Jim Fimpel – Lake Louise Alternate; Nathan Woodcock – Kenny Lake Alternate.

Board of Game Proposals

Prop 70 Support 9 - 0

Discussion: Committee hunts ptarmigan opportunistically. Since there is a problem with low numbers of birds, we prefer the season is modified in a manner that at least allows opportunity to hunt, rather than shutting it completely down.

Prop 71 Support 9 – 0

Discussion: There is incidental by-catch of lynx and fox when the seasons overlap. Incidental harvest tags were discussed as an optional alternative, should this fail. Seasons don't all close the same date.

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Prop 72

Support 9 – 0

Some of the bison are north of the boundary. Allows for harvest of the herd in the area they range. The furthest north they've been observed locally was just north of the Nadina River and they are slowly moving north.

Prop 74

Opposed 0-9

Prefer status quo because of concern of running into fishing season and potential black eye with fisherman stumbling on bait stations. Could be modified to only apply to those bait stations some distance from potential human conflict (trails, actively fished waterways).

Prop 75

Opposed 0 - 9

We would be more agreeable to allow this in smaller geographical areas targeting where bears are killing moose and caribou calves, but we don't believe this would be effective in the areas that need it because people wouldn't go far enough out away from the road systems to reach these areas. These problem areas are more remote. Don't like the idea being unit wide. Many feel the wolf program is working and there is no need to get radical with the grizzlies. They didn't specify a bag limit.

Prop 77

Opposed 0 - 9

No biological reason, and it would add much confusion to existing regulations for Unit 13.

Prop 78

Opposed 0 – 9

There is no biological reason for it. Also much of the land involved in unit 11 is privately owned native land and these land holders on the committee don't like this proposal. They would like to see more predators taken in these lands, not less.

Prop 79

Support 9 - 0

The point of the proposal is to increase the bag limit while still allowing a bear to be taken in another area of the state. We feel it will increase the numbers of grizzly slightly, but not a lot. The committee prefers somewhat liberalizing the taking of grizzlies without resorting to radical measures, such as same day airborne or the taking of cubs. Many feel that reducing wolf numbers is working pretty well and we should not get radical with grizzlies unless things change and moose and caribou numbers start dropping again from what they are now.

Prop 80

Opposed 0 - 9

There are not an abundance of goats in this area, we prefer to leave it in the drawing. This is one proposal that also has some concern of trespass by Ahtna.

Prop 81

Support 9 - 0

Concern of wounding loss and unethical hunting. Concern there are many caribou wounded and left to die especially along the Denali Highway where it has been observed that if an animal doesn't drop immediately, many hunters continues to shoot, and wound

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other animals. Having to reload may allow time for the original animal to show signs of being hit, and reduce the wounding loss.

Prop 82

Support 9 – 0

The difference between this and the Copper Basin AC (#83) proposal is this includes the heart and liver. We feel that what parts of the entrails that are salvaged is a personal preference and shouldn't be mandatory. Some parts may be eaten in the field.

Prop 83

Support 9 - 0

This is the Copper Basin AC proposal. The most objectionable part is having to bring out hide, head and kidneys, but we would prefer proposal #82, which includes the heart and liver as parts that aren't mandatory. We prefer it to be discretionary to salvage entrails.

Dave Sarafin joined the meeting.

Prop 84

Oppose 2 – 7 - 1

Concern of who might participate and how this would be administered was expressed. This proposal is an attempt to ensure the native community can continue to practice traditional hunting. There is a concern of this being a divisive issue. Fish & Game are the professionally trained administrators of the resource management. Concern of too many managers and ending up with no resource was stated. If this was limited to Ahtna only, and a number was set for the community harvest, it may alleviate some of the tension expressed both for Ahtna with subsistence rights and others concerned of too much harvest, but most don't feel it would be legal to limit it to the Ahtna people. Permits could be authorized for specific areas (in the fall). The Board is looking at doing away with some of the Tier II criteria, which adds to concerns. The Ahtna people had their own form of government long before statehood and this should be considered, as well. The number of moose and the areas can be better defined. If there is a way to make Tier II work to the advantage of the local people, there is no problem. The point is to try and get more permits to the Ahtna people. The legality of this poses concern. More permits to the people in the Copper Basin is the desire of this committee.

Karen Linnell joined the meeting.

Prop 85

Support 11 - 0

Understand there could be a problem for enforcement, but it has never made sense why a person has to split the horns. This is a fairly recent regulation. Again, there seems to be a move toward punishing subsistence hunters. Subsistence hunters should not be treated so differently than other hunters. Understand it is to try to make the hunt less desirable for someone that only wants the horns, but it also punishes the subsistence hunter that would like to save the horns.

Prop 86

Support 11 - 0

This is a restrictive law that may not be accomplishing what it was intended to do. This is controversial for Ahtna people. Not being able to take from other traditional areas is causing people to stop applying for Tier II in Unit 13.

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- Prop 87 Support 9 – 0 - 2
Work on determining cost of living estimates for communities is underway by the state, which might allow the household taxable income. We would like to see the income eliminated from the Tier II application.
- Prop 88 No action
Same comments as Prop 87
- Prop 89 Oppose 10 – 0 - 1
Subsistence criteria is based on traditional harvest methods and amounts.
- Prop 90 No action
No action based on Proposal 87.
- Prop 91 No action
No action based on Prop 83.
- Prop 92 Support as amended 11- 0
Proposal as is written is slightly confusing. The point though is to eliminate the requirement of keeping the meat on the bone in the Unit 13 Tier II moose hunt. It is unfair to require a backpack hunter to pack out something he can't eat.
- Prop 93 Support 11 - 0
Liver is inedible when the moose go into the rut.
- Prop 94 Support 11 - 0
Concern of enforcement problem, but a person has to have a Tier II tag with them in the field. Subsistence permits are supposed to have some advantage. This would give people the time to harvest. There is a set number allowed to take, so what difference does the time make. There is no biological reason not to.
- Prop 95 Support 7 - 4
Support: As a result of predator control measures, the number of available moose has increased. Most of the area is remote. Should take advantage of the excess bull numbers in these select, remote areas where bull to cow ratios are higher than desired. Dispersing the draw hunters may allow better opportunity for those who do hunt closer to the roads. Don't think the bulls will migrate very far to find single cows. The department intends to begin conservatively until the actual harvest can be assessed.
Oppose: Creating another hunt when there are hunters who are not able to participate in Tier II doesn't seem right. Hard to understand why we need to kill off those moose, rather than letting them populate and/or migrate to other areas.
- Prop 96 Support as amended 11 - 0
The idea of a range was brought up, in discussing how it is being done in 16B. What is important is Unit 13 residents ability to hunt in Unit 13. There is a tightrope of concern

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that if predator control were lost, the moose numbers can plummet and creating ANS may be mute. Staying with status quo of 600 moose, maintaining the Tier II hunt as is, without losing any ground for local hunters was discussed. Also, if the hunt exceeds 700 moose, most thought the allocation could afford some nonresident hunters.

Amended ANS: Whenever the estimated harvestable surplus is 300 moose or less, it would trigger Tier II exclusively (as compared to 600 now). Above 300 harvestable surplus would maintain the limited Tier II (as it is now). When the harvestable surplus is 700 or more then nonresidents would be allowed to hunt for 50 inch/4 brow tine only.

Support amendment 11 – 0

Prop 97
No action based on Prop 96

No action

Loren Bell left the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Prop 98
There is no overabundance of bulls unit wide. The areas that there are high bull/cow ratios are currently just more localized and remote. Prefer status quo or Proposal #95.

Opposed 0 - 10

Prop 99
No action based on Prop 96.

No action

Prop 100
Oppose special archery hunts in Unit 13. Feel there is sufficient opportunity in the regular seasons.

Opposed 0 - 10

Prop 101 – 103
No action based on Prop 96.

No action

Prop 104
¾ curl is recognition of a subsistence season. Fear that Park Service will close sheep hunting entirely in Park if sheep is no longer considered a subsistence animal. AC prefers resident subsistence preference in the Wrangell St Elias Park & Preserve.

Opposed 0 - 10

Prop 105
No action based on Prop 104

No action

Prop 106 – 107
Oppose special archery hunts in Unit 13. Enough opportunity in regular season.

Opposed 0 - 10

Prop 108
Don't want to see the seasons split up between residents and nonresidents. It would be difficult to manage. Guide areas are changing on state lands – going to more exclusive so

Opposed 0 - 10

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nonresident pressure should be less and much more predictable. (fewer guides) Right now any number of guides can apply and take hunters there. In the near future, conflicts will be fewer. Guides are trying to be proactive to address the conflicts.

Prop 109 Opposed 0 - 10
Prefer to let the new system for guides have a chance to see how it will affect this conflict.

Prop 110 Opposed 0 - 10
This is unnecessarily restrictive. We already have same day airborne regulations and this would be unenforceable.

Prop 111 Support 10 - 0
This is already required in the Tok Management area. This also makes the guides choose the area they will hunt ahead of time, which is a good thing. May cut down on the number of applications if less guide apply for that area and a guide client agreement is required signed by a guide that has the area in his name.

Prop 112 Oppose 0 - 10
Prefer status quo. No biological reason to do this, just a anti hunting policy change.

Prop 113 Oppose 0 - 10
Prefer status quo. It has already been proven that predator control works. This is just another stall tactic by anti hunters.

Prop 115 Support as amended 10 - 0
Would like sheep and moose included. Committee looked at Prop 241 to compare the differences. Committee highly favors a bonus point system. Amended to apply the criteria from 241 to this proposal.

Prop 116 Opposed 0 - 10
Too restrictive for remote areas.

Prop 194 - 195 Opposed 0 - 10
Concern of a black eye toward hunters because of the denning as part of that time frame.

Prop 196 Support 5 - 4
Support: Many have drawn tags multiple times and shot bison while others have applied since day one and not drawn. This would still allow the people who are successful to apply and draw in another area. (Delta and Farwell). . One per lifetime would eliminate people getting two to three permits and allow a greater chance of someone else drawing.
Oppose: Too restrictive and unnecessary.

Prop 197 Opposed 0 - 10
Department needs to have the data and there are ways for people to make arrangements to get sealing when convenient. (by phone or letter)

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- Prop 202 Support 10 - 0
Support to encourage harvest of bears.
- Prop 204 Oppose 0 - 10
Prefer status quo as current management system is working.
- Prop 206 Oppose 0 - 10
Oppose special archery hunts in Unit 13.
- Prop 207 Oppose 0 - 10
It is another special hunt that can be accomplished during the regular season.
- Prop 209 Oppose 0 - 10
Need to give this hunt some time to see how it works.
- 210 - 211 Oppose 0 - 10
Oppose special archery hunts in Unit 13.
- Prop 212 – 214 No action
Prefer the current management system. If we eliminate nonresidents from our hunts, then we will have to find a different way to fund F&G. It was mentioned that nonresident tag and license fees generate 80% of the money used for management, resident fees 20%. (No proof of these numbers were given)
- Prop 216 Oppose 0 - 10
Same discussion as Prop 104.
- Prop 217 Oppose 0 - 10
This requirement keeps people pretty honest (both guides and hunters). Data gathered by ADF&G is valuable.
- Prop 218 Opposed 0 - 10
This would open the season earlier to August 5th and same discussion as Prop 104. Transporters will still fill up an area with hunters if they know guides are not using the area.
- Prop 219 Support 10 - 0
Think it would be a good idea for consistency throughout the state and the data collected.
- Prop 220 Opposed 0 - 10
If someone took you down the Copper River and you saw a moose while being transported, you then could not harvest the moose. Too restrictive and difficult to enforce. There are already laws regarding same day airborne. This is trying to address a problem with transporters acting as guides.

Tok Cutoff / Nabesna Road Fish & Game Advisory Committee February 3, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Ernie Charley, Christy Ellis, Cole Ellis, Ole Bates, Bill Albaugh, Steve Hobbs, Thumper Williamson

Members Absent Excused: Thelma Schrank

Members Absent Unexcused: Shawn Sanford, Elaine Sinyon

Board of Game Proposal Comments

Prop 70 Support 7-0
Ptarmigan numbers are down and hunting in the spring adds to mortality.

Prop 71 Oppose 0-7
Coyotes are difficult to trap and this would reduce opportunity.

Prop 72 Support 7-0
It increases chances of getting a bison, if you're lucky enough to get a tag.

Prop 74 Support 7 -0
Gives another two weeks to harvest.

Prop 75 Oppose 0-7
Has been tried in 20E and didn't work. Generally oppose baiting brown bears.

Prop 77 & 112 Oppose 0-7
Support the state's management on these lands and this proposal works against what the people want.

Prop 78 Oppose 0-7
We believe there are too many bears in this area. Some of the same reasons as 77.

Prop 79 Support 7-0
This will not likely be used by many people (to harvest two bears), but will allow additional harvest. Some people may pass up a bear because they are waiting on an opportunity elsewhere and don't want to blow their chances.

Prop 81 Support 6-1
People need to learn how to aim their weapon. Wild firing can end up wounding other animals. One member sees this as gun restriction.

Prop 82 - 83 Oppose 2-5
Salvage of hide, head, liver, heart and kidneys should be optional. Tier II is a very specific hunt and if people want to harvest those animals for subsistence, they should be required to take everything out. Making this hunt less appealing may eventually free up some of those animals for a drawing hunt.

**Minutes of Upper Tanana/Fortymile Advisory Committee
Tetlin Refuge Duplex Tok Alaska
1/27/09**

Members present: Leif Wilson, Terry Brigner, Lyle Cronk, Mike Cronk, Aaron Atchley, Danny Grangaard, Patrica Young

People present:

Jason Cheney, Torsten Bentzen, Greg Risdahl, James Harbison, Jeffrey Hermanns, Paul Zackowski, Michael O'Miller, Katherine Miller, Dave Dagget, Tim Foshe, Al Keech, Guy Matthews, Lavell Wilson, Bill Drake, Willard Grammont, Michael Henton, Tony Booth

Election

Tok seat: Leif Wilson (only person running) ELECTED-unopposed

At large 1 seat: Matt Synder (only person running) ELECTED-unopposed

At large 2 seat: Lyle Cronk (only person running) ELECTED-unopposed

Jeff Hermanns reporting for DNR state forestry:

DNR open house meeting in Tok on Wed. 1/28/09

Change in plans on how they protect. Could start protecting structures such as trapping cabins. Would like to get a map to have cabins that could be protected.

Forestry-5 year plan. A basic outline of it for the Tok area. Need to have a plan in place for the future as the pipeline goes through, we want a detailed plan ready for access points along the AK highway.

Reporting on land conveyances to Doyon up the Taylor Highway.

Submitted all the trails across Doyon land and Doyon was not agreeing to any easements across their land.

BLM needs notarized letters from people that have used the trails or have knowledge of the trails that existed before 1976. These are 17B easements.

9 mile trail, Ketchumstuk Trail, and Molly Creek airstrip.

Square Lake Topic

Donny Carlson, asked the Tok AC to request ADF&G to add the trails he uses in the Square Lake area, on the north end of Mosquito Flats, to the trails exempted from the Mosquito Fork Travel restrictions in the RM865 and RC860 permit conditions. The AC agreed (vote was 6-yes and 1-no) to ask ADF&G to exempt a portion of the trails Don asked for (as illustrated on the map Donny sent to the AC, which was given to Jeff Gross

at the meeting). Trails indicated by Don are differentiated from those the AC approved. See the map for this info.

Comments on South Central Board of Game Proposals Feb-March 2009 in Anchorage

#20 and #23-(0-6)- Do not support. Bad precedence to start in this state. This could eventually spread to other parts of the state.

#21-(0-6)-Do not support

#104 and #105 (6-0)-Support. Justification, shoot illegal sheep in 12 and then taking it to 11 and saying they got it there.

#125-(6-0) support

#166-(6-0) support

#237- (6-0) Support with amendments. Draft Comments and amendments include:

The Upper Tanana/Fortymile AC would like to reiterate their support for continuation of the Upper Yukon Tanana Predator Control Program as proposed. This program is critical for ADF&G to be able to manage moose and caribou populations to meet intensive management objectives. Specifically, we support:

1. Continuation of the Wolf Control portion of the program to benefit both moose and caribou.
2. Continuation of the Bear Control program to benefit primarily moose, but also caribou.
3. Extend the program for another 6-years, to bring it in line with the Interior BOG schedule.

After more thought, specific changes we would like to see to our original proposal include:

Bears

Under a bear control permit, issued through this program, allow:

- 1) the use of bear snares for taking bears in a focused area along the Taylor Highway and the trails off the highway, where ground access will maximize the likelihood of success and will allow for a good test of this method
- 2) taking of bears same-day-airborne from March 15 – June 15 throughout the larger existing bear control area to allow for inclusion of a larger area that is more difficult to access from the ground, and where few bears are generally harvested under hunting regulations, because of it's remoteness, rough topography and dense forest. This area includes much of the moose and caribou calving ranges in

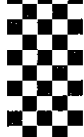
the current predator control area and would coincide with the moose and caribou calving seasons, which is a time when bears concentrate on the calving grounds.

With effective bear control, we feel we would significantly increase caribou and moose calf survival that would result in a much shorter time needed to reach our populations objectives for moose and caribou.

Moose

Focus efforts aimed specifically at increasing the moose population to southern Unit 20E and northern Unit 12, where most of the moose harvest in the control area occurs. By focusing efforts, more resources can be put into the area that will produce the most moose and it will be easier to track any increase in the moose population.

**END COMMENTS FOR PROPOSAL 237
FINAL COMMENTS WILL BE VOTED ON AND SUBMITTED TO THE BOG
FOLLOWING THE 2-12-09 MEETING**



UPPER LYNN CANAL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COMMENT ON PROPOSAL 224

RECEIVED

JAN 28 2009

The ULCF &GAC has voted unanimously not to support this proposal.

After a lengthy discussion on the subject of the so called "Spirit Bear" the committee came to the conclusion that the issue was not only an emotional issue but also a monetary issue. There are a lot of people who would prefer that no wild animal would ever be hunted, then there is the group, EcoTours that is thinking of the monetary value of having a so called "Spirit Bear" in a close enough area that it would attract more clients.

This proposal would also put too great an onus on the hunters. It doesn't take too much of an imagination to see all of the different scenarios that would make it almost impossible to know if a bear was legal. Had the bear been in the mud, water, etc. discoloring it? How would a hunter be able to determine if the bear was over 30% light "colored"? These are only two examples of the problems that could arise. One could go on & on.

Enforcement has said this Bear has become a "Garbage Bear" which is a problem in itself. Any body with a lick of sense knows that garbage bears eventually lose their fear of people. When does someone get attacked by this bear because they refuse to feed the bear or just gets in it's way while it is trying to get food?

I would urge the board to really take a good long look at this proposal and all the ramifications that would take place if it is passed, not only for Skagway but the rest of unit D1. There has not been one person from Haines, to our knowledge, who has come out in favor of this proposal.

Gary E. Hess

Chairman, ULCF&GAC

Middle Nenana River AC Meeting

Feb. 2nd Meeting @ Anderson Lions Club

Anderson , Alaska

Called to order @ 6:15 pm by Chairman Bruce Carter

Roll Call:

Members present:

Wayne Walters, Myron Stokes, Gary Wood, Larry Haddock, Bruce Carter, Nan Eagleson, John Basile, Leroy Sutton, Paul Van Dyke, Steve Clark (6:35)

Members Absent and Excused:

Dave Dickey, John Bassette, Joe Chatfield, Travis Guhrt

Quorum: YES

Minutes from Jan. 19th Meeting: APPROVED

Chair Report:

I went over the changes in protocol to the way the meetings are being run. Explained the changes and reasoning behind them.

Approval of Agenda: Approved, we changed the order of items on the agenda and took up the trapping issue first.

Trapping Issues: Several people attended the meeting and had comments on trapping issues related to trapping to close to residential areas and heavily used trails as well as some recommendations on what to do.

Anja Phenix brought several emails and photos from concerned citizens and people who have had their animals caught in the last year. I have a copy of these emails if you want to look at them.

Some suggestions made were:

*Tag traps with owner identification and contact info

*Classes for trapper education – something similar to hunter Ed.

*A law to require trappers to check sets in a given amount of time. A minimum time they can go unchecked.

*Establish buffer zones around residential areas, commonly used trails, roads, and highways.

These were all brought up by the public. I believe we are planning on having another meeting with this being the main item on the agenda.

Lance Dahlke with the State Troopers (Brown Shirt) was at the meeting and recommended education and awareness to start with and answered any questions from the public. He also said that if need be the AC process is the way to address this and come up with any new regulations.

Basically everyone at the meeting agreed that there is a problem and we need good discussion with everyone involved to work this out. I think most people don't want to see a bunch of new laws and would prefer to try and work this out with public awareness and education to start with.

John Giuchici (FBKS AC) and Jim Sampson came to the meeting and we had some discussion on the antlerless hunts in 20A. He mentioned the format that Mike Tinker came up with to list our concerns as either 1) Requirements, 2) Recommendations, or 3) Comments.

Dave Talerico mentioned the Borough Assembly will be taking this issue up at their next meeting on Feb. 11th at the Mc Kinley Village Community Center.

Comments on March BOG Meeting Proposals:

Proposal 196:

Motion to support: Paul Van Dyke

Second: Wayne Walters

Support: 10

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 0

Comments: Gives people a better chance to get a bison permit

Proposal 241:

Motion to support: John Basile

Second: Nan Eagleson

Support: 9

Oppose: 0

Abstain: 1 didn't know enough about it to make a decision

Comments: Gives people a better chance of drawing a permit they desire.

Proposal 244:

Motion to support: Leroy Sutton

Second: Myron Stokes

Support: 0

Oppose: 9

Abstain: 1 Wanted more information

Comments: Cannot support as written. Needs to be defined better. There are several good jacketed bullets out there. Don't want to include all calibers.

We adjourned our meeting at 9:30 PM.

There are plans to have another meeting at some point discussing the trapping issues. A date was not brought up. If this meeting is before April, please contact John Basile.

Minutes of Middle Nenana AC meeting
January 19, 2009 6:00 p.m.
Healy School, Healy Alaska

Here's what we came up with to take back to the next joint AC Meeting. All these votes were unanimous.

* Keep Antlerless Definition as is.

I brought this back up to make sure that everybody was still OK with this. I think people didn't care about the enforcement issue, we would rather try and protect the calves as this is a very emotional issue and we would rather not have another issue to try and deal with or sell to the public.

*We Voted in support of 175 antlerless permits.

This was one of the areas we had questions. How will the permits be allocated the way we recommended the hunt.

*Any Bull Permits. We voted to keep the number of anybull permits @ 750. There were comments from the public and the committee that was against raising the number to 1000. It was brought up that last year the weather was pretty wet and generally bad. If we get a good dry year and good hunting conditions we feel that we can get the 200 harvest objective with the 750 permits. We don't like the trend of going with permits to hunt bulls in 20A. We need to watch this for a few more years and track the success ratio during some years with good hunting weather, watch it and connect the dots to see if the trend, or ratio, changes.

*Antlerless Hunt Zones. Keep them the same as last year. Do not open Zones 3 or 4A. Deleting the buffer Zone along zone 2 wasn't a problem we will support Fairbanks on whatever they want to do there. We did have some discussion on opening up Zone 2A. We did not take an official stand on that. We felt if that is something Fairbanks wants to do we had no problem with it. We would support whatever they wanted to do there. This is an area we had questions as to allocation of permits for the zones we recommended for the hunt. Bonnie and Bruce Burnell and Brent Keith suggested that we ask for 10 permits for Zone 4B since we voted to close 4A and it's about 1/3 of the total size of Zone 4.

*Antlerless Hunt and Season. We voted to support a Drawing Permit Hunt, to limit it to the General Season and then reopen it for the Month of January. The same drawing permits would be valid for the second season if the permit winner was not successful during the General Season. There would be no registration permits available for the second season. Drawing permit winners would be limited to taking an antlerless moose only, they would not be eligible to hunt Bulls if they received an antlerless drawing permit. We did not discuss what would happen if they put in for an antlerless hunt and an any bull permit and won both. We can bring that up at the next meeting and amend this recommendation. I suspect they would have to forfeit one or the other. We feel this will deal with the social issues and is very conservative, yet still allows for the harvest of antlerless moose.

Rs/ Bruce Carter

*Delta Advisory Committee vote on Proposals
For Board of Game Feb 27 – March 1 , 2009*

(These votes were taken at regular meetings of the Delta AC on 1/28/09 and 2/4/09)

Proposal#113, 0-10 oppose Denali Park is already a control area and all variables are already known.

Proposal#218, 8-2 Committee supports this proposal with the amendment that both seasons end at the same time, Sept 20th.

Proposal#233, 10-0 Committee supports this proposal as written.

Proposal#234, 10-1 support Committee recommends that cow hunt be reauthorized for SW 20D and that each area be voted on separately.

Area 20A, **10-0-1 support** Reauthorize

Area 20B, **9-0-1 support** Reauthorize

Proposal#237, 0-11 Committee does not support this proposal because it is too politically heated and feels it would not be effective. Feels that legislation to improve non-resident access by waving guide requirement and tag fees would be better.

Proposal#240 10-0 Committee unanimously **supported** this proposal.

Proposal#241, 1-9-0 oppose The committee felt that this would not be of much benefit to most people and would rather have an equal chance every year to draw a permit.

**Minutes of the Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory
Committee Meeting
January 28, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM in the Career Advancement Building in Delta by Vice Chairman Michael Bender. Minutes were taken by Carl Taylor.

Roll Call

Members present were, Tony Williams, Dennis Midgley, Mike Bender, Carl Taylor, Tim Webb, Vern Aiton, Dean Cummings, Jacob White, Don Bunselmeier, Alternate Rusty Craig

Members absent – Will Koehler, Don Quarberg (exc)

Alternates Absent were Ann Rasmussen, Jack Windsor (exc)

ADFG Department Staff present was Steve Dubois

DNR Staff Present, Jeanne Proulx & Don Perrin

Guests present: See Guest list in the Minutes Book at the ADFG Delta Office

January Agenda - A motion to approve as presented and corrected was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

December Meeting Minutes - A motion to approve as presented and corrected was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Old Business

None

New Business

- **Schedule separate Meeting for antlerless moose hunt planning**
- **Bison working group report**
- **McComb caribou herd**
- **Number of antlerless permits and change of hunt area**
- **Address change of harvest objective for 20D**

DNR Presentation

Jeanne Proulx and Don Perrin brought a presentation from the DNR and discussed the railroad corridor on the railroads proposed extension to Delta. The width of the corridor for construction and the operating railroad were identified access issues were identified.

The federal EIS is open for proposals till Feb 2nd and after that all recommendations and proposals are going to be taken by the DNR folks and brought to the table by them. They have no deadline for proposals until the final EIS is brought out. They will be working with the Feds during the entire process. Jacob White and Dean Cummings were going to meet at another time and draft some proposed access routes that they are aware of that need to be addressed in the process. Another suggestion was made that an ATV access should be made at 1 mile intervals along the entire line. The issue of being able to cross the corridor underneath bridges at stream crossings was also discussed. The DNR staff made the suggestion that access issues be proposed before the final EIS is finalized as after that time it will be very difficult to get changes made to the route and that after construction is completed the likelihood of getting any changes made would be very expensive and hard to justify.

Delta Clearwater fisheries issues

Fronty Parker was unable to attend this month's meeting. Reminder that April 10th is the deadline for fisheries proposals.

Update on 20D moose Population surveys – Steve Dubois

Steve Dubois was present at the meeting and requested that the AC committee schedule a meeting for only the moose surveys and drafting of the antlerless hunt in 20D. He felt that he had too much information to present to be able to do it during a regular meeting and have time to discuss all the information. AC committee proposed have another meeting the following Wed, Feb 4th at the Fish and Game Office at 6:30 to discuss and reauthorize the proposed antlerless hunt for 2009.

Moose Management workshop Still on for Feb 7th

Moose management workshop still scheduled for Feb 7th at the Delta community center. AC members asked to be sure and stay and help clean up afterward to reduce costs of using the facility.

Bison Working Group- Don Bunselmeier

Don reported that nothing new had come from the meetings as of yet. Several ideas have been presented, reducing the herd size, fencing the bison until after the harvest has been completed, change the summer planting schedule to increase the oats in the bison fields and upgrading some of the summer range to try and slow migration in the fall. No solid plans or considerations have been made at this time.

Other Business

Several proposals were discussed and voted on for upcoming Board of game meeting in March. All subsequent meetings will be held at the conference room at the Delta Junction City Hall.

Adjourn – 8:30

The next AC meeting will be held on February 4th at the Delta City Hall at 6:30 pm.

Tentative Agenda Items for the February Meeting

- McComb caribou
- Reauthorize antlerless hunt Feb 4th meeting
- Address change of harvest objective for 20D
- Bison Range Meeting Report
- Discuss numbers of antlerless permits and hunt areas

**Minutes of the Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory
Committee Meeting
February 4, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Building in Delta by Co-Chairman Mike Bender. Minutes were taken by Secretary Carl Taylor.

Roll Call

Members present were, Jacob White, Tony Williams, Dean Cummings, Carl Taylor, Will Koehler, Dennis Midgley, Mike Bender, Vern Aiton, Don Bunselmeier, Tim Webb, Rusty Craig

Members absent – Don Quarberg, excused

Alternates Absent were Ann Rasmussen, Jack Windsor

ADFG Department Staff present was Steve Dubois

US Army Alaska Natural Resources Staff present was John Haddix

Guests present: See Guest list in the Minutes Book at the ADFG Delta Office

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Steve Dubois presentation on Survey studies, statistics and moose data for 2008

Steve presented means and methods presentation on how statistics are gathered and calculated to determine moose population estimates and densities. He presented an in-depth slide show of all the factors that are used to calculate the populations using random stratified sampling method and how the data is collected and compiled. He also brought a brief example of how the newer Geospatial method is used and explained how it is more accurate than the random stratified method. He explained lots of factors that are used to increase accuracy of the surveys. The costs of conducting the surveys were mentioned and explained so that there was a better understanding of how the numbers of units were chosen to sample.

Steve also presented the data for the 2008 moose population surveys and where we stand now. 2008 population estimates are as follows;

20D South	4919
20D North	2411
Total 20D	8468

This gives an estimated moose density of 3.2 moose per square mile. Steve also presented the idea that a harvest of close to 6 percent would now stabilize the herd. The 2 year twinning rate is at 16% and the moose density has declined from the high of 5.6 moose per sq mile. Steve also presented a hand out with all hunt statistics and survey population estimates.

Proposal 234 to reauthorize antlerless moose hunt in 20D

This proposal was discussed and the committee voted with **10 supporting and 1 objection** to reauthorize the hunt in 20D for 2009 with the number of moose to be harvested and area boundaries to be determined and the next advisory meeting the 25th of February.

Other Business

Proposal 234 was also voted and passed to reauthorize antlerless hunts in 20B and 20A. A motion was brought forward that would increase the drawing permits for DM790 to 25 permits and passed unanimously. **Proposal 237 was also voted on and unanimously apposed.** Reasons cited were it was too politically charged to allow snaring of grizzly bears and would be rejected by the board. The alternate objective to get legislation to allow non-residents to hunt without a guide and wave the tag fee was deemed a more effective goal to reduce bear numbers. All agenda items are on minutes from last meeting to go forward to the regular meeting in Feb.

Adjourn – 10:00

The next AC meeting will be held on Feb 25th at the City Hall conference room at 6:30 pm.

Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
2/11/09, 7 – 10 PM, MTA Building, Palmer
Meeting Minutes

- 7:00 PM: Call meeting to order
- Roll Call: quorum present (at least 8 members)?

Ken Barber	Present
Brian Campbell	Present
Mark Chryson (secretary)	Excused
Andy Couch	Present
Stephen Darilek	Present
Bennett Durgeloh	Present
Gerrit Dykstra	Present
Bill Folsom	Absent
Melvin Grove	Present
Glen Holt	Present
Rob Kuchenoff	Present
Max Sager	Present
John Otcheck	Excused
Guiseppe Rossi	Present
Tony Russ	Present
Ken Federico	Excused
Troy Vincent	Present

A quorum is present for meeting to continue. (13 Present)

Approve minutes from meeting of 2/04/09.

Bennett Durgeloh spelled wrong page 2 second paragraph.

- Calendar of events:
 1. Next meetings 2/25/09 and 3/11/09 at MTA, 7-10 PM
BOG proposals for SC due 2/13/09, this Friday
BOF meeting for Statewide shellfish March 16-20, comments due 3/02/09
- Reports and Comments:
 1. Recognize guests and/or department staff:

Group Representatives:
Wayne Kubat, Past AC Chair, Rod Arno, Tim Swezey, Moose Calf Rescue

ADF&G Staff Present: Bob Toby, Area manager
Law Enforcement
Legislative Representatives
 2. Other announcements and/or agenda items?
 3. Public Testimony

- Tim Swezey commented on Proposal 205 explained to the Board about the Mat-Su Calf Rescue Program that they would like to start.
- Wayne Kubat commented about guides needing support from the board, about having non-residents being able to hunt in Alaska.
- Old Business:
 1. Vote for our representative to the Susitna Forestry Guidelines citizens' advisory committee. Mark Chryson, Bennett Durgeloh would serve. Motion to accept Bennett Durgeloh 13-0-0, Mark Chryson alternate 13-0-0
 2. Vote on letter supporting Teresa Segar-Albaugh for BOG. Vote 13-0-0
Teresa lives in Mentasta Pass near Tok. Her term begins March 1, 2009 and expires June 30, 2010, if approved by the Legislature. Cliff Judkins was also reappointed by Governor Palin on February 4th.
- New Business:
 1. Choose AC representative for BOG meetings Feb 27 – Mar 9 in Anchorage.
Andy Couch nominated Tony Russ and Stephen Darilek, Rob Kuchenoff as alternate. Vote 13-0-0
 2. Finish all BOG Proposals for SC that we can. Finish Units 11 & 13 with Bob Tobey present; finish region wide #'s 201-223, Statewide 240-246; then any misc. from other units.

All motions of support were made by Andy Couch seconded by Stephen Darilek

Proposal 205
Motion Passed 11-2-0

Proposal 80
ADFG Bob Tobey – Just a clarification
Motion Failed 1-11-1

Proposal 95
ADFG Bob Tobey -Just a clarification
Motion Passed 12-0-1

Proposal 96
Andy Couch motion to amend Proposal 96 Bennett Durgeloh seconded
Move to amend ANS number to 300 below which would be tier 11 only and between 300 – 700 would be Tier1 hunting only. Above 700 legal moose available would allow nonresidents to hunt. .
Amendment Pass 10-2-1
Motion passed as amended 9 -2 -2.

Proposal 98
Motion Failed 4-7-2

Proposal 97, 99
Both Motions Failed 0-13-0

Proposal 104, 105
ADF&G Bob Tobey –just a clarification
Both Motions failed 4-9-0

Proposal 114
ADF&G Bob Tobey – just a clarification
Motion Passed 13-0-0

Proposal 201
Motion failed 1-12-0
Minority comment
Concerned about an unintentional shot counting against bag limit.

Proposal 202
Motion Passed 13-0-0

Proposal 203
Motion Passed 10-1-2

Proposal 204
Motion Passed 13-0-0

Proposal 206
Motion Failed 1-12-0

Proposal 207
ADFG Bob Tobey – just a clarification
Motion Failed 5-8-0

Proposal 208
Motion Passed 7-6-0

Proposal 209
Glen Holt motioned to amend Proposal 209 Bennett Durgeloh seconded
Modify the sheep hunts in units 14A and 13D to harvest ticket, non-drawing hunts for resident with the definition of legal sheep being a ram of full curl or both being broom/broken and with a cap on permits for on non-residents.
Amendment passed 7-6-0
Motion passed as amended 7-5-1

Proposal 240
Motion Failed 4-8-1

Proposal 218
Motion Failed 0-12-1

Proposal 219
Motion Passed 11-0-2

Proposal 241
Motion Failed 6-5-2

Next meeting 2/25/09

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Campbell, Acting Secretary

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Proposal Number	AC Vote	AC Amendments	AC Comments
Anchorage Area			
Proposal 1	Passed 12-1-2		see 2 & 3, if no residents apply then only non residents will be able to hunt.
Proposal 2	Passed 15-0		See 2 & 3, We prefer starting season day after labor day
Proposal 3	Passed 15-0		
Proposal 4	Failed 1-9-5		only reason opposes we can overly limit the hunt. (See attached comments)
Proposal 5	NO ACTION		take no action 0-0-15)
Proposal 6	Failed 5-9-1		we would vote for if they take out non resident portion in it
Proposal 7	Passed 15-0		
Proposal 8	Passed 15-0		
Proposal 9	Passed 15-0		
Proposal 10	Passed 15-0		
Proposal 11	Passed 15-0		
Proposal 12	Passed 15-0		Require the client guide contract unless hunting within kindred is met
Proposal 13	Passed 15-0		
Proposal 14	Passed 14-0-1		
Proposal 15	Passed 0-15-0		
Proposal 16	NO ACTION		no action taken 0-0-15

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Proposal Number	AC Vote	AC Amendments	AC Comments
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Proposal 17	Passed 8-4-3		(see attached sheets) It looks like this will work Am concerned that this guarantees non resident permit. Concerned that there is to high of percentage non residents in low permit areas. Dept concerned that it locks in certain numbers. Minority comment: sensible plan but numbers make it hard to implement.
Proposal 18	Failed 2-11-2		if sheep population is low why harvest ewes? Only a few archers are successful and their take is very low. A fair trade to make possibility of a successful rifle draw. Not a biological necessity
Proposal 19	Passed 9-5-1	amended to strike the first 2 options.	We want to make at most 10% tags non resident Amended to eliminate make all sheep hunting in 14C resident only. And no more then 10% non resident. We strike the first 2 options.
Proposal 20	Failed 1-13-1		Attempts to close all trapping It is a clearly defined as 1 mile. There is no biological reason for this. This would basically eliminate trapping in every valley. Why is 90 feet a suggested alternative over a mile? What is considered a trail? Minority comment : this will come back to us again
Proposal 21	Failed 0-15		Attempts to close all trapping. Can someone define "community Boundaries?"
Proposal 22	Failed 0-15		Attempts to close all trapping
Proposal 23	Failed 0-15		Attempts to close all trapping
Proposal 24	Failed 0-15		Attempts to close all trapping
Proposal 25	Failed 0-15		Attempts to close all trapping
Proposal 26	Failed 0-15		Attempts to close all trapping
Proposal 27	Failed 0-15		See attached page Trapping takes higher percentage of females. Why are they adding days to the season if the take is too high? Wolverine survey is not cost effective for species specific surveys.

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Proposal Number	AC Vote	AC Amendments	AC Comments
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Proposal 28	Failed 0-15		Attempts to close all trapping
Glennallen Area			
Proposal 70	Passed 15-0	amended to keep the bag limit to 5 per day and 10 possession (15-0)	
Proposal 71	failed 0-11-0		
Proposal 72	Passed 11-0-0		
Proposal 73	Passde 11-0-0		
Proposal 74	Passed 11-0-0		
Proposal 75	passed 10-0-1		we need to reduce the bear population, works best in areas where there is high black bear baiting.
Proposal 76	passed 11-0-0		Does it count against the every 4 year limit elsewhere? Anti-hunter anti-wildlife management proposal, state shouldn't have to change management just to fit anti-hunters agenda. State should have full management authority over our fish and wildlife resources.
Proposal 77	failed 0-11-0		Anti-hunter anti-wildlife management proposal, state shouldn't have to change management just to fit anti-hunters agenda. State should have full management authority over our fish and wildlife resources.
Proposal 78	failed 0-11-0		Anti-hunter anti-wildlife management proposal, state shouldn't have to change management just to fit anti-hunters agenda. State should have full management authority over our fish and wildlife resources.
Proposal 79	Passed 11-0-0		Toby area biologist has said we cant drop number down to objective without doing this
Proposal 80	Failed 1-11-1		
Proposal 81	Failed 0-11-0		Enforcement issue. 223's we don't need to restrict magazines to control unethical hunters

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Proposal Number	AC Vote	AC Amendments	AC Comments
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Proposal 82	passed 8-3-0		Salvage, cleaning up a mess, subsistence hunters, attempt to reduce the number of hunters in the tier 2 hunt in Nelchina basin, mainstay of livelihood for who is actually subsistence hunting. We need to make this hunt a fair and equitable hunt for all Alaskans.
Proposal 83	passed 8-3-0		reduce the number of hunters in the tier 2 hunt in Nelchina basin, mainstay of livelihood for who is actually subsistence hunting. We need to make this hunt a fair and equitable hunt for all Alaskans.
Proposal 84			Community harvest statute says everyone in the community has to have an opportunity to participate in the hunt. Second season for moose as well.
Proposal 85	failed 1-7-3		Subsistence hunt isn't a trophy hunt.
Proposal 86	failed 1-10-0		
Proposal 87	failed 0-9-2		
Proposal 88	failed 1-8-2		
Proposal 89	failed 4-7-0		Don't say how to weigh the need this proposal. Would like to see how they want to implement this.
Proposal 90	failed 0-6-5		
Proposal 91	failed 0-4-7		Not written that well
Proposal 92	failed 5-6-0		You will save more meat by leaving it on bone.
Proposal 93	passed 6-5-0		
Proposal 94	failed 1-9-1		Extend tier 2 season, Not a legal hunt.
Proposal 95	passed 12-0-1		
Proposal 96	passed 9-2-2		
Proposal 97	Failed 0-13-0		

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Proposal Number	AC Vote	AC Amendments	AC Comments
Proposal Number	AC Vote	AC Amendments	AC Comments
Proposal 98	failed 4-7-2		
Proposal 99	0-13-0		
Proposal 100	failed 0-11-0		added non resident hunt, too close to rut
Proposal 101	Failed 0-11-0		The ANS number is too low, it shouldn't be a trigger to bring in a non resident hunt. Residents should have first crack at our moose.
Proposal 102	Failed 0-11-0		The ANS number is too low, it shouldn't be a trigger to bring in a non resident hunt. Residents should have first crack at our moose.
Proposal 103	Failed 0-11-0		The ANS number is too low, it shouldn't be a trigger to bring in a non resident hunt. Residents should have first crack at our moose.
Proposal 104	Failed 4-9-0		
Proposal 105	Failed 4-9-0		
Proposal 106	failed 4-5-2		any sheep, resident non resident, low sheep population
Proposal 107	passed 6-3-2		full curl only, low populations, do we have enough sheep?
Proposal 108	passed 10-0-1		See 109, split season, sheep in talkemas. It may go to a draw permit.
Proposal 109	passed 11-0-0		
Proposal 110	failed 3-7-1	this was meant for sheep hunting only and use of aircraft only, amendment passed 11-0	this was not the proposal as troy submitted to the board
Proposal 111	Passed 15-0-0		Require the client guide contract unless hunting within kindred is met

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Proposal Number	AC Vote	AC Amendments	AC Comments
Proposal 112	failed 0-11-0		Anti-hunter anti-wildlife management proposal, state shouldn't have to change management just to fit anti-hunters agenda. State should have full management authority over our fish and wildlife resources.
Proposal 113	failed 0-11-0		Anti-hunter anti-wildlife management proposal, state shouldn't have to change management just to fit anti-hunters agenda. State should have full management authority over our fish and wildlife resources.
Proposal 114	passed 13-0-0		
Proposal 115	passed 8-2-1		see 241, can never be drawn the first year outside. Cant vote for something that is non existant at this time
Proposal 116	failed 0-11-0		
Proposal 143	Passed 15-0		Require the client guide contract unless hunting within kindred is met
Proposal 155	Passed 15-0		Require the client guide contract unless hunting within kindred is met
Palmer Area (14A)			
Proposal 166	Failed 0-11-2		too close to cabins
Proposal 167	Failed 1-11-1		not necessary
Proposal 168	Passed 10-2-1	require youth to be under direct supervision of parent or gardian 13-0	too broad, non resident inclusions youth needs to be acompanied by adults and hunter education, helicopter access not shooting from helicopters.
Proposal 169	Passed 13-0		better written then 168, focused on youth
Proposal 170	Passed 13-0		supposed to be black bears
Proposal 171	Passed 11-0-2		
Proposal 172	Passed 13-0-0		
Proposal 173	Passed 13-0-0		
Proposal 174	Failed 0-13-0		this is part of the reason we have a bear problem

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Proposal Number	AC Vote	AC Amendments	AC Comments
Proposal Number	AC Vote	AC Amendments	AC Comments
Proposal 175	Failed 0-13-0		
Proposal 176	Failed 4-9-0		dept opposes, herd is at a low population more success.
Proposal 177	Failed 5-8-0		minority comment perhaps we should eliminate all special seasons
Proposal 178	Passed 12-1		
Proposal 179	Failed 3-9-1		
Proposal 180	Passed 12-1-0	Amends to include 14A Passed without dissent as it was originally written Amends to Steve Darilek to eliminate archery only seconded by G Rossi. Leaves dates as they are but eliminates only archery season. Tim-Archery take small. Amendment fails 4-9-2	see comments, although we want to see the full season returned we don't believe that the Dept will approve it. Getting quality hunting dates is more important then lost opportunity
Proposal 181	Passed 8-5-0	exclude 16a 6-7 failed	
Proposal 182	Failed 5-6-2		only 2 non residents harvested moose in over last 18 years
Proposal 183	Passed 13-0		
Proposal 184	Failed 0-11-2		
Proposal 185	Failed 13-0		
Proposal 186	Failed 0-13		see 174
Proposal 187	Failed 0-12-1		
Proposal 188	Failed 6-7		

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Proposal Number	AC Vote	AC Amendments	AC Comments
Proposal 189	Passed 10-1-2		
Proposal 190	Passed 13-0		
Proposal 191	Passed 13-0-		
Proposal 192	Passed 12-0-1		use helicopters to transport
Proposal 193	Failed 0-10-0		see attached sheets and minutes
Region-wide/Multiple Units			
Proposal 194	Failed 7-7-1		works wonders, They have value for fur not as a trophy. Very effective predator, predator control, perhaps should be area specific not region wide
Proposal 195	Failed 6-8-1		see previous proposal
Proposal 196	passed 7-3-1		
Proposal 197	failed 2-8-1		Other Arrangements could be made as well. Proposal was written poorly.
Proposal 198	passed 9-2-0		In some areas you want to do this but region wide?? We have too many black bears as is. Shouldn't be restricted to guides only. Should be loosened in control areas maybe not all.. allow transporters to take out non residents as well
Proposal 199	failed 3-6-2		would hate to see user conflicts with fisherman, concerned with 14A and 16A
Proposal 200	passed 11-0		
Proposal 201	failed 1-12-0		Concerned about counting against bag limit.
Proposal 202	passed 13-0-0		
Proposal 203	Passed 10-1-2		

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Proposal Number	AC Vote	AC Amendments	AC Comments
Proposal Number	AC Vote	AC Amendments	AC Comments
Proposal 204	passed 13-0-0		
Proposal 205	passed 11-2-0		
Proposal 206	failed 1-12-0		
Proposal 207	Failed 5-8-0		
Proposal 208	passed 7-6-0		
Proposal 209	passed 7-5-1		
Proposal 218	Failed 0-12-1		
Proposal 219	passed 11-0-2		
Proposal 222	failed 0-11-0		roadway as defined by law is VAGUE
Proposal 223	Passed 15-0		
Statewide			
Proposal 240	failed 4-8-1		
Proposal 241	failed 6-5-2		

A/C COMMENT # 18

Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
February 4 2009, 7 – 10 PM, MTA Building, Palmer
Meeting Minutes

- 7:00 PM: Call meeting to order
- Roll Call: quorum present (at least 8 members)?

Ken	Barber	present
Brian	Campbell	present
Mark	Chryson (secretary)	present
Andy	Couch	present
Stephen	Darilek (vice-chair)	present
Bennett	Durgeloh	present
Gerrit	Dykstra	present
Bill	Folsom	present
Melvin	Grove	present
Glen	Holt	present
Rob	Kuchenoff	absent
John	Otcheck	excused
Max	Sager	present
Guiseppe	Rossi	present
Tony	Russ (chair)	present
Ken	Federico	present
Troy	Vincent	(late 7:30)

Determination if a quorum is present for the meeting to continue.

- Approve minutes from meeting of 1-21-09. No changes passed andy couch abstains
- Calendar of events:
 1. Next meetings 2/04/09 and 2/11/09 at MTA large
 2. BOG SC & SW comments due by 2/13/09 for the Feb/March meeting!

▪ Reports and Comments:

1. Recognize guests and/or department staff:
Wayne Kubat, Nick Steen, dan montgomery, Tim Peltier
Group Representatives
Law Enforcement
Legislative Representatives
2. Other announcements and/or agenda items?
3. Public testimony
Richard Vogt – wants to move moose season later for weather concerns
Nick Steen – Ptarmigan season

Wayne Kubat- see comments (attached) 180, Consistency between 16 and 14 unless we want 16A to drag the seasons in 14 down.

Steve Jacobson- wants to be on the email list

Ted Hutchinson – proposal 222

50 ft guidelines can have some nasty consequences on hunting. As former CO it is unenforceable. May want species specific not general

Dan Montgomery prop 4, 17, 111

4-goats 1st time emergency closure by EO was in 2004 and kenai pen hunts now are drawing. proposal 4 wants registration hunt not drawing. 20 goat units, and if split between res and non res we can all hunt.

17- sheep adds 1 non resident hunt only.

Peters creek, East fork eklutna no legal full curl rams in that area.

Hunt available out of anch and could have people take their out of state relatives hunting. Wants to guarantee guides and non residents a chance to hunt. 12% over all. Limits certain hunts to non residents.

Lauren Carol 4- wants guides harvest to go up. No goat survey done in over 14 years.

17- does not normally guide residents.

- Old Business:

1. Letter to Joint Legislative Cook Inlet Salmon Task Force, update.
2. Assistant Director of Sport Fish, Lisa Evans, has offered to come and give a presentation on the Sportfish Economic Survey that is finished...need to schedule this and make sure the public is aware. Possibly with Susitna Valley AC. Dave Rutz is organizing.
3. Letter of support for Cliff Judkins was approved and mailed.

- New Business:

1. Work on BOG proposals #1-28; 70-116

May need to schedule more information gathering sessions or meetings to address all of these BOG and the remainder of the BOF before the deadlines!

Forestry citizens advisory committee starting and would like to have someone from our committee on it. 1st meeting is feb 17th. Bennet Durgehol, Mark Chryson, Susitna Forest Guidelines.

Proposal 180 motion to reconsider Max Sager seconded by Kenny Barber

Motion to reconsider passed 11-4-0

Andy Couch, need to note that the proposal was originally wrote to include 14A 14B and 16 A

Andy Couch seconded by Glen Holt.

Purpose of proposal was to move the season later. This is what the dept (tony) said they could support. Goal was to hunt later. 16A and 14B has low numbers still.

Amends to include 14A Passed without dissent as it was originally written

Amends to Steve Darilek to eliminate archery only seconded by G Rossi.

Leaves dates as they are but eliminates only archery season. Tim- Archery take small.

Amendment fails 4-9-2

Getting quality hunting dates is more important then lost opportunity.

Motion as amended passed

BOG Proposals all motions for support made by Andy Couch and seconded by Stephen Darilek.

Proposal 1

Sometimes proposals are pulled. We prefer 2 and 3 as they limit non residents. If no residents apply then only non residents will be able to hunt.

Motion Passed

12-1-2

Proposal 2

We prefer starting season day after labor day

15-0

Proposal 3

Passed 15-0

Proposal 4

See comments above

Only 1 year draw hunt

Late goats taste bad

Motion fails

1-9-5

Proposal 5

Anch AC voted down

Take no action 0-15-0

Proposal 6
Dept against it
Motion fails 5-9-1

Proposal 7 - 12
Reauthorize antlerless authority

Motions passed by Unanimous consent

Proposal 13, 111, 143, 155, 223
Motions passed by unanimous consent
Require the client guide contract unless hunting within kindred is met

Proposal 14
Limits non res sheep hunters.
State says they cant do it. This defies logic.
I like the idea of if 9 or less permits are available only 1 can be a non resident.

Motion passed 14-0-1

Proposal 15
Motion fails 0-15

Proposal 16
We think there are better choices
NO action taken

Proposal 17
See comments and attached
It looks like this will work
Am concerned that this guarantees non resident permit.
Concerned that there is to high of percentage non residents in low permit areas.
Dept concerned that it locks in certain numbers.

Motion passed
8-4-3

Minority comment a very sensible plan but numbers will make it hard to implement.

Proposal 18
Only a few archers are successful and their take is very low. A fair trade to make possibility of a successful rifle draw. Not a biological necessity.

Motion fails

2-11-2

Proposal 19

Will let BOG choose the best solution

We want to make at most 10% tags non resident

Amended to eliminate make all sheep hunting in 14C resident only. And no more than 10% non resident. We strike the first 2 options.

Amendment passed 12-2-1

Think that this is too extreme and the 10% is going to be enacted.

Motion passed 9-5-1

Proposal 20

It is a clearly defined as 1 mile. There is no biological reason for this. This would basically eliminate trapping in every valley. Why is 90 feet a suggested alternative over a mile? What is considered a trail?

Motion failed

1-13-1

Minority comment : this will come back to us again

Proposal 21

Can someone define "community Boundaries"

Motion failed

0-15

Proposal 22

Motion failed

0-15

Proposal 23

Motion failed

0-15

Proposal 24

Motion Failed

0-15

Proposal 25

Motion Failed

0-15

Proposal 26

Motion Failed
0-15

Proposal 27

Trapping takes higher percentage of females. Why are they adding days to the season if the take is too high? Wolverine survey is not cost effective for species specific surveys.

(See attached comments)
Motion Failed
0-15

Proposal 28
Motion Failed
0-15

Proposal 194
Coyote season

Concerned that the coyotes are not a problem. Calling works wonders
They have value for fur not as a trophy. Very effective predator, predator control, perhaps should be area specific not region wide.

Motion failed
7-7-1

Proposal 195
Motion failed
6-8-1

Proposal 70
Amend proposal to keep the bag limit to 5 per day and 10 possession
Amendment passed
15-0

Amended proposal passed
15-0

Meeting continued state forestry building palmer 7:00 Feb 9, 2009

Feb 9, 2009 Palmer Forestry building, 7:00 PM

Attendance for continuation:

Ken	Barber	present
Brian	Campbell	present
Mark	Chryson (secretary)	present
Andy	Couch	absent
Stephen	Darilek (vice-chair)	present
Bennett	Durgeloh	present
Gerrit	Dykstra	present
Bill	Folsom	excused
Melvin	Grove	present
Glen	Holt	present
Rob	Kuchenoff	absent
John	Otcheck	excused
Max	Sager	absent
Guiseppe	Rossi	present
Tony	Russ (chair)	present
Ken	Federico	absent
Troy	Vincent	present

BOG Proposals Continued:

Theresa Sager Albaugh needs support by AC for BOG seat to replace Dick Burley. Has sat on AC, lives in Tok and very knowledgeable. Letter to be written by Steve Darilek.

Rod Arno and Nick Steen in attendance.

Bob Toby will be here on Wednesday and desires to speak on moose proposals.
84, 95-99, 104-5

All motions for support made by Giuseppe Rossi and seconded by Brian Campbell

Proposal 71

Shorten coyote season in unit 13

Motion failed

0-11-0

Proposal 72

Bison boundary

Motion passed

11-0-0

Proposal 73
Black Bear baiting season
Motion passed
11-0-0

Proposal 74
See 73

Motion Passed
11-0-0

Proposal 75
We need to reduce bear population in 13, predator control addition.
Baiting works best where there is high black bear baiting stations.

Motion passed
10-0-1

Proposal 76
Brown bear bag limits
Does it count against the every 4 year limit elsewhere?

Motion Passed
11-0

Proposal 77, 78
Anti-hunter anti-wildlife management proposal, state shouldn't have to change management just to fit anti-hunters agenda. State should have full management authority over our fish and wildlife resources.

Motion Failed
0-11-0

Proposal 79
Better written then 76.

Motion passed
11-0-0

Proposal 81
Restrict clips. Enforcement issue. 223's we don't need to restrict magazines to control unethical hunters

Motion Failed.
0-11-0

Proposal 82

Salvage, cleaning up a mess, subsistence hunters, attempt to reduce the number of hunters in the tier 2 hunt in Nelchina basin, mainstay of livelihood for who is actually subsistence hunting. We need to make this hunt a fair and equitable hunt for all Alaskans.

Motion passed

8-3-0

Proposal 83

Almost same as 82

Motion Passed

8-3-0

Proposal 84

Community harvest statute says everyone in the community has to have an opportunity to participate in the hunt. Second season for moose as well.

Motion tabled.

Will bring up on Wednesday

Proposal 85

Subsistence hunt isn't a trophy hunt.

1-7-3

Proposal 86

Motion failed

1-10-0

Proposal 87

Income scoring system

Motion fails

0-9-2

Proposal 88

Income scoring

The whole Tier 2 is a big mess and we can't make changes that are needed to legislative solutions.

Motion failed

1-8-2

Proposal 89

Don't say how to weigh the need this proposal. Would like to see how they want to implement this.

Motion Failed
4-7-0

Proposal 90
Motion failed
0-6-5

Proposal 91
Salvage requirement all edible parts.
Not written that well

Motion failed
0-4-7

Proposal 92
You will save more meat by leaving it on bone.

Motion failed.
5-6-0

Proposal 93
Liver salvage

Motion passed
6-5-0

Proposal 94
Extend tier 2 season, Not a legal hunt.

Motion failed
1-9-1

Proposal 100
added non resident hunt, too close to rut

Motion failed

Proposal 101-102, 103
The ANS number is too low, it shouldn't be a trigger to bring in a non resident hunt.
Residents should have first crack at our moose.

Motions fail
0-11-0

Proposal 106

Non resident, any sheep

Failed 4-5-2

Proposal 107

Would like to wait a year or two if it shows the population rebounded.

Motion Passed

6-3-2

Proposal 108

See 109, split season, sheep in Talketnas. Lower population of sheep now
It may go to a draw permit.

Motion passed

10-0-1

Proposal 109

Drawing permits for non residents
10% of hunters in the field based on past hunt.

Motion passed

11-0-0

Proposal 110

Not enough sheep, non residents very effective because of guides.
Was meant to stop spotting of sheep from the aircraft motorized vehicles was changed
from aircraft.

Motion failed

3-7-1

This was not what troy submitted to the BOG

Proposal 112

Anti-hunter anti-wildlife management proposal, state shouldn't have to change
management just to fit anti-hunters agenda. State should have full management authority
over our fish and wildlife resources.

Motion failed

0-11-0

Proposal 113

Anti-hunter anti-wildlife management proposal, state shouldn't have to change management just to fit anti-hunters agenda. State should have full management authority over our fish and wildlife resources.

Motion failed
0-11-0

Proposal 114
Tabled to next meeting

Proposal 115
Preference Points see 241

Passed
8-2-1

Proposal 116
Motion Failed
0-11-0

Proposal 196
Motion passed
7-3-1

Proposal 197
Poorly written

Motion failed
2-8-1

Proposal 198
In some areas you want to do this but region wide?? We have too many black bears as is. Shouldn't be restricted to guides only. Should be loosened in control areas maybe not all.. allow transporters to take out non residents as all

Motion Passed
9-2-0

Proposal 199
Concerned with user conflicts in 14A and 16A fishermen. Region wide would have passed if it was more area specific.

Motion failed
3-6-2

Proposal 200
Motion passed
11-0-0

Proposal 222
50 feet of roadway.

Motion failed
0-11-0

Meeting adjourned 9:55 pm

Next meeting on Wednesday 2-11-09 MTA building 7:00 PM

Next meeting will be Wednesday 2-11-09, MTA building

Next meeting
2-11-09

Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
01/21/09, 7 – 10 PM, MTA Building, Palmer
minutes

- 7:00 PM: Call meeting to order
- Roll Call: quorum present (at least 8 members)?

Ken Barber	present
Brian Campbell	excused
Mark Chryson (secretary)	present
Andy Couch	absent
Stephen Darilek(vice-chair)	present
Bennett Durgeloh	present
Gerrit Dykstra	present
Bill Folsom	present
Melvin Grove	(late 7:30)
Glen Holt	present
Rob Kuchenoff	present
John Otcheck	present
Max Sager	present
Guisepe Rossi	present
Tony Russ (chair)	excused
Ken Federico	excused
Troy Vincent	late (7:45)

- Approve minutes from meeting of 1-07-09
- Calendar of events:
 1. Next meetings 2/04/09 and 2/11/09 at MTA large room
 2. BOF comments for SE and Yakutat finfish due by 2/3/09 (prop 199-355)
 3. BOF comments for Statewide shellfish due by 3/2/09 (prop.356-367)
 4. BOG SC & SW comments due by 2/13/09 for the Feb/March meeting!
BOG books out to most of us, but still online for newer members.
- Reports and Comments:
 1. Recognize guests and/or department staff: Tony Kavelok, Tim Peltier, Wayne Kubat, Cliff Judkins
Group Representatives, Rod Arno
Law Enforcement
Legislative Representatives

LARGE public attendance
 2. Other announcements and/or agenda items?
 3. Public testimony
Pat O'Connor: seems that the dept is not supporting the AC's like they have in the past. The Board would always give us an answer why we were voted down and seems that we aren't getting them now. Many proposals in the books are being written by professional writers, we liked to see them short and to the point not running on. They used to pay per diem to the chairs of the AC's and no longer getting compensated to attend the meetings. Would like to see the dept provided representatives at the meetings and example of fisheries meetings that could address questions.

Al Plisousky proposal 193: Hatcher pass management plan, and no notification that the area has been closed to motorized access. Equal or better access needs to be provided as required by the plan. He has lived off Edgerton parks for over 3 generations.

Hatcher pass plan is about new resort development and trails have not yet been developed, seems to be no damage to streams for fisheries. Waldo Reed road has an illegal non motorized sign posted there.

He passed out a handout (attached 7 pages)

A public poll was taken on this proposal.
1 person was in favour of this proposal.
21 people were opposed to the proposal

Limiting the motorized access to stop hunting and general access but there remains a need use to motorized vehicles bring out the game.

Gene Backus: is in support of 193. The area is small, 2 miles hike? I am opposed to motorized traffic here because it is a small area. I always hike.

Proposal 193 motion

Proposal to support 193 Bennet Durgeloh, seconded by Bill Folsom.
Sub committee opposed this motion
Motion failed 0-10-0

Rick Ellis (Trapper association), proposals 20-28 120 and 121 support 37 and 119

Dan Elliot 114 predator control, most of that area affected is in Denali State Park This areas has access by Alaska Rail Road and snow machine. Rail road, bears are also causes of major moose kill, not just predation. He is opposed this proposal as implemented to this area.

82 and 83 and 85 tier 2 caribou areas place unnecessary restrictions on hunters.

Wayne Kubat: non resident take is about 15%. We need to consider funding options, guides are residents too. Special seasons for special weapons, longest general seasons are best. We shortened the seasons for predator control, we have lost too much hunting times as is. Would be better to get our 50 day general season back and eliminate the special hunts.

Dan Montgomery, 4, 17, 111 submitted these proposals. And supplies extra data for the proposals harvest data. Shortest season 19 days.

(See attached comment 1 page)

Al Plisousky destroying the antlers is an unnecessary restriction. (85)

- Old Business:

1. Letter to Joint Legislative Cook Inlet Salmon Task Force - no news yet
2. Assistant Director of Sport Fish, Lisa Evans, has offered to come and give a presentation on the Sportfish Economic Survey that is finished...need to schedule this and make sure the public is aware. Possibly with Susitna Valley AC. Dave Rutz is organizing.

Bill Folsom suggests that we have her here as soon as possible.

- New Business:

1. Work on BOG proposals #166-193; 1-28; 70-116

All motions to accept made and by Glen Holt seconded by Bill Folsom.

Proposal 166

Too close to cabins,
Motion to support failed
0-11-2

Proposal 167
Unnecessary
Motion to support failed
1-11-1

Proposal 168
too broad, non resident inclusions youth needs to be accompanied by adults and hunter education, helicopter access not shooting from helicopters.

until I see helicopter restrictions, need to be made public but has to be time certain.
Motion to support passed
13-0

Proposal 169
better written then 168, focused on youth

Motion to support passed
13.0

Proposal 170
supposed to be black bears

not allowed yet, we want to put in regulation so they can use it if needed.

Motion to support passed
13-0

Proposal 171
publicity black eye, moose inadvertent going to be trapped.
Rod Arno-policy could be one tool which can be used. Feds may usurp BOG authority, has gone on for decades and is able to be done effectively. This is another tool to use. Brown / grizzly differential, can be selective by bait and/or locations. There is a difference between here and Maine. Would prefer that the dept to put in a specific proposal, not a general trapping proposal. We need to make sure that the traps are selective and brown/grizz won't be caught.

Motion to support passed
11-0-2

Proposal 172
Motion to support passed
13-0

Proposal 173
Motion to support passed
13-0

Proposal 174
Motion to support failed
0-13-0

Proposal 175
This areas is unit 19's herd and needs to have the area biologists input and comments

Motion to support failed
0-13-0

Proposal 176

No special seasons or hunts, bow in effective as is. May allow more success. We need more populations and then allow to longer season. 42 calf per 100 in this area. Prime time more opportunity. Perhaps a special license in order to support specific weapon seasons would make things more palatable to the "no special seasons contingencies."

no special seasons or hunts, bow in effective as is. May allow more success.

Motion to support failed

4-9-0

Proposal 177

Tony Kavelok we will increase moose permits – archery only drawing we will lose some rifle permits. May issue up to 400 permits as is, can issue up to 450 if this passes.

Motion to support failed

5-8-0

Minority comment: if special weapons hunts are eliminated, should they all be abolished?

Proposal 178

higher moose population and high calf population. I don't like the Nov 1-15 season. And the November season will not be opened.

Motion to support passed

12-1-0

Proposal 179

Motion to support failed

3-9-1

Minority comment: lets spread out the hunting seasons and hopefully get more participation.

Proposal 180

would like to see moose season later. School starts later, would like to have uniform season dates throughout south central. Good compromise. Sub legal harvest has declined.

Motion to support passed

12-1-0

Minority comment:

lets get our 50 day season back not cut back on days.

Would prefer to extend it to 30th of Sept.

Proposal 181

16A population still down, we will get hunters from other areas to try to hunt here that last week. Declining habitat needs to be dealt with

Motion to support passed

8-5-0

Proposal 182

only 2 non residents have been successful over last 18 years

Motion to support failed

5-6-2

Proposal 183

Motion to support passed

13-0

Proposal 184

poorly written is it intended for the talketna or chugach mts?
Talkeetna Mts. 14A non-residence by draw permit only
Comment: please write this clearer as there are 2 mt ranges that will be affected.

Motion to support failed
0-11-2

Proposal 185-
full support lines out the seasons

Motion to support passed
13-0

Proposal 186
Motion to support failed
0-13-0

Proposal 187
Motion to support failed
0-12-1

Proposal 188-
combine 16 a and 16b control areas. Dept wants to keep areas separate.
We need to see more moose emphasis is on the full unit rather than the sub units. Intensive management is combined for full area. If we lose one unit we don't want to lose the full area. Eliminates the line for independent management. We need more moose in the area with habitat improvement. Predator control has worked but we need habitat improvement.

Motion to support failed
6-7

Comments: For we want more moose
Against – having a problem with the way it reads as the way it is explained maybe better written, not getting more moose combining 2 sub units

Proposal 189
Good proposal, need to not hamstring our efforts. When the sets are re-setup the bears don't come back when they are pulled. Lots of extra work for the predator control camps.. Possibility of use for moose camps in this area. We should close it at Sept 1 non residents usage in a control area. Maybe tag fee reduction, skin meat donation, etc. helicopters can access areas which can not be accessed any other way.

Motion to support passed
10-1-2

Comments need to be more specific on use of helicopters during moose season

Proposal 190
Only for gov't employees and under a permit

Motion to support passed
13-0

Proposal 191
Clean up language and firearm restrictions

Motion to support passed
13-0

Proposal 192
Motion to support passed
12-0-1

Concerns: when helicopters are used during moose season and who gets to shoot bears from the air.

Proposal 193
already voted on earlier, massive public opposition. 21-1

Proposal 27- We want to include these comments (attached)
Time ran out to discuss this proposal

Meeting adjourned 9:59

Next meeting will be February 4, 2009 MTA Bldg Palmer. 7:00 PM

(please see excel spread sheet that is submitted with the minutes)
3 public comment attachments included for these minutes.

The Mat Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee believe proposal #27 is yet another attempt to deprive Alaskans of subsistence pursuits. State regulation 5AAC 99.025 gives priority to trapping as a subsistence past time.

Additionally, ADF&G's data appears to be misleading, in that comparisons are being made between vastly disproportionate data sets from outside of the Park. Comparing 17 years of data to 2 trapping season's worth of data, within the Park, only serves the departments' need in its attempt to close the Chugach State Park to wolverine trapping.

The Department claims a 'relatively high annual harvest' in the remainder of Unit 14C, without providing a number, which shows the department's lack of hard data to support their position. Given that approximately one half of the population is expected to be female, it should not be alarming to see half of the harvested population be females.

The comment that a Federal subsistence trapper caught 2 of the 4 harvested wolverines in Unit 14C in 2007-08 has no bearing on the issue of trapping wolverine within the State Park.

Department personnel are once again making a decision without data to support their position. They previously claimed the Park population was the source for wolverine recruitment to adjacent GMU'S and now they are claiming just the opposite. Claiming that 'extensive' public comment to DNR in the past 2 years indicated wolverine viewing is desired by the public, without quantifying 'extensive' is also misleading. While the statute governing the Park mandates 'viewing areas' for wildlife, no where does it say that it must provide opportunities to view specific species of animals.

The departments' suggestion of adding 5 days to the present trapping season in the remainder of Unit 14C shows that there is not an issue of decreasing populations of wolverine within Chugach State Park. The committee feels that the seasons should remain the same in 14C including that portion of Chugach State Park to further allow research to be documented.

The real reason for this proposal from ADF&G is contained in the last sentence under 'Issue'. Bowing to pressure from alleged 'significant public concern', the department seeks to further eliminate trapping opportunities within the Park and we **adamantly oppose** this proposal.

MVF GAC - Comments #27
~~ADFG~~

A/C COMMENT # 18

#4

Area	Regulatory Year	Permits issued	Percent did not hunt ^a	Percent Unsuccessful Hunters	Percent Successful Hunters	Males (%)	Females (%)	Total Harvest ^b
	2005/06	5	40	33	67	2	0	2
	2006/07	3	67	100	0	0	0	0
RG868	2002/03	70	74	83	17	3	0	3
Unit 14C	2003/04	78	37	88	12	6	0	6
Twenty-mile	2004/05	63	59	81	19	5	0	5
River	2005/06	18	61	29	71	3	2	5
	2006/07	48	52	91	9	2	0	2
RG869	2002/03	98	71	39	61	14	2	17
Unit 14C	2003/04	73	34	43	57	14	8	22
Lake	2004/05	69	65	33	67	16	0	16
George	2005/06	53	55	25	75	15	2	18
	2006/07	73	53	44	56	14	5	19
	2007	79				15	5	20
RG878	2002/03	3	100	0	0	0	0	0
Unit 14C	2003/04	5	20	75	25	1	0	1
Twenty-mile	2004/05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
River	2005/06	2	0	50	50	1	0	1
(archery)	2006/07	5	60	100	0	0	0	0
RG879	2002/03	8	75	100	0	0	0	0
Unit 14C	2003/04	5	20	75	25	0	1	1
Lake	2004/05	4	100			0	0	0
George	2005/06	10	40	67	33	2	0	2
(archery)	2006/07	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

9-14
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MVEGAC # 4, 17, 111

A/C COMMENT # 18

HATCHER PASS MANAGEMENT PLAN

AMENDMENT

NOVEMBER 1989



MCFGAC - #193

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A/C COMMENT # 18

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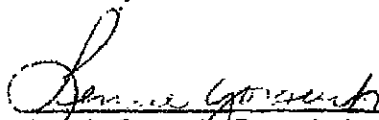
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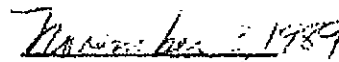
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The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources finds that the Hatcher Pass Management Plan meets the requirements of AS 38.04.065 and 11 AAC 55.010-.030 for land use plans and does hereby adopt it. The Department of Natural Resources will manage state lands within the planning area consistent with this plan.


Lennie Gorsuch, Commissioner
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES


Date

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game assisted the Department of Natural Resources in preparing the Hatcher Pass Management Plan. We appreciate the opportunity to represent fish and wildlife habitat and harvest values during the development of the plan. The Department of Fish and Game will use this plan as guidance when implementing its authorities and when reviewing and commenting on proposed uses of state lands in the planning area.


Don W. Collinsworth, Commissioner
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME


Date

MWFLAC #192

A/C COMMENT # 18

HATCHER PASS MANAGEMENT PLAN

AMENDMENT

July 1989

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MVFGAC #193

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A/C COMMENT # 18

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Steve Cypra, Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly
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Tom Murphy, Hatcher Pass Outdoor Club
Guy Thibodeau, Nordic Skiing Association
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IV. Hillside

A. LAND USE DESIGNATIONS

Primary Uses: [RECREATION AND] Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Water Resources throughout; Recreation, Grazing, [WATER RESOURCES] and Forestry in designated areas as shown on Amendment Map [6] 4

Secondary Uses: Forestry and Recreation in designated high value areas

Prohibited Uses: Settlement; Remote Cabin Permits; Grazing in areas I and V on Amendment Map 4 [OUTSIDE DESIGNATED AREAS (SEE MAP 3, PAGES 116/117)]

Mining: Open

Classification: (See Amendment Map 4)

Area I Water Resources, Wildlife Habitat

Area II Grazing, Public Recreation, Wildlife Habitat

Area III Grazing, Public Recreation, Wildlife Habitat

Area IV Forestry, Grazing, Wildlife Habitat

Area V Public Recreation, Water Resources, Wildlife Habitat

B. BACKGROUND

This subunit has a rich variety of natural resources, and demands on these resources are expected to increase significantly as private lands adjacent to the southern border are settled and the proposed four-season resort on state land to the east is developed. This is important moose habitat for both winter and summer, and is expected to become increasingly important as private lands along the Little Susitna River to the south are developed. A significant moose harvest occurs here and is expected to increase as new access is developed. It is also a black bear, small game, and furbearer area.

The mature, mixed white spruce-birch forest is an important value below the 1000-foot elevation. Spur roads for firewood cutting are being utilized and developed south of this subunit on university lands. The forested areas in this subunit have high potential for creating productive, replacement moose habitat for summer and winter range lost to development on adjacent private lands and the proposed resort in the Government Peak Subunit.

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5. **WATERSHED PROTECTION**

Bald Mountain Ridge provides watershed protection for private lands to the south of the management unit for residential and agricultural purposes. Thus, habitat enhancement, forestry, and grazing practices shall be such that they do not result in erosion or an increase in the rapidity of surface run-off.

6. **PUBLIC RECREATION**

- a. **Density of trails** will be low to prevent moose harassment and to minimize the degree of change to this open space and habitat area. ADF&G will be consulted prior to authorization of the trail system.
- b. **Seasonal restrictions** on certain types of recreational use in areas may be utilized where moose or bear concentrations occur to prevent bear/human or moose/human confrontations as recommended by ADF&G and DNR.
- c. **Hunting access.** Traditional motorized access for hunting will continue unless an area is closed for a non-motorized trail system. In that event, equal or better access will be provided.

[d. **RECREATION AREA -- EASTERN HILLSIDE:** THE PLAN RECOGNIZES STRONG LOCAL INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING SECTION III (SEE FIGURE 7, PAGE 222) AS A STATE RECREATION AREA. WHILE THIS AREA DOES NOT CURRENTLY MEET THE CRITERIA USED IN OTHER AREAS IN THE MANAGEMENT UNIT OF BEING AN INTENSIVELY USED AREA IN NEED OF ENFORCEMENT AND FACILITIES AND IS NOT PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN THE HATCHER PASS PUBLIC USE AREA, AT A FUTURE TIME RE-EVALUATION OF REGIONAL GROWTH PATTERNS, WATERSHED MANAGEMENT, AND RECREATIONAL NEEDS MAY DETERMINE THAT SUCH A DESIGNATION IS APPROPRIATE.]

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SECTION I) AND AT THE SAME TIME ALLOW FOR MOOSE HABITAT ENHANCEMENT. GRAZING WILL BE ALLOWED IN SECTION III AFTER 1996. THE PURPOSE OF THE DELAY IS TO ALLOW ESTABLISHMENT OF A RECREATIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM TO OCCUR FIRST.] a large portion of this unit will be managed to maintain a natural setting (below 1500 feet in T19N, R1W, S.M., sections 25, 31 to 35 and the north 1/2 of Section 36; and T18N, R1W, S.M., the north 1/2 of Section 5). The intent is to provide the option for a recreational trail system in a natural setting to the extent consistent with other resource values. Forestry is a primary use in Section 7 (T18N, R1W, S.M.) and a secondary use in the south half of sections 5 and 6. Intensive wildlife habitat enhancement is the primary use of Section 31 (T19N, R1E, S.M.), and the SE 1/4 of Section 36 (T19N, R1W, S.M.), to offset loss of moose habitat in Government Peak subunit B. Enhancement is also an important use in portions of sections 5, 6, and 7 in T18N, R1W, S.M. Grazing will be allowed throughout except in Section 31 (T19N, R1E, S.M.) and the SW 1/4 of Section 36 (T19N, R1W, S.M.). (See Map 4 in this document for proposed changes to Hillside Subunit.)

The entire area is open to mining.

 Because of the importance of this area as open space adjacent to the developing valley area as well as for moose habitat, the long-term intent is for the area to be managed at least in part for non-motorized recreational use. Closures to motorized use may be established as needed to accommodate non-motorized trail systems. The intent is to continue opportunities for moose and black bear hunting and the use of motorized vehicles for that purpose on existing public roads and trails until alternate access routes and trailheads are developed.

See guideline 8 below regarding the effect of this plan on the three sections of mental health land in this subunit. They are Sections 5, 6 and 7 of T18N, R 1 W, SM.

D. PLANNED ACTIONS

1. RECREATION (See Map 11 for locations)
 - a. Allow establishment of a cross-country trail system [ON THE WEST AND EAST ENDS] to meet the needs of valley ski and running teams, hikers, and horseback riders.
 - b. Trailhead (100 spaces), west end, Section 7, southeast corner, tied to the proposed forestry access road, an eventual 18-20 mile (30 km) trail system, possible recreation lease site.

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Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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Called to Order

Roll Call

Present: Chair Mike Crawford, Vice Chair Paul A. Shadura II, Secretary Christine Brandt, Dyer VanDevere, George Hunt, Joe Hardy, Joe Mandurano, Nate Corr, Pegge Bernecker, Reubin Payne, Rik Bucy, Dick Dykema, Andrew Carmichael (present after 2nd break), Brent Burnett,. Excused: Bill Tappan, Wade Beard, and John Lucking.

Agency Staff Present: Jeff Selinger

- A. Approval of Minutes: Hardy made a motion to approve minutes, Brandt seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous consent.
- B. Chair Crawford opened the floor to proposals, 13 members present for voting.

Board of Game proposals

Proposal 16- Hardy brought proposal 16 back to the table for an amendment, VanDevere seconded. Amendment: less than 3 permits no nonresident permits issued, 3-10 permits issued 1 nonresident permit issued, 10-20 permits issued 2 nonresident permits, over 20 permits issued 10% of permits to nonresidents. Question called, 7/2/4 amendment. Shadura II made a motion to adopt as amended, VanDevere seconded. Question called, 10/1/2 as amended.

Proposal 133- Mandurano moved to adopt, Burnett seconded. Selinger from the Department gave briefing about DLP on reproductive females over 5yrs and the Departments view. Shadura II made a motion to table, Hardy seconded. Proposal 133 tabled.

Proposal 132- Shadura II moved to adopt, Hardy seconded. Hardy made a motion to amend, Shadura II seconded. Amendment: recommend that the Department manage for up to 15 reproductive female mortality caused by humans. Corr made a friendly amendment for season dates to be Fall 9/15-11/30, Spring 4/1-6/15, no objection from Hardy. Shadura II called for the question on the amendment. Unanimous consent 12/1/0. Minority comment: general season not by permit hunt, due to number of people that hold onto their permit and do not hunt.

Proposal 141- Mandurano brought proposal 141 back to the table, Shadura II seconded. Mandurano moved to amend, Corr seconded. Amend as follows to include a general bow/archery season, adhere to number quota of reproductive female bears, will not exceed a maximum of 15 reproductive females caused by humans, to include a season of 9/15-11/30 and 4/1-6/15. Amendment vote 5/7/1. Question called for proposal as written, vote 3/9/1

Break

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Proposal 240- Hardy made a motion to approve, Crawford seconded. Bucy called the question, unanimous, 13/0/0.

Break, Carmichael present

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Proposal 121- Crawford moved to adopt, Bucy seconded. Vote 0/14/0. Comment: trappers are not targeting fox.

Proposal 157- Crawford moved to adopt, Bucy seconded. Bucy moved to amend, Brandt seconded. Amendment: March 1. Vote 14/0/0. As amended 14/0/0.

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Proposal 51- Shadura II moved to adopt, VanDevere seconded. Question called. 0/14/0 Comment: no biological concern.

Proposal 112- Shadura II moved to adopt, Crawford seconded. Question called. 0/14/0 Comment: no biological concern.

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Proposal 64- VanDevere moved to adopt, Burnett seconded. Question called. 0/14/0 Comment: no biological concern.

Proposal 185- Hardy moved to adopt, Crawford seconded. Question called. 14/0/0 Comment: no impact on population

Proposal 149- Corr moved to adopt, Bucy seconded. Question called. 0/11/3

Proposal 150- Crawford moved to adopt, Brandt seconded. Question called. 12/1/1 Comment: biological concern.

Proposal 27- Crawford moved to adopt, Bucy seconded. Crawford made a motion to amend, Mandurano seconded. Amendment: retain wolverine trapping season and put back in place trapping regulation prior to 2007. Amendment: 14/0/0. As amended 14/0/0

Proposal 142- Brandt moved to adopt, VanDevere seconded. Question called. 14/0/0 Comment: reproduction concern.

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Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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Kenai 2-11-09 minutes & BOG comments

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on Southcentral Region Board of Game proposals
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Proposal 12	Moose Antlerless	7/14C Placer 20mile	Antlerless Moose Reauthorization Limitation resident hunters to 10% or less of the available permits for Dall Sheep in Unit 14C	15/0/0		
Proposal 14	Sheep	14C	Make GMU 14C Resident only for sheep hunting	NA		Based on Action taken on 16
Proposal 15	Sheep	14C		NA		Based on Action taken on 16
Proposal 16	Sheep	14C	Limit the number of nonresident tags Modify the number of permits issued to nonresidents in the Dall sheep hunt Require full cur ram only	14/0/1 as amended	To make this a draw hunt. Vote 15/0/0. Less than 3 permits issued, no nonresident permit. 3-10 permits issued, 1 nonresident permit. 10-20 permits, 2 nonresident permits. Over 20 permits, 10% of permits to nonresident. Vote 7/2/4	Limitation of allocation to nonresidents
Proposal 17	Sheep	14C		NA		Based on Action taken on 16
Proposal 18	Sheep	14C		NA		
Proposal 19	Sheep	14C	Make 14C resident only sheep hunt area, or establish that no more than 10% of tags are issued to nonresident and/or make all the Aug 10-22 resident only permits	NA		Based on Action taken on 16

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Proposal 27	Wolverine	14C	wolverines: chugach district	14/0/0 as amended.	Retain wolverine trapping season, and put back in place trapping regulations prior to 2007. Vote 14/0/0	
Proposal 44	Brown Bear	9 C	Make brown bear hunting by drawing permit only	0/14/0		No Biological concern
Proposal 51	Brown Bear	17 (B)	Allow only 1 bear every four years and establish two seasons Sept 20 to Oct 10 or May 10 to 25 for portions of Lake Clark National Preserve	0/14/0		No Biological concern
Proposal 64	Wolf	9 B, C & E	Allow only 5 wolves annually and establish a season August 10 to April 30 for portions of national preserve lands	0/14/0		No Biological concern
Proposal 112	Wolf	13 (C)	annually and establish a season August 10 to April 30 for portions of Wrangell St. Elias	0/14/0		No Biological concern
Proposal 119	Beaver Trapping	7, 15	change/extend trapping season	5/5/4		Open water provides more opportunity for young people to learn to trap.
Proposal 121	Fox Trapping	7, 15	restrict red fox trapping	0/14/0		Trappers are not targeting fox.
Proposal 122	Martin Trapping	15	Bag limit of 2 martin with season Nov 10 - Jan 31	0/14/0		
Proposal 124	Bear	6, 7, 15	change the evidence of sex and salvage requirement for bear hunting	11/3/0 as amended	Delete Brown Bear. Fourth paragraph of proposal sex must be attached to hide or hind quarters. Vote 12/1/1	

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Proposa 126	Black Bear	7 & 15	Increase the black bear harvest to 3 bears annually	09-02-003		
Proposa 132	Brown Bear	7, 15	Have a spring and fall brown bear hunting season	12/1/000	Recommend the Department manage up to 15 reproductive female mortality caused by humans. Seasons to be fall 9/15 - 11/30, Spring 4/1 - 6/15. Vote 12/1/0	Committee members expressed their concern about the number of Brown Bear in neighborhoods and the dangers that they presented. Local pressure to have a Brown Bear hunt. Minority- Wants a general season not permit hunt. People put in for permits then do not use them.
Proposa 141	Brown Bear	15	Archery only season May 1 - Sept 30 for brown bear	3/9/1 as written	General bow/archery season included in regular permit hunt. Adhere to number quota, will not exceed a maximum of 15 reproductive female mortality caused by humans. Seasons 9/15-11/30, 4/1-6/15. Vote 5/7/1	
Proposa 142	Goat	7 and 15	Kenai goat proposal	14/0/0		Reproduction concerns.
Proposa 149	Moose	7 & 15	restrictions	0/11/3		
Proposa 150	Moose	15B	15B-east moose bag c	12/1/2001		Biological concern
Proposa 151	Moose Antlerless	15C, Homer	Antlerless Moose Reauthorization	15/0/0		
Proposa 152	Moose Antlerless	15A, Skilak Loop	Antlerless Moose Reauthorization	15/0/0		
Proposa 157	Trapping	7, 15	change trapping season to eliminate leap year confusion	14/0/0 as amended.	Change season to March 1. Vote 14/0/0	

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Proposal 183	Brown Bear	16B, Kalgin I.	Allow draw permits and sealing to be obtained at local Fish and Game offices	14/0/0 as written	Locations to be Anchorage and Kodiak. Vote 0/14/0	
Proposal 185	Moose Antlerless Trapping Wolf/Coyote	16	Antlerless Moose Reauthorization Align wolf and coyote seasons with unit 13 Allow only 5 wolves annually and establish a season August 10 to April 30 for portions of Denali National Preserve	14/0/0		No impact on population
Proposal 186	Wolf	16 (B)		0/14/0		No Biological concern
Proposal 239				14/0/0		Predator control.
Proposal 240	Statewide Permits		more than 3 draw permit	13/0/0		
Proposal 241	Statewide Permits		bonus points	13/0/0 as amended	A bonus poin for participating in Fish & Game hunter safety card. Vote 9/3/0	To encourage hunter safety.
Proposal 242	New reg/hunts	Statewide	Establish hunts for disabled veterans (proposal 56)	12/1/0 as amended	Must qualify for special license according to Statute AS 16.05.341. Vote9/4/0	
Proposal 245	Black bear		IBEP over bait	14/0/0		Safety.

Susitna Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2009
SUSITNA VALLEY AC 2-10-09
Location: Willow Fire Hall

Members Present: Vern Logan, Terrence Shanigan, Tom Logan,
Steve Runyan, George Faerber, James Brazeau, Gus Bustafson.

Members Absent Excused: Randy Quincy

Members Absent Unexcused: Aaron Benjamin, Kelsey Kaso, John
Skipper, Wally Saroka (resigned).

Quorum Present: YES

Agency Staff Present: Trooper Dan Valentine, Tony Kavalok

Meeting Called to Order: 7:13pm

Minutes from previous meeting approved.

Review and Votes on the following Board of Game Proposals:

83 Support

Vern Logan Motion

Terrence Shanigan Second's Motion

Approved 4 yes – 1 No – 1 abstained

102 No Action Taken

114 Oppose

Vern Logan Motion

Terrence Shanigan Second's Motion

NOT Approved 0 yes – 6 No – 1 abstained

Comments: The proposal incorrectly addresses Alaska State Park boundaries and does not recognize current restrictions and regulations that differ between State Park and non-State Park areas. There are also Ski plane restrictions within the State Park that this proposal addresses and unrestricted. Proposal has many factual errors and would require further discussions between State Parks and ADF&G. Legal issues regarding modification of boundaries are not in the scope of Advisory Committee.

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166, 167, 168, 170, 171, 189 Support
Vern Logan Motion
Terrence Shanigan Second's Motion
Approved 7 yes – 0 No

169 Support
Vern Logan Motion
Terrence Shanigan Second's Motion
Approved 7 yes – 0 No
Comments: All young bear by all means. Delete Traps / Snares OK.

180 Support as amended
Vern Logan Motion
Terrence Shanigan Second's Motion
Approved 7 yes – 0 No
Comments: Change archery dates to Aug 20-31.

182 Oppose
Vern Logan Motion
Terrence Shanigan Second's Motion
NOT Approved 0 yes – 7 No

187 Oppose
Vern Logan Motion
Terrence Shanigan Second's Motion
NOT Approved 0 yes – 7 No

188 Support
Vern Logan Motion
Terrence Shanigan Second's Motion
Approved 3 yes – 1 No – 3 abstained
Comments: Unsure of legality issues.

190, 199, 202, 205, 121, 213, 214 Support
Vern Logan Motion
Terrence Shanigan Second's Motion
Approved 7 yes – 0 No

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197 Oppose

Vern Logan Motion

Terrence Shanigan Second's Motion

NOT Approved 0 yes – 7 No

Comments: In favor of the spirit of this proposal. It needs to be addressed in less sweeping issue.

198 Oppose

Vern Logan Motion

Terrence Shanigan Second's Motion

NOT Approved 0 yes – 6 No – 1 abstained

199 Support

Vern Logan Motion

Terrence Shanigan Second's Motion

Amendment: : Discussed extending 16A only

Amendment was NOT Approved 1 yes – 5 No – 1 abstained

Comments. Approved as written 7 yes – 0 No

201, 206, 223 Oppose

Vern Logan Motion

Terrence Shanigan Second's Motion

NOT Approved 0 yes – 7 No

222 Oppose

Vern Logan Motion

Terrence Shanigan Second's Motion

NOT Approved 0 yes – 7 No

Comments: The spirit of this proposal is acceptable, but current proposal is too broad. There is a need to establish specific safety corridors such as areas along Petersville Road.

241, 243, 85, 73, 74, 98 Support

Vern Logan Motion

Terrence Shanigan Second's Motion

Approved 7 yes – 0 No

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245, 246, 110, 116

Oppose

Vern Logan Motion

Terrence Shanigan Second's Motion

NOT Approved 0 yes – 7 No

No further action taken on proposals. No date was set for the next meeting until after BOG meets.

Vern Logan will represent the AC at the Board of Game meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00pm

Meeting was called to order at 6:21 pm

Members Present: Karl Romig, Jim Givens, George Heim, John Pearson, Mike Adams, Gerald Neis, Billy Coulliette, Robert Gibson

Members Absent Excused: Ray Wilkes, Colin Lowe, Kyle Kolodziejski

Members Absent Unexcused: Bob Overman, Dominic Bauer, Robert Siter, III, Andy Szczesny

Agenda was approved with the meeting to adjourn at 10:20 pm. Minutes of the previous meeting, dated November 13, 2008 were read and approved.

Elections were held with the following results: George Heim – 3 year seat and Erick Fish as a one year alternate.

Election of Officers was held with the following results: Karl Romig, Chair; James Givens, Vice Chair; John Pearson, Secretary

Old Business

KRSMA land selections – Bill Stockwell spoke about this at the last meeting with some booklets being distributed. George Heim serves on the KRSMA Board and Bill was looking for support from the AC to give a better chance of those lands going through. The lands would become state park lands, giving better protection. Concern of lands that aren't watersheds and why so much land is being sought. Discussion of shooting a firearm within so many feet of a structure was expressed (should any buildings be put up in the area). Another concern was what if some of those lands become paid access, which is a possibility. The area seems to have grown over time. Waikiki Beach is a prime area of concern. The lands seem to be under consideration, as long as Cooper Landing residents are willing to care take. Areas that have problems should be dealt with. Adding up the area from the maps are about 10,000 acres, which some members prefer to leave as is. Some of the areas are also being looked at by the Borough and if they obtain it, they could be sold as private parcels, which is also a concern. Some members of the committee don't believe lands should have to be transferred to KRSMA, just to protect the lands. 200 feet up the creeks and the waterways are good aspects of the plan. The committee will draft a letter to send to the Borough Mayor, Legislators, KRSMA. There is a meeting on January 20th at 7 pm at the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Chambers. Gerald Neis will bring the letter and represent the AC at that meeting.

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Brown Bear species of special concern – AC will write a letter of support to remove the species of special concern designation for Brown Bears on the Kenai Peninsula. Distribution of the letter would be to the Commissioner of ADF&G, Alaska Board of Game and the other advisory committees on the Kenai Peninsula.

New Business

Board of Game proposal comments

Kenai/Homer Area		Vote	Amendments	AC Comments
Proposal 112	Reauthorize antlerless season in 7, 14C, Placer-20 mile	9-0 Support		Annual reauthorization to keep on the books
Proposal 117	Modify sea duck seasons and bag limits in 15	0-9 Oppose		Committee felt they didn't have enough information to support
Proposal 118	Close season in 15	0-9 Oppose		Believe there is no biological concern to harvest
Proposal 119	Lengthen trapping season in 7, 15	9-0 Support		Seasons should be lengthened to allow for open water trapping and there are no biological concerns on this species
Proposal 120	Close trapping season in portion of Unit 15C	NA		No action based on Proposal 119
Proposal 121	Close trapping season in 7, 15	0-8 Oppose		This is unnecessarily restrictive. The idea of requiring sealing of any harvested in order to obtain biological information was supported
Proposal 122	change trapping season and bag limits in 15	0-9 Oppose		Depletion doesn't seem to be an issue.
Proposal 123	change season and bag limits in 15	0-9 Oppose		No biological concern
Proposal 124	remove salvage requirements for hide evidence of sex in 7, 15	7-2 SA	Retain the evidence of sex but with an option of hide or	This will align these units with others in the state and relieve hardship from those requirements.

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						attached to the meet and skull requirements 7-23		
Proposal 125	allow sale of hides and skulls in 7, 15				NA		No action based on action on Proposal 128	
Proposal 126	increase bag limit to 3 in 7, 15	1-8			Oppose		Prefer status quo	
Proposal 127	extend baiting season to June 30, increase bag limit to 3 in 7, 15	1-8			Oppose		Prefer status quo. Concern of friction with other user groups. This would be inconsistent with other GMUs in the area.	
Proposal 128	allow sale of hides, reclassify as furbearer in 15	9-0			SA	Amend to include Unit 7, add sale of claws and skull 9-0	It is good to make use of the entire animal, better use of the resource and less waste.	
Proposal 129	Open nonresident drawing hunt with guide client agreement in 7	1-8			Oppose		Prefer nonresident hunt in more remote area. This could take away an already limited resident harvest.	
Proposal 130	Establish general season hunt in 7				NA		No action based on action on Prop 133	
Proposal 131	Establish archery general season hunt in 7				NA		No action based on action on Prop 133	
Proposal 132	Establish drawing hunt with minimum number of permits in 7, 15				NA		No action based on action on Prop 133	
Proposal 133	Establish drawing hunt with minimum number of permits for reproductive age females in 7, 15	9-0			SA	Hunting season to begin September 15 th 9-0	Amendment would allow incidental harvest while moose hunting.	
Proposal 134	Shift drawing hunt dates earlier in 7, 15				NA		No action based on action on Prop 133	
Proposal 135	Allow hunting in areas where DLP's occur in 7, 15				NA		No action based on action on Prop 133	
Proposal 136	Open fall hunting season in 7, 15				NA		No action based on action on Prop 133	
Proposal 137	Open longer season, allow baiting in 7, 15				NA		No action based on action on Prop 133	

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Proposal 138	Shift season dates to allow taking of big boats in 15		N/A		No action based on action on Prop 133
Proposal 139	Increase the number of permits in 15		N/A		No action based on action on Prop 133
Proposal 140	Open archery hunting season in 15		N/A		No action based on action on Prop 133
Proposal 141	Open fall hunting season in 15		N/A		No action based on action on Prop 133
Proposal 142	Establish separate bag limit for hunters taking nannies in 7, 15	9-0	Support		Good for conservation and provides additional incentive to ensure harvest of billy goats
Proposal 143	Require guide-client agreements for draw in 7	4-4-1	Oppose		This provides better control of harvest of the sex and makes it less likely for a person to put in for a tag and not use it. Prefer status quo
Proposal 144	Open Seward closed area to drawing hunt in 7	7-1-1	Support		Adds another area to hunt. Oppose believes a person should get out of city limits to hunt
Proposal 145	Require sealing of moose antlers in 7, 15	0-9	Oppose		This would be a hardship on the hunter
Proposal 146	Open drawing permit hunt of spike fork in 7, 15A	0-9	Oppose		It would restrict harvest, unless you get a drawing permit. The purpose is to allow more breeding stock. If there were other measures to increase moose populations, there might be some support, but a person just has to look at other areas that have implemented spike forks and see this doesn't work
Proposal 147	Close moose season for 3 years in 7, 15A		N/A		No action based on Prop 146
Proposal 148	Modify season dates in 7, 15	1-8	Oppose		Provides more opportunity for harvest, reducing chance of meat spoilage. Prefer status quo

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Proposal 149	Eliminate spike fork portion of bag limit in 7, 15.	2-6-1	Oppose	Preferability to harvest spike fork and hoping it will make improvement in the number of animals long term.
Proposal 150	Modify bag limit for drawing hunts in 15B	7-0-2		Adds hunting opportunity
Proposal 151	Reauthorize antlerless season in 15C	9-0	Support	Annual reauthorization to keep on the books
Proposal 152	Reauthorize antlerless season in 15A, Skilak Loop	9-0	Support	Annual reauthorization to keep on the books
Proposal 153	Establish wolf control area in 7, 15	1-5-3	Oppose	Support predator control. Unit 7 hasn't been identified as an area of intensive management
Proposal 154	Establish predator control area in 15A, 15C	2-3-4	Oppose	Support predator control. Don't agree with predator control
Proposal 155	Allocate percentage of draw permits to nonresidents in 7	0-9	Oppose	This could limit resident opportunity
Proposal 156	Open registration permit hunts, remove closed area in 7	0-6-3	Oppose	They should take this up at the city level
Proposa 157	Modify trapping season ending date to accommodate leap years in 7, 15	9-0	Support	There is confusion on a leap year and is an easy fix
Proposal 183	Reauthorize antlerless season in 16B, Kalgin Island	9-0	Support	Annual reauthorization to keep on the books

Board of Game will meet in Anchorage February 27 – March 9. Karl Romig will attend to represent the AC.

Kenai Peninsula fish habitat partnership/potential partners

MOU between USFS and ADF&G

Sport Fish Economic Survey is available on the Department of Sport Fish web site. AK Moose Federation will be holding a banquet in Seward RR Terminal on January 23rd at 5:30 tickets available from Robert Gibson. Wolf Trapping School will be held at the Trail

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Lake lodging in Moose Pass on February 7-8 to begin at 8 am, meals provided – tickets available from Robert Gibson. KRSMA meeting will be February 12th at the Kenai River Center at 5:30 pm.

Next meeting to be determined.

**NAKNEK/KVICHAK FISH AND GAME ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

**7:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 3, 2009
Bristol Bay Borough Assembly Chambers
Naknek, Alaska**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 5. INTRODUCE STAFF AND GUESTS**
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. ELECT AND SEAT NEW MEMBERS**
 - B. ACT ON BOARD OF GAME PROPOSALS**
 - C. OTHER**
- 7. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A.**
 - B.**
- 8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

Date: FEB. 3, 2009

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE NAME: NAWNEK/KUICHEK

Location (City, town, village): NAWNEK - BORD. BLDG.

Members Present: ABE WILLIAMS, SANDY REGAN, KEVIN COSSART, RYAN WILLIAMS, MARC WATSON

Members Absent: ROB BABIAK, JOE KUITSCH, LEVELOCK, REP RICHARD WILSON, KARL RAWSON, (ALT) DALE PETERS

Members Excused

QUORUM PRESENT: YES [X] NO []

ADF&G Staff Present: ADFG LEM BUTLER, SLIM MORSTAD

REG COOR JOE CHYNLOCK, PROTECTIONAL JUSTIN LISBELL, FRANK WOODS BOND
ADFG CRAIG S. HUSNOKE SWS. Co-00

Time meeting called to order 7:14 AM [] / PM [X]

Old Business and New Business: -- Use additional pages

Time Meeting Adjourned 9:46 AM [] / PM [X]

Signature:

[Handwritten Signature]
Committee Secretary

SIGN-IN SHEET

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE: NAKNEK

DATE: 2/8/09

Name:	Address:
<u>John ...</u>	<u>NAKNEK</u>
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<u>Kevin ...</u>	<u>NAKNEK</u>
<u>Ken ...</u>	<u>NAKNEK</u>
<u>Shelby ...</u>	<u>KING SALMON</u>
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<u>Frank ...</u>	<u>KING SALMON</u>
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<u>Joe Chytilak</u>	<u>DLC FIC Boards</u>
<u>JUSTIN WIDELL</u>	<u>STATE TROOPERS</u>
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<u>Craig Schwabke</u>	<u>ADFIC DLC</u>
<u>Russell Phelps</u>	<u>Naknek, AK</u>

ELECTION/NOMINATION RECORD

Advisory Committee Name: WARREN/KULCHAK

Date of Meeting: FEB 3, 2009

NUMBER OF SEATS OPEN FOR MEMBERSHIP: FOUR

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VOTE TALLY</u>
FRED PIKE	13
ABE WILLIAMS	16
RUSSELL PHELPS	11 ALT
DALE PETERS	10
RYAN WILLSON	14

ELECTION RESULTS

MEMBERS ELECTED

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LENGTH OF TERM</u>
ABE WILLIAMS	3 YR.
RYAN WILLSON	3 YR.
FRED PIKE	3 YR.
RUSSELL PHELPS	3 YR ALT.

OFFICERS ELECTED

CO-CHAIR: ABE WILLIAMS

CO-VICE CHAIR: BILL (SONNY) REGAN JR.

SECRETARY: FRED PIKE

HAVE NEW AND RE-ELECTED MEMBERS COMPLETED AND RETURNED NEW MEMBER NOMINATION FORM? YES

Naknek/Kiichik AC

Co-Chairman Sonny Regan called the meeting to order and a Quorum was established.

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Marc Watson, seconded by Kevin Cossairt. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes of November 12, 2008 was made by Marc Watson, seconded by Ryan Wilson. Motion passed unanimously with no corrections.

Introduction of Staff as identified on page 1.

New Business:

Election Results: page 3

ADFG area game biologist, Lem Butler began to identify game proposals for the February 27, 2009 meeting in Anchorage and was acted upon by the committee as follows:

#42 Delay the opening of brown bear season two weeks in Katmai Preserve. Motion to approve was made by Fred Pike, seconded by Sonny Regan. Discussion followed in opposition to the proposal centering around the reduction of season length, possible poor weather conditions later in October, and the lack of biological information supporting the brown bear population was a concern.

Motion failed: 0-7

#43 Close brown bear hunting season in the described area. Motion to approve was made by Fred Pike, seconded by Ryan Willson. ADFG opposes proposal, a three-hour flight survey by ADFG counted 330 bears. Concern by committee members and members in the audience for the high population of predators in our region was also voiced.

Motion failed: 0-7

#44 Reduce brown bear hunt to by permit drawing only. Motion to approve was made by Sonny Regan, seconded by Kevin Cossairt: because of previous actions.

Motion failed: 0-7

#45 Reduce brown bear hunting. Motion to approve was made by Sonny Regan, seconded by Marc Watson: because of previous actions.

Motion failed: 0-7

#47 Increase brown bear hunting. Motion to approve was made by Fred Pike, seconded by Marc Watson. Eddie Clark stated the Lower Bristol Bay AC had amended the proposal to imply that they wanted to improve caribou and moose survival in the area. Same amendment was made by Fred Pike, seconded by Marc Watson. Discussion followed to try and do something to increase the North Peninsula Caribou Herd. Vote on the amendment: 7-0 Passed

Motion: 7-0 passed

#50 Predator Control Areas Implementation Plans. Motion to approve was made by Sonny Regan, seconded by Ryan Willson: Because of previous actions.

Motion: 7-0 passed

#55 Change the Intensive Management population and harvest objective for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd. Motion to approve was made by Russell Phelps, seconded by Marc Watson: ADFG feels the present number is too large, though they were the ones that set it. Concern was that by decreasing the number it would make it more difficult to implement a predator control plan.

Motion failed: 1-6 minority opinion was that the range could not support the larger herd.

#57 Close non-resident hunting for Mulchatna Herd caribou. Motion to approve was made by Sonny Regan, seconded by Marc Watson: Because of the low number of mature bull to cow ratio (9-100) in the Mulchatna herd the proposal objective eliminate non-resident hunting, which generally targets big bulls, and improve calf reproduction.

Motion passed: 7-0

#58 Require antlered moose hunt. Motion to approve was made by Ryan Willson, seconded by Sonny Regan. Ryan explained that this past December hunt, the moose he shot had horns and though it was a young bull the horns fell from the animal in the process. What would happen in this case? Concern to require hauling the head home would add difficulty to a meat or subsistence hunt. It also was felt that this added burden to locals was unnecessary since there is such a small number of moose taken in the December hunt (usually around 3-7).

Motion failed: 0-7

#64 Reduce wolf hunting and bag limit. Motion to approve was made by Sonny Regan, seconded by Kevin Cossairt. Discussion was in reference to information we have received by our area game biologist indicating the high number of predator to game animal ratio and that we need to make an effort to reduce the number of predators in our region. This proposal will not help our concern.

Motion failed: 0-7

#65 Predator Control Areas Implementation Plans. Motion to approve was made by Sonny Regan, seconded by Marc Watson. ADFG stated this is a Federal Land Problem. 80% of the caribou are calving on Federal Land and predators are killing off the calves before they reach state land where the state has jurisdiction. State biologists have met the Feds to try and work out a solution but with little success. The audience voiced their concern that anything that can be done should be done to reduce predator numbers. An amendment was made by Fred Pike, seconded by Marc Watson to change where 9D is indicated in this proposal to 9C. Reasoning was to try and help the entire range the North Peninsula Caribou Herd. Vote on amendment: 7-0

Motion passed: 7-0

#67 Reduce Wolf hunting and bag limit. Motion to approve was made by Sonny, seconded by Kevin Cossairt. Because of previous actions.

Motion failed: 0-7

#68 Predator Control Areas Implementation Plans. Motion to approve was made by Sonny Regan, seconded by Marc Watson: The committee supports all efforts to reduce predator numbers in our region to improve game animal numbers.

Motion passed: 7-0

#69 Predator Control Areas Implementation Plans. Motion to approve was made by Sonny Regan, seconded by Marc Watson. It is strongly felt by committee members and the majority of the audience that we must reduce the number of predators in our region.

Motion passed: 7-0

#206 Establish an archery moose season. Motion to approve was made by Sonny Regan, seconded by Ryan Willson. We have avoided moving the season back for firearms because this gets into the rut and meat is of little value. Subsistence is very important to the area villages where game animals are relied upon for basic food.

Motion failed: 0-7

#207 Establish a youth only moose season. Motion to approve was made by Fred Pike, seconded by Sonny Regan. It was felt that the drawing would be saturated by urban names. We presently take youths out under the direction of their parents or supervising adults and this seems to work well.

Motion failed: 0-7

#221 Modify the same day airborne restriction. Motion to approve was made by Ryan Willson, seconded by Kevin Cossairt. Protection Officer Justin Lindell stated that this would be unenforceable.

Motion failed: 0-7

#244 Big game animals may not be taken with 223 caliber full metal jacket bullets. Motion to approve was made by Fred Pike, seconded by Sonny Regan. This may come up as a statewide proposal and the committee wanted to let the BOG know that they are opposed to this proposal. Difficult to enforce.

Motion failed: 0-7

Lem Butler stated that he had taken a new position in Juneau and would help out his replacement with the projects he had ongoing in our region. We wish him well.

Other:

ADFG commercial fish biologist, Slim Morstad, stated that there is only one proposal to be taken up by the BOF in March.

#377 Increase the Set Net Gill Net aggregate in the NRSHA to 35 fms. Motion to approve was made by Russell Phelps, seconded by Marc Watson. This proposal had been put in at the last Bristol Bay cycle. When fishing in the NRSHA the department wants to harvest as many fish as possible. Since we have had over-escapement in the Naknek River recently we do not see where this will hurt.

Motion passed: 7-0

All Bristol Bay fish proposals are due by April 10, 2009.

NUSHAGAK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

9 a.m. February 5, 2009

Dillingham City Council Chambers
DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hans Nicholson called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

Members present at roll call were: Curt Armstrong, Victor Sifsof, Hans Nicholson, Kenny Wilson, Hjalmar Olson, alts. William Johnson and Dan Dunaway were seated for Amelia Christensen and Robin Samuelson. Due to a winter storm that prevented village representatives from traveling and closures of runways, the NAC did not have a quorum.

5. ELECTIONS

After conferring with Joe, Chairman Nicholson decided that while waiting for the village member to show up, elections could be held for the two Dillingham member seats and the two alternate seats.

Hans asked Jim Woolington and Tim Sands to issue and count ballots.

Chairman Nicholson opened the floor for nominations.

Victor Sifsof nominates Kenny Wilson and Hjalmar Olson, Dan Dunaway seconds. Hjalmar declines and nominates Frank Woods. Dan Dunaway seconds.

Jim Woolington nominates Dan Dunaway, Tim Sands seconds.

Kenny Wilson nominates William A. Johnson, Victor seconds.

Kenny Wilson closes nominations, Hjalmar seconds.

Hans wants to go on record thanking Hjalmar for his long tenure as committee member since the early 80's. Other committee members offer the same encouragements. Dan Dunaway asks staff to see if the Governor or Commissioner would give something in recognition of Hjalmar's service while on the NAC. Everyone agrees.

Chairman Nicholson instructs all in attendance to vote for two committee members with the two highest counts to be seated as committee members and the two lowest to be alternates.

**Break called for voting and counting of ballots at 9:35 am
Back to order at 10:10 am**

Election results seated Frank Woods and Dan Dunaway for two-year terms as AC members and Kenny Wilson and William A. Johnson to serve as Dillingham alternates.

Hans calls for a break at 9:35 to check to see if the village members would make it in.
Back to order at 10:10 am.

Still no quorum so the committee decided to listen to Tim Sands request to set up another NAC sub-committee to make recommendations for the 2009 Chinook fishery. This sub-committee will host an advertised public meeting at the ADF&G office sometime between March 8 to the 11th. Tim anticipates approximately 50,000 Chinook commercial harvest opportunity and wants to maximize fishing opportunity to benefit both fishermen and processors based on forecast, run strength, escapement curve, participation, etc. Although present committee members were given all the information, Hans indicates that the committee will take action on the request once we have a quorum.

Ensuing discussion on post season 2008 and the upcoming 2009 Nushagak fishery. Discussion on timing of openings, Igushik set and drift fishery, run strength, registration numbers and other issues that Tim has to deal with during the course of managing the Nushagak commercial fishery.

Hans asks when the Processing Capacity Survey will be completed? Tim responds that sometime soon. Staff is waiting on input from a couple of processors. Most likely will be similar to last year.

Break called for at 10:50 am for lunch and hopeful arrival of other committee members.

Back to order at 12:38 pm

Chairman Nicholson indicates that the committee has a quorum with Wasillie Andrew from New Stuyahok and John Bavilla from Togiak present with other committee members present for roll call. A total of 9 members are present.

6. a. New Business. Seat Committee members.

Kenny moves that we seat the new committee members as well as the newly appointed village seats. William A. Johnson seconds. Unanimous approval.

Hans indicates that they will pick up and start with item 3 of the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After amendments, William Johnson moved to adopt, Victor Sifsof seconds. Unanimous approval.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Victor moved to adopt, Kenny Wilson seconds. No amendments, unanimous approval.

5. INTRODUCE STAFF AND GUESTS

The ADF&G staff present for all or part of the meeting included: Joe Chythlook, Boards Support; Tim Sands and Matt Jones, Area Biologists Commercial Fish; Jim Woolington, Area Biologist Wildlife Conservation; Craig Schwanke, Jason Dye and Ian Fo, Area Biologist Sport Fish; Justin Rodgers, Enforcement. Andy Aderman, TNWR; Members of the public Steve Perkins.

6. NEW BUSINESS

B. DISCUSS BOG PROPOSALS

Proposal #49

Jim explains that this proposal was not submitted by the NAC but by Rodger Skogen of Koliganek. In discussions with hunters, fishermen, as well as guides providing input, all indicate that Bear populations have increased significantly throughout GMU 17. The problem we have is that there is very little participation in existing programs. If this were passed he felt that it would create additional administrative workloads to initiate.

William moves to adopt, Dan Dunaway seconds.

Committee members discussed ways to simplify without compromising the intent of the proposal as they all agreed that bears are a problem throughout unit 17 and that we need to find a way to deal with the explosion in population.

Consensus was that with the abundance of food (salmon runs, moose, caribou), contributing to our bear problem. Similar to other surrounding GMU's.

Points considered:

- Do away with the non-resident guide provision. (Requires legislation.)
- Do away with the salvage requirements.
- Legalize selling of certain bear parts so local residents could make money.
- Liberalizing season and bag limit.

Dan moves to amend by supporting the proposal in concept to increase bear harvest, include all of Unit 17, year-round season, eliminate the salvage requirement, allow certain parts to be sold, ask the Board to remove the guide requirement, and eliminate the Brown Bear tag fee. William Johnson seconds.

Unanimous vote in approval on the amendment.

Vote on the amended proposal #49 is unanimous to support.

Proposal #50

Jim explains that this proposal submitted by the NAC would request the State to set up a predator management program. The justification is that Bear populations are healthy and increasing, they predate on moose, and basically the same supporting information as in #49.

Dan moves to adopt, William seconds.

Hans reiterates that his personal observation during his moose hunt that he's never seen so many bears and evidence in all the years he's been hunting.

Vote is unanimous to support.

Proposal #51

Jim explains that if adopted, this would set regulation back to pre-intensive management regulation. He explains that he thinks that only 10 bears have been taken in the Preserve during IM. Since liberalization of season and bag limit, there hasn't been much of a change in increasing harvest. The proposal would change the bag limit back to 1 bear every 4 years.

Frank Woods moves to adopt. Victor seconds.

In discussion committee members felt that this proposal would:

- Be counter productive
- Further increase bear population
- The Bristol Bay RAC wants to preserve and encourage the harvest of predators. The Federal Subsistence Council is opposed to this concept and opposes the proposal.
- Be too restrictive

Chris Carr from Portage Creek shows up at 1:52 pm.

Frank calls for the question

Vote is unanimous to oppose.

Proposal #52

Jim explains the proposal would change the start date of the season from September 10 to September 1.

Frank moves to adopt, Dan seconds.

Hans asks Chris for an opinion of the proposal since he is a guide.

Chris responds that he as well as other guides are all in favor of an earlier start date as bears are out early. When moose season starts, they disappear when river traffic

increases. He felt that they could take more bears given an earlier date. He thought that a later date wasn't favorable because later in the season the hides are lesser quality because they begin to get "rubbed out".

Committee members were in favor as they felt that this proposal would be beneficial to our moose and caribou populations.

Vote is unanimous to support.

Proposal #55

Jim explains that this proposal would change the IM objective to more realistic numbers as the current numbers were derived when the Nush/Mulchatna Caribou Herd was at or near it's peak. With the herd at lower numbers it makes more sense to manage the herd with the recommended IM numbers.

William moves to adopt. Chris seconds.

Concerns were:

- Moving the numbers down that far would preclude predator management proposals.
- Make predator management programs more difficult to initiate.
- Questioned the "science" on how the numbers were chosen.
- Concerned that it would affect harvest. Could go to Tier II or that the annual bag limit could be reduced.
- Population is self-driven. Seasons and bag limits had little effect on the increase or decline in population.
- Predation is more of an issue.
- What is the harvest in adjacent GMU's and are we in Unit 17 going to bear the "burden of conservation"? Should take a look at harvest in other GMU's.
- What would be responsible numbers?
- What would it take to increase the caribou population?

Committee votes unanimously in support.

Break called for at 2:32

Back to order at 2:42

Proposal #56

Jim explains that this proposal would clean up confusion of Caribou regulation in Unit 17A and would simplify and align regulations with other sub-units.

Victor moves to adopt. Frank seconds.

Committee votes unanimous to support.

Proposal #57

Jim explains that this proposal seeks to close non-resident hunting in units 9, 17,18, 19.

William moves to adopt. Kenny seconds.

Issues brought up:

- Subsistence should be first.
- Guides are saying that the word is out that the Nush/Mulchatna Caribou herd is not to be hunted and are being conservative to help with herd growth. Still want the opportunity to guide non-residents.
- Once the Pebble mine gears up, a concern is that there could be many hunters as the mine is in the migration route.
- This could provide additional harvest to village hunters.
- Could contribute to an increase in herd size.
- Less competition.

Committee action on proposal: 7 in support. 2 opposed.

Proposal #60

Jim explains that this is similar to #62. Frank explains that he submitted the proposal as a placeholder to put the issue on the table.

Frank moves to adopt. William seconds.

Committee discusses the similarity to #62 and agrees by consensus to take no action in preference to #62.

Proposal #61

Jim explains that the proposal is confusing and lists a bunch of different options.

Frank moves to adopt. Chris seconds.

Chris explains that during the last couple Board cycles, changes in regulation has successfully limited non-resident hunt pressure. He would still like to see some restrictions in place. It's kind of a catch-22 for him. He knows that it's helped local hunters but he still needs to make a living by guiding.

Discussion on current river corridor regulations, participation, how many permits issued, non-resident permit application deadline, etc. Jim thinks that the maximum permits ever issued in the corridor was 48. Of late, he thinks that there were only 5 guides working the area and knows of only 4 moose taken. The Committee could not find common ground after discussion on permit caps, liberalizing restrictions, relaxing the permit process, and other issues.

Committee action is 8 opposed and 1 abstain.

Proposal #62

Jim explains that this proposal would open up additional areas based on the abundance of moose.

William moves to adopt. Chris Seconds.

Hans is in favor because it would reduce confusion in boundary regulation and would simplify area descriptions while at the same time giving additional opportunity especially in years that the Wood River did not freeze adequately. This would allow Dillingham and other villages south of the river opportunity to hunt when the Wood River was impassible. Committee members agree.

Committee is unanimous in favor.

Proposal #63

Jim explains that this would extend the moose season. Most local sentiment was that we shouldn't be hunting after the 15th.

Frank moved to adopt. Chris seconds.

Jim explains that the Region III staff presentation to the Board was that the moose rut activity starts at the very end of September and beginning of October.

Committee concerns were:

- Potential for additional harvest.
- Moose are dumber closer to the rut.
- Committee thinks current regulations are adequate.
- Adding additional days would allow guides to do additional hunts.
- Hunters are seeing less moose and more predators.
- Need to be cautious about sending a mixed message to the Board. Liberalizing hunt while asking for predator control.
- Pros were that water levels are higher later in the fall, cooler weather later, more hunters were consolidating hunts because of high prices for gas. Village councils requested additional days on the tail end of the season because of early season warm weather, low water levels, or shortages of fuel when water levels are low. Shortages occur when barges cannot supply villages when river water is low. Some year's hunter success rates are low because of all the above variables.

Committee action was 7 in support and 1 opposed.

Proposal #67

Jim explained that this would put us back to pre IM. From 10/day back to 5/season.

Victor moved to adopt. Chris seconds.

Hans opposes because we definitely have an abundance of wolves. For years villagers have been complaining of wolves in or near their communities even killing their dogs. It's been difficult to encourage hunters because of the high price of fuel, maintenance, cost of acquisition of snowmobiles and so on. We want to encourage hunting, not discourage.

Everyone agrees.

Committee votes unanimous to oppose.

Proposal #68

Jim explains that this is a NAC proposal to authorize the State to implement a predator management program on wolves.

William moves to adopt. Chris seconds.

Committee discusses and is in favor.

Committee votes unanimous to support.

Proposal #69

Jim explains that the intent is the same as in #68 but adds Unit 9.

William moves to adopt. Chris seconds.

After referencing earlier comments and willingness to support the east-side committees, members agree that this would certainly help rebuild our caribou stocks.

The committee votes unanimous to support.

Proposal #201

Jim explains that a wounded bear would count as the hunters bag limit.

Victor moves to adopt. Chris seconds.

Points brought up were:

- Could decrease bear harvest and is contrary to our goal.
- Ethical guides and hunters make sure they get their bears if wounded.
- Theoretically, it could save a life if wounded bears were around.
- Wonders how enforceable this regulation would be.
- Boils down to hunter ethics.

Committee votes unanimous to support.

Proposal #202

Jim explains that this would do away with the annual paperwork and eliminate the \$25 fee. This is basically a registration subsistence hunt.

William moves to adopt. Chris seconds.

Jim explains that there is not much participation, only about 6/year. Hunters don't have to salvage the hide or skull.

After discussion, committee votes unanimously to support.

Proposal #206

Jim explains that this would allow archery hunting with additional seasons.

Dan moves to adopt. Victor seconds.

Cons discussed and voiced in opposition:

- Additional hunting seasons
- Hunting during rut.
- Would set a precedent.
- Adequate opportunity exists already to hunt by bow.
- Moose are dumb during the rut.
- High likelihood of wounding.

Committee votes unanimous to oppose.

Proposal #207

Jim explains that this would authorize another hunt separate than other hunts. Intent is to give opportunity specifically to youths.

Committee discussion involved concerns relating to:

- Abuse
- Enforcement
- Allow taking of cows and would set a precedent in unit 9. Who is to say that they will request it in 17 the next time around.
- Units 9 and 17 are "Bull" only hunts.
- Ample opportunity is provided already in current seasons.

Committee votes unanimous to oppose.

Proposal #244

Jim explains that the Board deferred this proposal and put it in the Statewide proposals. There is a lot of controversy over full metal jacket .223 caliber and the Board wants to hear back from hunters and public before they decide on it.

Dan moves to adopt. Chris seconds.

Pro's discussed by the committee:

- Doesn't damage the meat like higher calibers.
- Cheaper to obtain.

- .223 Caliber is readily available everywhere.
- Caliber is used for multiple species.
- Is used to hunt wolves, wolverine, fox, etc.

Cons discussed:

- Wounding
- Proposal would make it illegal to hunt wolves and wolverine as they are classified as “big game”.
- Hardship on families that would have to buy other caliber guns and ammunition.
- Hunters have to buy multiple calibers, ammunition.
- Unethical practices of hunters
- Would recommend an exemption for wolves and wolverine.
- Issue is .223 full metal jacket ammunition, not the gun.
- Enforceability is in question.

Committee votes unanimous to oppose.

Hans brings up the issue of us supporting the predator management concept and wants to do a “boilerplate motion” that would cover it.

Dan agrees and thought that we should support the concept of predator control in other GMU’s as well as our own and to oppose any “conservation groups” opinion or efforts to reinstate pre-intensive management regulations. Discussion on how to word a “motion” was tossed around but decided to take up proposal #64 and use it as a “vehicle” to voice our opinion.

Proposal #64

Dan moves to adopt. William seconds.

Committee discussed the proposal with staff on its intent and what it would do. The committee opposes any efforts to reinstate pre-IM regulations as they would be counter productive in rebuilding our caribou herds and protecting our moose stocks as well. After further discussion.....

The committee votes unanimous to oppose.

C. OTHER

1. NPFMC meeting.

Kenny wants the NAC to be active at the council level. The council is meeting in March and wants the NAC chair to attend the meeting and voice our concerns over king salmon and halibut by-catch. Hans agrees that we need to make a statement as the Qayassik Walrus Commission is very concerned on disturbances on Round Island. Trawlers are tearing up walrus feeding grounds and feels that since the trawl fishery occurs during the peak of the Togiak herring fishery, they could eventually impact that fishery too. This trawl fishery is the only one authorized in Bristol Bay. We feel that it causes a lot of

problems for our local fishermen. Hans mentions our earlier meeting where a disclosure of a threat to life was given to one of our local herring fishermen returning home to Dillingham when he was checking to see if a couple trawlers were fishing legally. He is of the opinion that this fishery should be closed down. It's causing a lot of problems to local fisheries. Hans agrees that he will do the best to attend and encourages anyone and everyone to write letters to the NPFMC to express concerns.

2. King Salmon Sub-Committee Meeting

Now that the committee has a quorum, they can take action on Tim Sand's request to hold a NAC sub-committee meeting to discuss dates and openings with fishermen, processors and others who want to attend the public meeting at the ADF&G boardroom. The meeting will be scheduled sometime between March 8-11.

Dan moves to approve. William Johnson seconds. Unanimous approval.

3. Regional Subcommittee Meeting

In preparation to the December 2009 BOF meeting, chairman Nicholson will write letters to BBNA, BBEDC, BBNC to fund a Regional Advisory Committee Chairpersons meeting. Hopefully this will occur sometime early November.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Call of the Chair.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting is adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Meeting minutes provide courtesy of the Bristol Bay Native Association

Copper River/PWS Fish & Game Advisory Committee
 Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2009

Members Present: Tom Carpenter, John Weise, Mike Collins, Jason Fode, Dave O'Brien, Ardy Hansen, Brad Sapp

Members Absent Excused: Torie Baker, Paul Kelly, Troy Tirrell, Bill Webber, Steve Johnson, John Renner, Dan Nichols, Steve Smith, John Bocci

Public Present: Danielle Barrett, Clark Pearson, Kory Blake, Crystal de Ville, David Otness, Mark King, Keith van den Broek, Angela Arnold, Tom Haluska, Autumn Bryson,

ADF&G Present: Dave Crowley, Sherry Wright

Agenda was approved.

A general discussion of the actions taken by the Board of Fisheries was held.

An update on the Hawkins Island Division of Natural Resources. Southcentral Regional Advisory Committee voted to send a letter opposing the land sale on Hawkins Island. There were many letters from residents of Cordova that were also in opposition. The area was described. A question of making the land another type of designation was brought up and how the general public would go about putting that idea forth would be by a proposal. Deadline to submit that proposal would be September (not sure about the date). The City of Cordova would be one entity that could put a proposal forward. Another idea was making it Mental Health or University Trust lands. The reason the state was doing this is it was the late 70's when the land was designated and they were supposed to transfer ownership some time ago. A decision will be made sometime this summer about what's next.

Elections were held with the following results: Keith van den Broeke, John Bocci, Mark King, Torie Baker, Mike Babic were elected for three year terms. Tom Carpenter and Paul Kelly were elected as one year alternates.

Officer elections were held with the following results: Torie Baker, Chair Fish; Tom Carpenter, Chair Game; John Renner, Secretary.

Board of Game proposal comments

Cordova Area Moved / 2nd		Amendment	Final Vote	Discussion
Proposal 29 Sapp/Fode	Wounded bears count as bag limit in 6D		10-0 Support	Many guides use this as a tool whether it's on the book or not, and favor. Estimates on the department web site show 30-40% of wounded animals and wondered how much mortality is accounted for in those numbers. There has been an increase in the harvest of bear.
Proposal 30	Modify bag limit to		0-10	50% of the fall bear are harvested by

Bocci / O'Brien	one every 2 years in 6		Oppose	non-resident hunters. A question of the state issuing black bear tags, in order to better track the harvest, was brought up. That might be a future possibility. Prefer to take this step by step, than jumping ahead. Skull sizes are getting smaller as harvest continues to be longer and harder and taking smaller bears.
Proposal 31 Sapp / Fode	Open fall season 10 days later in 6D		10-0 Support	This may cut the harvest down about 100 bears. Guides are in favor of delaying the fall season, but one has a hunter scheduled, so unless there was an exception for hunters already booked, he'll be out \$\$\$. The optimal harvest level is 400 bears. Bag limit is only one bear and one every two years would be difficult to monitor. A season adjustment seems the most reasonable option to achieve the goals.
Proposal 32 O'Brien / Hansen	Open spring season on Montague, add one month to fall, open to nonresidents in 6D		10-0 Support	Most likely someone already established in the area would be approved as a guide on Montague. Forest Service would only allow one professional guide with a maximum sustainable harvest of eight bears. Opening the season has reduced the number of human / bear conflicts on the island. A question of a ratio of resident / non-resident harvest was raised. It's good to give the guides more area and solve some of the bear problems. October 15 th would be the opening for the fall season. There is a guideline harvest level for each island. Hinchbrook has a maximum of six bears (based on a 10 year average). The PWS guideline harvest is 25 bears.
Proposal 33	Extend season to May 25 on Montague, open to nonresidents in 6D		No action	Could take no action based on Proposal 32.
Proposal 34 Bocci / O'Brien	Extend season in entire subunit to May 31 in 6D		0-10 Oppose	Harvest levels have been being met, overharvest with longer seasons, and there will already be increased opportunity.
Proposal 35 Sapp / Fode	Extend season to June 10 in 6A, B, C		10-0 Support	Brown bear harvest in 6B was up last year. Perhaps because there are more bears there. A question if the harvest is raised based on surplus. Berry crop was late last year and a late run of sockeye salmon in the system made a lot of bears more hungry and less fearful of vehicles and people along the highway, which may explain the higher harvest. The bears harvested seemed to be healthy bears. Harvest will also

				help moose calf survival rates, since it's very unlikely this area would qualify for predator control.
Proposal 36 Bocci / Hansen	Prohibit taking of nannies in 6		0-10 Oppose	If a person shoots a nanny, it counts as two, which makes the season close sooner. It can be difficult to tell the difference in the field, depending on the time of year of the harvest.
Proposal 37 Bocci / O'Brien	Close hunting and open trapping in 6		10-0 Support	Trapping is on the subsistence side and has a priority. There has been no hunter harvest. The season has been opened and closed, based on the number of animals available cyclically.
Proposal 38 Hansen / Fode	Modify or separate harvest quota in 6		0-10 Oppose	These hunts are already separated by regulation.
Proposal 39 O'Brien / Fode	Reauthorize antlerless season in 6A		8-2 Support	This is an annual reauthorization and there will be no antlerless hunt, but will allow to keep them on the books. One member doesn't like shooting cows.
Proposal 40 O'Brien/ Fode	Reauthorize antlerless season in 6C		8-2 Support	This is an annual reauthorization and there will be no antlerless hunt, but will allow to keep them on the books.
Proposal 41 O'Brien / Fode	Reauthorize antlerless season in 6B		8-2 Support	This is an annual reauthorization and there will be no antlerless hunt, but will allow to keep them on the books.
Proposal 201 O'Brien / Fode	Wounded brown bears count as bag limit in 6, 7, 9-10, 15, 17-18		10-0 Support	A question was raised if there is any reporting requirement on wounded bears. A person who comes in to report it, should give location to the troopers and turn in their tag. Prefers someone does the same with wounded moose and goats. Those are very desirable tags. This is consistent with their earlier action. It is helpful for others to know there is a wounded bear in the area. Believe most people do whatever they can to find the animals.
Proposal 240 O'Brien / Fode	Allow 6 draw permits applications per species Statewide		8-2 Support	This increases the amount of permits a person can apply for, allowing more opportunity for successful drawing, without affecting the harvest. This will generate more revenue for the state. Opposition concern of the increase of nonresidential application creating a net loss for local harvest.
Proposal 241 Fode / O'Brien	Create bonus points system Statewide		0-10 Oppose	There are many states that have a point system.
Proposal 246 Bocci / Sapp	require black bear harvest ticket in Units where sealing is required Statewide		10-0 Support	Data retained by the sealing also includes anecdotal information shared by the hunter when the animal is brought in for sealing.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

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ATTN: BOG COMMENTS

To the Board of Game:

The Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas submits the following comments on Proposal Numbers 44, 51, 64, 67, 77, 78, 112, 174 and 186. Because these proposals potentially affect seasons and bag limits for brown bear and wolf for portions of game management units within several national preserve units, they are of concern to this commission.

Proposals 44 – Brown Bear, Unit 9C. This proposal makes the argument that the current management of brown bear in unit 9C is not sustainable and is inconsistent with the provisions of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), the National Park Service Organic Act, and NPS Management Policies at 4.4.2. Specifically, it argues that the ANILCA mandate that Katmai National Park and Preserve be managed to provide for “high concentrations of brown/grizzly bears and their denning areas” is threatened by current harvest levels.

However, the population and harvest data for Unit 9C brown bear compiled by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game do not support this argument. According to ADF&G information, the sustainable annual harvest rate of a given bear populations is around 6%. The long term harvest rate in all of GMU 9C (70% of which is closed to hunting) is 2% and the harvest rate for the remaining 30% of Unit 9C is still below 6%. The harvest level of 33 bears for the open portion of Unit 9C is well within the harvest guideline of 34-45 bears.

The proposal incorrectly implies that the State of Alaska does not regularly consult with the National Park Service. In fact, there is a longstanding Master Memorandum of Understanding between the ADF&G and the National Park Service. Both agencies cooperatively monitor brown bear populations in this area by conducting regular censuses, population surveys and

collecting harvest data. In 2004 and 2005 joint Spring surveys gave an estimate of 2,255 ±306 bears in Unit 9C. August surveys in 2006 and 2007 for the preserve portion of Unit 9C indicated a density of 331-581 bears/386 sq. miles. Clearly, this average density of about one bear per square mile meets the ANILCA mandate for “high concentrations” of brown bears.

Sections 1313 and 1314 of ANILCA recognize the State of Alaska’s authority to manage resident fish and wildlife, as well as the authorities of the Secretary of the Interior. Regulations at 43 CFR Part 24 and Section 8.2.2.6 of the NPS Management Policies further clarify the respective authorities and responsibilities and encourage cooperative agreements or memoranda of understanding between the State and Federal Agencies.

Given the health of the brown bear population in this unit, continuing high densities and the level of cooperation between the ADF&G and the NPS, the allegation in the proposal that the current brown bear management structure in Unit 9C is a “violation of federal law” is unfounded. This proposal should be rejected by the Board of Game.

Proposal 51 – Brown Bear, Unit 17B. This proposal should be rejected for many of the same reasons as Proposal 42. It attempts to make the case that current harvest levels of brown bear in that portion of Unit 17B within Lake Clark National Preserve are inconsistent with the purposes for which the preserve was established and that state regulations are in conflict with NPS statutes and management policies. Our review of the available information indicates that this claim is not accurate.


Information from the ADF&G 2004 – 2006 Brown Bear Management Report is cited selectively in an effort to support the proposal. For example, the proposal states that 85 brown bear were harvested in Unit 17 in 2004 – 2005 and 119 were harvested in 2005 – 2006. What the proposal fails to state, however, is that within Unit 17B (the unit in question), 48 bears were harvested in 2004 -2005 and 72 were harvested in 2005 – 2006. It also fails to note that national preserve lands are only a small part of Unit 17B.

The Brown Bear Management Report states that brown bear habitat in Unit 17 is virtually unaltered and in excellent condition. Salmon stocks are carefully managed and escapements are adequate for the needs of the current bear population. The report, while acknowledging that no objective data on the status of the bear population in Unit 17 is available, goes on to state that the population is probably stable to increasing unit wide. It also points out that hunting pressure is greatest along the Nushagak River, in the Mulchatna River drainage, and in the mountains surrounding the Wood River/Tikchik Lakes. Only the upper reaches of the Mulchatna and some of its tributaries are within Lake Clark Preserve. The report concludes that despite an increase in the harvest of brown bears in Unit 17, ADF&G is meeting its objective of maintaining a population that will sustain a harvest of 50 bears per year.

We have already outlined the various legal and regulatory authorities of both the State of Alaska and the National Park Service. The proposal fails to establish that the current management of brown bear in Unit 17B conflict with any of those authorities or with the maintenance of healthy populations of bear within that small portion of the unit that lies within Lake Clark National Preserve. The proposal should be rejected.

The Commission appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments to the Board of Game. If we can provide additional information or if we need to clarify anything, please contact our Executive Director Stan Leaphart at (907) 374-3737.

Sincerely,



for Rick Schikora
Chairman

Proposal 64 – Wolf, Units 9B,C, & E. The Commission recommends this proposal be rejected. The 2006 ADF&G Wolf Management Report indicates a conservative population estimate of some 350 wolves in Units 9 and 10. The report also states that wolf numbers appear to be increasing in these units. The report concludes that harvest has had little effect on the wolf population in Units 9 and 10. Consequently, it appears that current management of wolves in Units 9B, C & E, including seasons and bag limits, is consistent with the ANILCA mandate to maintain healthy populations within those portions of Lake Clark National Preserve, Katmai National Preserve and Aniakchak National Preserve.

Proposal 67 – Wolf, Unit 17B. The commission recommends this proposal be rejected. No evidence is presented that the current harvest and management objective is having an adverse impact on the existing healthy population of wolves in that small portion of Unit 17B within Lake Clark National Preserve. As the proposal points out, the management objective of an annual harvest of 25 wolves can easily be met with the estimated 280-320 wolves in Unit 17B.

Proposal 77 – Brown Bear, Unit 13C. and Proposal 112 – Wolf, Unit 13C. The commission recommends this proposal be rejected. This proposal again unconvincingly attempts to make a case that current management objectives for brown bear and wolves in Unit 13 are inconsistent with purposes and management for Wrangell –St. Elias National Preserve. The ADF&G Brown Bear Management Report and the Wolf Management Report clearly indicate that brown bear and wolf populations in this unit are healthy and are not adversely affected by current management objectives. These management objectives are within the scope of the State’s regulatory authority and remain consistent with the purposes of the preserve.

Proposal 78 – Brown Bear, Unit 11Z. The commission strongly recommends rejection of this proposal. The stated objective is to maintain brown bear harvest in this unit at pre-ANILCA levels. There is absolutely no legal or regulatory foundation for this objective. Nothing in ANILCA or its legislative history requires capping the harvest level of any fish or game species at pre-ANILCA levels. The State’s authority to regulate fish and wildlife on federal lands means that adjustments to seasons and harvest levels can be made so long as healthy population are maintained. To make the claim that an increase in harvest levels beyond those that existed prior to designation of the preserve would bring state regulations into conflict with federal statutes and management policies is disingenuous and without any legal basis.

By all indications the bear population in this unit is stable and healthy, with the average harvest over the last 8 years below that which occurred prior to creation of the preserve. This proposal must be rejected.

Proposal 174 – Brown Bear and Proposal 186 – Wolf, Unit 16B. The Commission recommends rejection of these two proposals for the same reasons given for Proposals 77 and 112. Populations of brown bear and wolves in this unit remain healthy. State management is within the scope of its authorities and is consistent with the purposes of Denali National Preserve as well as federal regulations and management policies.

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Proposal 39

Proposal: Reauthorize antlerless moose season GMU 6A EAST/WEST

Issue: Antlerless moose hunts must be reauthorized annually.

What will happen if nothing is done: ADF&G will lose a management tool, local subsistence could be disrupted.

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved: YES

Who is likely to benefit: Species, subsistence users, sport hunters.

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: GMU 6 is split into two sections *East* and *West*. 6A East is considered a trophy area in accordance with the moose management plan. Bulls allowable for harvest for residents must be spike, fork, 50" or three or more brow tines. Bulls allowable for non resident harvest must be 50" and larger or three brow tines. 6A West Resident allowable harvest is any bull through registration. Non resident allowable harvest is any bull through drawing. Both areas desirable population levels are between 300-350 animals. The latest census found 275 in 6A West with 13% calves, and 280 in 6A East with 15% calves. Currently only 6A West has a antlerless hunt which is 5 cows by drawing for residents. Both areas are highly susceptible to predation by both wolves and bears. We feel reauthorizing antlerless hunts in GMU 6AEAST/WEST gives ADF&G the management tool they need to control populations.

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Proposal 40

Proposal: Reauthorize antlerless moose season GMU 6C

Issue: Antlerless moose hunts must be reauthorized annually.

What will happen if nothing is done: ADF&G will lose a management tool, local subsistence could be disrupted.

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved: Yes

Who is likely to benefit: Species, subsistence users, sport hunters.

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: Population objectives for GMU 6C is 400. This was established in 1995, and the gain from 300 to 400 was to grow by 2006. The most recent census found 545 moose with 20% calves. The antlerless hunts are currently administered by the USFS in Cordova through the Federal subsistence program. We feel it is important to reauthorize antlerless hunt in GMU 6C because if the population objectives are met in the near future, this tool will be needed to hold the population within the objective level.

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Committee Action: Approved 8-2

Proposal 41

Proposal: Reauthorize antlerless moose season GMU 6B

Issue: Antlerless moose hunts must be reauthorized annually.

What will happen if nothing is done: ADF&G will lose a management tool, local subsistence could be disrupted.

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved: YES

Who is likely to benefit: Species, subsistence users, sport hunters.

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: Desirable population levels are between 300-350 animals. The most recent census found 200 animals. There seems to be a very high bull to cow ratio 56-100, with 11% calves. This area is very prone to predation, especially by brown bears. The Board in the past has taken steps by liberalizing the brown bear season to help remedy this problem. It seems to have helped some with the calf survival doubling the past 10 years. Currently there is no planned antlerless hunt, but if the population continues to rebound, one will again. We feel reauthorizing antlerless hunts in GMU 6B gives ADF&G the management tool they need to control populations.

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Committee Action: Adopted 10-0

Proposal 29

Proposal: Wounded bears shall count toward a hunters bag limit for a regulatory year.

Issue: Increasing pressure through the Whittier tunnel, the board has taken action the past two board cycles to curtail the black bear harvest, but the harvest numbers continue to climb. This will be a regulation that the guides like, loss bear and your finished. This will be a regulation based on the honor system.

What will happen if nothing is done: Local hunters will have a harder time meeting there subsistence needs.

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit: All user groups

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: The committee discussed this proposal, and feel this is one more step in the on going management process that will help curtail the ever increasing black bear harvest in PWS.

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Committee Action: Failed 0-10

Proposal #30

Proposal: Unit 6D, one black bear every two years.

Issue:

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit: all users

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: The committee likes the concept of this proposal, but agreed with the ADFG staff that there currently is no process in place to monitor a harvest of one every two years. One solution we would like to see is a harvest ticket similar to deer be established for black bears so that the harvest could be monitored better, thus allowing ADFG to feel comfortable with a one every two year bag limit in PWS.

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Committee Action: Adopted 10-0

Proposal # 31

Proposal: Delay opening in 6D fall season to Sept 10.

Issue:

What will happen if nothing is done: continued pressure on PWS black bears, small skull size, more females.

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit: all users

Who is likely to suffer: hunters

Other solutions considered: This committee agreed unanimously with the department that this will help control the black bear harvest in PWS. The fastest growing harvest is in the fall, with the last few years the numbers doubling, this is unsustainable. Opening the season 10 days later will slow the hunt by up to 120 bears, thus putting the harvest near historical levels.

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Committee Action: Adopted 10-0

Proposal # 32

Proposal: Extend brown bear season on Montague island

Issue: Growing brown bear population.

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit: Guides, hunters

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: The committee feels there is a need to extend the season on Montague Island. There is an ever increasing population, there is room for both resident hunters and guides with non resident clients to harvest more bears. This move would be consistent with prior board action over the past several cycles, allowing more harvest as the population grows.

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Committee Action: Take no action

Proposal # 33

Proposal: Extend brown bear season on Montague Island.

Issue:

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: The committee took no action in lue of action taken on proposal 32.

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Committee Action: Failed 0-10

Proposal # 34

Proposal: Change the season for brown bear in 6D.

Issue: Growing population

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit: Guides, hunters

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: Although some committee members agree an earlier season should be considered, we agreed unanimously with ADFG that the Oct 15 opening in 6D is prudent due to the access to bears. This access could create a harvest level that exceeds current harvest guidelines ADFG has established.

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Committee Action: Adopted 10-0

Proposal # 35

Proposal: Extend brown bear season in 6A,6B,6C to June 10th.

Issue: Growing brown bear population.

What will happen if nothing is done: continued moose calf predation and low recruitment.

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: This is always the proposal that generates the most discussion at meetings. The past ten years have shown slumping moose calf recruitment in all three sub units. The board has already allowed for one brown bear per year hoping this would improve recruitment. The harvest has continued to grow, these are very healthy brown bear populations, with large bears being harvested. This will also allow the guides more opportunity in there guide use areas. These areas are difficult to access.

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Committee Action: Failed 0-10

Proposal # 36

Proposal: Unit 6D goats, one billy by permit, the taking of a nannie is prohibited.

Issue: Taking of nannies.

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: There is already a management strategy in place when nannies are taken, they count as harvesting two goats, there are no population concerns in PWS.

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Committee Action: Adopted 10-0

Proposal # 37

Proposal: Close Lynx hunting season and open Lynx trapping season.

Issue: Alaska statute 16.05.258

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Other solutions considered:. The committee feels this proposal has merit. Unit 6 has very small transient Lynx populations. When the rabbit cycles are high, lynx come down the copper river and there is some harvest. We feel the board should open the trapping season in unit 6 and allow ADFG to use its EO authority to close the season when they feel the lynx harvest has exceeded its guideline level. The current lynx management strategy is too broadly worded lumping too many GMU'S.

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Committee Action: Failed 0-10

Proposal 38

Proposal: Modify harvest quota in Unit 6A.

Issue:

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: Adfg has already separated in current regulation this area, all statistics show all non residents have tremendous opportunity.

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Committee Action: Failed 0-10

Proposal # 240,241

Proposal: Increase number of drawing hunts you can apply for, and establish a bonus points system for drawing hunts.

Issue:

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: This committee is opposed to both Board proposals, these are expensive to administer, most states who have implemented these wish they would not have. Allowing more drawing opportunities will put increasing pressure on remote area hunts and make your odds of drawing a permit even more remote.

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Committee Action: Adopted 10-0

Proposal # 246

Proposal: Require black bear harvest tickets in any unit where sealing is required.

Issue: ADFG does not have enough control on black bear harvest.

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: This committee is in favor of this system being developed. We need better information, especially in **6D** where the black bear harvest continues to grow to an unsustainable level. More information is better, give ADFG the tools they need.

Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Committee 2.4.09

AC Members

Jack Lorrigan- Subsistence
Jerry Barber- Hunting (Vice Chair)
Tad Fujioka- Trapping (Chair)
Mike Baines- Sport fish
Mo Johnson- Seine
Joel Hanson- (Fishing) Guide
Floyd Tomkins- Conservation
Eric Bahnsen- Charter
Dick Curran- Longline
Tory O'Connell- Alternate (Secretary)

Public

Brad Shaffer
Harvey Kitka

JL looking for help in tagging fish at SSSC Hatchery next week

Shellfish Statewide

357- increase biodegradable twine from 60 to 90

No Action

363- reduce statewide personal use limit for razor clam limit to 30 clams per day

No Action

367 – Require annual written permission to pull another's shellfish pot

JB – the criminals will do it anyway – kind of cumbersome.

JH MTA, JB 2nd

JH- curious what the regs now?

FT – Don't you have to have the clients on board to set and pull gear.

HK – another regulation would require person to pull their own pots

BS – handicapped?

TO – read logic for report; I'm worried that this proposal might help circumvent the charter regs that now require that the client be on board when gear is set or retrieved.

JH MTT, MB 2nd

JB – we could vote it down with language to say it opens the wrong doors

JH – if we vote no, it makes it more of a challenge to have somebody pull your pot when you have a legitimate reason for doing so. For example if you have a medical emergency and can't get back out to your gear. There are good reasons to have this but the language is too vague in the proposal.

FT- What happens if you line up 5 or 10 one year proxies and fish a long string of pots?

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5 Y 5 N –

Back to main motion

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0 Y, 10 N- Proposal Opposed

(Note that there was some uncertainty as to what the current regulations are, and thus whether this proposal made thing more stringent or more liberal.)

Game

224 – Prohibit take of cream color bears in Unit 1D

JH – MTA, FT 2ⁿ

JH – I am in support of this one. Spirit Bears are important.

JB – I agree with JH. Protecting for sacred or tour operators, they are very rare.

TF- Is this regulation obsolete? Hasn't this bear already been shot?

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7 Y, 2 A Supported

225- reauthorize Berner’s Bay Antlerless Moose Hunt

No Action

226- reauthorize Yakutat Antlerless Moose Hunt

No Action

240 – increase the number of drawing hunts that you can apply for from 3/species

6/species – Board of Game

BS – hard to get a big game ticket

FT – the Dept gets more revenue

No Action

241 – set up a bonus point system from drawing hunts

JL MTA, JB 2nd

JL – I put in for these hunts and I don’t feel like I have access to the resources here – this is what they do in Colorado. People feed their families that way.

JB – I like the idea but per 7(e) this only applies to Bison Drawing permits.

BS – the Delta hunt is a less than 1% draw – very popular.

JL – MT Amend 2nd DC

To apply for all drawing species, not just Bison.

JL – the one time I got a hunt I couldn’t access the location

JB 2nd

? on amendment

10 Y 0 N

? on amended motion

10 Y 0 N Supported as amended to include all species

242 – specialty hunts for each big game species on all military and some state lands for disabled veterans

JB – 243 is a lot more specific, 242 is very vague; Let's support 243 instead.

243 – similar to 242 but submitted by the Dept.

JL MTA DC 2nd

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10 Y 0 N Supported

244 – Prohibit use of full metal jacket bullets in .223 caliber for big game in units 1-4.

JB MTA 2nd EB

JB – The Board wanted this to go statewide and for all calibers.

BS (Original Proposer)– The Board has a “phantom” proposal for statewide all calibers, I am going to vote against the statewide version. The difference is people who know what they are doing with a firearm. In Sitka we have an economic advantage over more rural places. If you live in Sitka you can afford to buy hunting ammo instead of FMJ rounds. In other areas they need FMJ to hunt caribou etc – and they are skilled enough to use guns correctly. Here people use boats and often shoot from the boat and make bad shots. A good marksman can kill efficiently with FMJ, but too many people here that aren't that skilled use them anyway. At this point, I regret submitting the original proposal because implementing it statewide will have an adverse impact on other people that I never intended.

JB – I want to support it for units 1-4.

TF – Do we want to address 244 as written and take up the "phantom" proposal separately?

JH – Please make the notes reflect that the vote is specific to the original proposal and not about other amendments.

JL – 223 FMJ is a perfect round for seals and otters for subsistence hunting. We don't want a round that will tear up the fur so we use a small FMJ. With seal and otter all you get a shot at is their heads. Often we are hunting for deer on the same trip – so you would need two clips. This could be an enforcement issue with the native community. Just having a dead deer and a clip with FMJ bullets shouldn't be a violation.

BS – I think this is taking a natural resource conservation issue and it is getting turned into a political situation – other (more rural) communities don't hunt for sport, they hunt for food. One shot one kill. I don't want to see hunting rights get tied up around bullets, when it is ethics really.

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6Y 30 1A Original Motion is Supported.

245 – Require IBEP bowhunter certification for people hunting black bear over bait
JB MTA JH 2nd

JB – It's required for most other bow hunting situations and this is one of the few areas it is not. Education is helpful for bowhunting.

FT – what is IBEP?

JB – it has been around for a lot of years- it's a bow hunter safety course.

FT – is there a marksmanship requirement?

JB – yes; a reasonable one- not too stringent.

HK – I think there should be some education on how to hunt with a bow – if they hit it in the wrong place it is a problem. Using bait to hunt at all is a problem. If this is supposed to be sport hunting, hunting over bait isn't sport hunting.

BS – Is there any regulation on this already in Alaska? Why would there be a distinction here?

TF – If someone is electing to use a bow but they could use a gun for that hunt they don't have to be certified. You currently only have to be certified if it is a bow-only hunt.

BS – I think it is important to require hunter safety for bow hunting, you can harm a lot of wildlife

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9 Y, 0 N, 1 A

246 – require black bear harvest ticket before you go hunting.

No action

TF: This bear sausage (points to table with food) is 3 years old but it is the last meat I have from the last big game hunt of my friend, Toby Coate who died after this hunt. He was a lifelong waterfowl hunter and sportfisherman. He hunted bear, moose and deer. He seined and trolled in Southeast and longlined in Southeast and the Bering Sea. He also worked as a charter guide. His interests are well represented at this table. I brought this sausage tonight because Toby would have wanted this meat to be shared with people who deeply care about fishing and hunting.

BOF meeting in town in 2 weeks. Other than that we will probably not meet again until elections next December. We will have representatives at the BOF meeting to explain the AC position: Eric Bahnsen/Eric Jordan/Tory O'Connell/Joel Hanson

HK – I enjoy coming to these meetings, I sit on the SE RAC and I would like to be more involved. The next RAC is February 23-26 in Petersburg

Proposal 376 – possession limit equal to daily limit.

JB – This proposal was sent via separate mailing. It wasn't in the green book. We dealt with this topic via separate proposals. I just wanted to point out that mailings like this occur frequently.

No Action

MB – MT Adjourn. 2nd MB

19:30

Seward Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm

Members Present: Jim McCracken, Ezra Campbell, Robin Collman, W C Casey, Joe Cziglenyi, John Flood, Mark Clemens, Arne Hatch

Members Absent Excused: Dianne Dubuc, Dr. Matt Hall, Carl Locke, Doug McRae Sr, Bill Perdue, Corey Hetrick

Members Absent Unexcused: Jim Hubbard, Mitch McDevitt

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Agenda was approved with the addition of an update of progress on ADF&G stationing a biologist in Seward year round.

Correspondence was read from Kenai Hydro LLC on a meeting in Cooper Landing next week. The committee will review the information provided and determine if an invitation should be extended.

Public Comments

Bob White – Found two recurring themes in the BOG proposal books, environmental enthusiasts and the eminent extinction of moose due to bear predation on the Kenai Peninsula.

Agency Reports:

Mark Cloward – FWP There is now a brown shirt in Cooper Landing and has been in place for about six weeks Ken Atton. Former fresh water/ sport fish guide and hails from Craig / Klawock. The AC would like to extend an invitation to him. The troopers are having a hard time finding wildlife enforcement officers. The job is not a popularity contest... Mark would like to see an investigator assigned to Seward. The troopers do take note of moose / bear counts when they are out flying. They have a Trooper ride along program, for anyone interested in observing the job for a day. The issue of Seward city limits being closed to hunting. The Council can't close Seward to hunting without Board action. What they can do is restrict firearm discharge or archery. There are some good compromises under consideration. Mark would like an opportunity to speak to the council.

One member does have concern about stray bullets within city limits. Permits can help ensure a qualified person will be the one participating in this type of activity.

Goat population seems very viable from what Mark has observed. The small areas that are available for sheep are not big enough to accommodate many hunters.

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ADF&G – Jeff Selinger is here to assist with the discussion of proposals. Jeff intends to discuss the current management objectives on brown bear with the board to allow additional harvest. Taking adult females will have an impact on overall population. 10 adult females maximum in the harvest (not counting city limit DLP's against the total 10) and if that goes through, he would petition the board to open the season September 15, getting better access. Moose surveys – don't know if the bulls have redistributed from recent burn areas. 15A has been below average in the objectives, but most of the lands are federal and would require federal buy in. 15C will likely see a reconfiguration of the fork requirements

Board of Game Comments

Proposal number	Description	Vote and any amendments	AC Comments
Proposal 12	Reauthorize antlerless moose in 7 / 14C Placer 20 mile	7-1 Support	Oppose was in honor of Billy Miller's opposition to shooting any females. Support is to keep it on the books.
Proposal 29	Wounded bears count as bag limit in 6D	7-0-1 Support	This is the right thing to do.
Proposal 30	Modify bag limit to one every 2 years in 6	0-6-2 Oppose	Don't believe this is necessary and prefer status quo.
Proposal 31	Open fall season 10 days later in 6D	4-0-4 Support	To keep a few more animals around, you would impose these restrictions. They are exceeding female harvest.
Proposal 117	Modify sea duck seasons and bag limits in 15	0-7-1 Oppose	There is not a biological concern
Proposal 121	Close trapping season in 7, 15	2-4-2 Oppose	Have not personally seen many foxes and there are more in Cooper Landing / Sterling area.
Proposal 122	change season and bag limits for martin in 15	0-7-1 Oppose	There is no biological concern and oppose reduction in opportunity.
Proposal 123	change season and bag limits for wolverine in 15	0-7-1 Oppose	There is no biological concern and oppose reduction in opportunity.
Proposal 124	remove salvage requirements for hide, evidence of sex in 6-7, 15	0-6-2 Oppose	Prefer to defer to the Cooper Landing AC. Question was brought up of splitting the salvage requirement on black / brown bear.
Proposal 125	allow sale of hides and skulls in 7, 15	Amended to include the sale of claws and add classification of furbearer, strike first sentence in paragraph 2 under Issue and add claws after skull. Under What will happen if nothing is done, strike the last sentence. Under Other Solutions	This proposal was submitted by Doug McRae and incorrectly listed as submitted by the Seward AC. This may help defray some of the cost in predator control and provide some additional harvest.

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		Considered, strike all of it and add the verbiage list black bear under a predator control program. 7-0-1 on amendment 7-0-1 Support	
Proposal 126	increase bag limit to 3 in 7,15	Remove the split season by making the season Jan 1 – Dec 31.7-0-1 amendment 7-0-1 SA	Continue to support control of the black bear population on the Kenai Peninsula. The committee discussed removing the split season and leaving the limit at 2 annually.
Proposal 127	extend baiting season to June 30, increase bag limit to 3 in 7, 15	5-2-1 Support	This may increase some harvest and this closely parallels the Seward AC proposal. Youth might also be able to participate with those dates.
Proposal 128	allow sale of hides, reclassify as furbearer in 15	No action	This is in line with the Seward AC proposal. Aligning GMU 7 & 15 regulations will make enforcement easier. No action based on Prop 125.
Proposal 129	Open nonresident drawing hunt with guide client agreement in 7	0-7-1 Oppose	This would only apply for nonresident to once every four years.
Proposal 130	Establish general season hunt in 7	No action	No action based on Prop 132.
Proposal 131	Establish archery general season hunt in 7	No action	No action based on Prop 132
Proposal 132	Establish drawing hunt with minimum number of permits. In 7,15	Amended to strike reference to predator control language Add under other solutions considered: Predator control, but would be limited to state lands. 7-0-1 on amendment 7-0-1 SA	The dates were intentionally liberal to allow opportunity to harvest a brown bear.
Proposal 133	Establish drawing hunt with minimum number of permits for reproductive age females. In 7, 15	No action	No action based on Prop 132
Proposal 134	Shift drawing hunt dates earlier in 7, 15	No action	No action based on Prop 132
Proposal 135	Allow hunting in areas where DLP's occur in 7, 15	No action	No action based on Prop 132
Proposal 136	Open fall hunting season	No action	No action based on Prop 132

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	in 7, 15		
Proposal 137	Open longer season, allow baiting in 7, 15	5-1-2 Support	Proponent was present and sees permit system as the only viable methods of harvesting; however it is not being utilized. This is a sure way of harvesting brown bears.
Proposal 138	Shift season dates to allow taking of big boars in 15	No action	No action based on Prop 132
Proposal 139	Increase the number of permits in 15	No action	No action based on Prop 132
Proposal 140	Open archery hunting season in 15	No action	No action based on Prop 132
Proposal 141	Open fall hunting season in 15	No action	No action based on Prop 132
Proposal 142	Establish separate bag limit for hunters taking nannies in 7, 15	6-1-1 Support	This is a good proposal. Opposition doesn't have ten years to wait.
Proposal 144	Open Seward closed area to drawing hunt in 7	7-0-1 Support	Proponent was present and spoke on his proposal. There is a slice of habitat that is not currently being utilized and could provide some additional opportunity.
Proposal 145	Require sealing of moose antlers in 7, 15	0-7-1 Oppose	Don't believe the proposal will have the intended effect.
Proposal 146	Open drawing permit hunt of spike fork in 7, 15A	7-0-1 Support	There is a limited amount of resource in the Seward area. This may reduce harvest. The committee had discussion about the breeding practices of bulls and antler configurations. Removal of these bulls will also benefit the breeding populations of moose.
Proposal 147	Close moose season for 3 years in 7, 15A	8-0 Support	There is a problem with recruitment of moose on the Kenai Peninsula. Unit 7 supported 130 – 150 bull harvest over a period of years. AK Moose Federation is also working on habitat.
Proposal 148	Modify season dates in 7, 15	NA	The committee has discussed these type of proposals in the past. No action based on Proposal 147.
Proposal 149	Eliminate spike fork portion of bag limit in 7, 15	NA	No action based on Proposal 146.
Proposal 150	Modify bag limit for drawing hunts in 15B	4-0-4	It will allow hunting opportunity.
Proposal 151	Reauthorize antlerless season in 15C, Homer	7-1 Support	Oppose was in honor of Billy Miller's opposition to shooting any females. Support is to keep it on the books.
Proposal 152	Reauthorize antlerless season in 15A, Skilak Loop	7-1 Support	Oppose was in honor of Billy Miller's opposition to shooting any females. Support is to keep it on the books.
Proposal 153	Establish wolf control area in 7, 15	7-0-1	Like to have the ability to reduce the wolf population by any practical

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			means.
Proposal 154	Establish predator control area in 15A, 15C	NA	These populations are under the management objectives. No action based on Prop 153.
Proposal 156	Open registration permit hunts, remove closed area in 7	6-1-1 Support	Proponent spoke this goes along with the earlier goat proposal. It would provide some additional harvest opportunity in a difficult area to hunt.
Proposal 183	Reauthorize antlerless season in 16B, Kalgin Island	7-1 Support	Oppose was in honor of Billy Miller's opposition to shooting any females. Support is to keep it on the books.

WC Casey updated the committee on following up on getting a F&G biologist in Seward year round. The committee is made up of WC Casey, Mark Clemens, Dianne Dubuc, Willard Dunham.

Ezra Campbell was approved to represent the Seward AC at the Board of Game meeting in February / March.

Elections were held with the following results: Dianne Dubuc, Doug McRae, Sr, Carl Locke, Arne Hatch, and James Corey Hetrick were elected to three year seats; Joe Czigenyi and Bob White were elected for one year alternates.

Officer elections were held with the following results: Jim McCracken, Chair; Dianne Dubuc, Vice Chair; Corey Hetrick, Secretary.

Kid Fishing Day – is held the third Saturday in May and will be contingent upon ADF&G stocking plan. Robin Collman will coordinate the event.

Next meeting will be held on at February 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 pm.

**Denali Fish & Game Advisory Committee
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Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Members Present: Ray Atkins, Jason Rucker, Vern Carlson, Gordon Carlson, Jedd Harms, Lance Williams

Members Absent Excused: Bruce Gore, Marie Gore,

Members Absent Unexcused:

Public Present:

Elections were held with the following results: Jeff Burney, Jason Rucker, Jedd Harms, Don Holum were elected for three year seats. Ryan Nichols and Caleb Holum were elected for one year alternates.

Officer elections were to retain the current slate of officers, which are Jason Rucker, Chair; Lance Williams, Vice Chair; and Ray Atkins, Secretary.

Board of Game Proposal comments:

Glennallen Area	Description	Amendments	AC Vote	Discussion
Proposal 70	Shorten ptarmigan season in 13B, increase winter bag in A and E in 13		0-8 Oppose	Haven't seen many ptarmigans and haven't seen any department staff doing studies in the area. Considered amending to retain the winter 13E season.
Proposal 71	Shorten coyote trapping season in 13		0-8 Oppose	There are too many fox and lynx being caught as by-catch. In the two month time span, are they really going to harvest that much more? Will there be enough catch to make up the difference?
Proposal 73	Lengthen baiting season to June 30 in 13E		8-0	Area is inaccessible and a few miles north have a longer season to accommodate the weather issue.
Proposal 74	Lengthen baiting season to June 30 in 11 & 13		7-1	Same reason as 73.
Proposal 75	Establish predator control area for brown bear in 13 A, B, C & E		0-8 Oppose	This is the same as the Tok area. The general consensus for this area was against this for here.
Proposal 76	Increase bag limit to 2 per year in 13E		8-0 Support	This is a predator control area and are not currently achieving the harvest goal.

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Proposal 77	Decrease season and bag limit in Wrangell-St. Elias Preserve in 13C		0-8 Oppose	This will put the harvest back to previous amounts, which wasn't enough to help ungulate populations. The park should be aligned with the state.
Proposal 78	Decrease season and bag limit in Wrangell-St. Elias Preserve in 11 Z		0-8 Oppose	Don't like the idea of the park land being different than state regulations.
Proposal 79	Increase bag limit to 2 per year in 13		8-0 Support	By not counting the first bear, you could go to another area and harvest another bear. This will help support the predator control effort.
Proposal 81	Restrict magazine size for Tier II hunt in 13		0-7-1 Oppose	Burdensome regulation. Abstained declined comment.
Proposal 82	Eliminate salvage requirement for head, hide, heart, liver and kidneys in 13		8-0 Support	Tier II shouldn't be more burdensome than other hunts.
Proposal 83	Eliminate salvage requirement for head, hide, and kidneys in 13	Remove heart and liver from salvage – should be voluntary.	8-0 Support	Same as Prop 82.
Proposal 84	Establish community harvest hunts for moose and caribou in 13		4-3-1 Support	Other rural communities could develop their own community harvest. This gets back to more traditional hunting. It is believed that eventually Tier II will go away, as it is continually a contentious issue. One of the downsides is those who have been long term hunters in the area, that lives outside of the communities may be left out of the opportunity. Support in theory for communities within that hunting area.
Proposal 85	Repeal trophy destruction requirement in 13		8-0 Support	There is no viable reason for destroying a set of horns.
Proposal 86	Repeal prohibition on hunting other units in 13		7-1 Support	Agree that a person should be able to go into neighboring GMU's to harvest. GMU 20 is next door to 13, creating a hardship for those hunting near the lines. Too much negative impact and limits subsistence. Oppose because he can't qualify for Tier II.
Proposal 87	Repeal separate scoring requirements for Unit 13		No action	This proposal is too confusing.

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Proposal 89	Modify scoring with more emphasis on need in 13		No action	A person makes a choice about where they live. Agree with the concept.
Proposal 91	Modify salvage requirement in 13		8-0 Support	This is biased. Should be the same for all hunters. A person can voluntarily remove what they want from the field.
Proposal 92	Repeal meat on bone requirement in 13		2-5-1	Unless there is an enforcement reason for this, support in order to salvage the meat. Problem with Coal Creek trail hunters and they get too far out and there is a waste issue. People choose how far out they go and it's difficult to hang meat if you don't have any bones. This is a subsistence hunt, and meat should be brought out.
Proposal 93	Eliminate salvage requirement for liver after Sept. 10 in 13		0-8 Oppose	Unnecessary regulations.
Proposal 94	Extend Tier II season to Sept. 20 in 13		No action	Support the additional hunting opportunity, but it is unlikely that these seasons will overlap, would create an enforcement nightmare.
Proposal 95	Establish drawing hunt in portions of unit 13		8-0 Support	Opening more for a general hunt may move some of the hunters into other hunts.
Proposal 96	Revisit ANS amount in 13		8-0 Support	This should be looked into every 10 years.
Proposal 97	Modify resident bag limit to 3 bt, establish nonresident moose season, 50", 4 bt in 13		0-7-1 Oppose	Don't believe the non-residents will impact overall population. Prefer more opening for residents.
Proposal 98	Modify resident bag limit to 3 bt in 13		0-8 Oppose	Went to 4 bt to restrict the number of bulls harvested. This will increase harvest, while were are still trying to get moose populations back.
Proposal 99	Modify resident bag limit to 3 bt, shift season to begin earlier , establish nonresident moose season, 50", 4 bt, limit to one per household in 13		0-8 Oppose	Too liberal until populations are more recovered.
Proposal 100	Establish Nov. archery hunt in 13		0-8 Oppose	Don't need special harvest for methods and means. There more vulnerable in November.
Proposal 103	Open nonresident season with 50" 4 bt bag in 13		4-3-1 Support	Good income for neighboring communities. Non residents don't harvest that many and

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				this is a limited time frame.
Proposal 110	Restrict use of aircraft in 13 & 14		0-7-1 Oppose	This would be an enforcement nightmare. Abstention had mixed feelings about proposal and where do you draw the line on what is fair or not.
Proposal 111	Require guide-client agreements for draw in 13D, 14A & 14C		Daniel Montgomery	
Proposal 112	Decrease season and bag limit in Wrangell-St. Elias Preserve in 13C		0-8 Oppose	Concern if this passes, it will end up being the same in Denali National Park.
Proposal 113	Establish control area for validation of wolf control in 13		0-8 Oppose	They have never submitted a proposal supporting consumptive use.
Proposal 114	Modify wolf control area boundary in 13		8-0 Support	This would improve the harvest slightly.
Proposal 115	Allow nonwinners to accumulate points in 11 & 13		8-0 Support	Buffalo permits in particular are hard to get. Took eight years to get a caribou permit. If you're going to do it for one animal, might as well do it for them all.
Proposal 116	Prohibit use of motorized vehicles in 13A		0-8 Oppose	The terrain is very rough and local has not observed this. Moose are not scared of 4 wheelers.

Vern Carlson left the meeting.

Region-wide/Multiple Units	Description	Amendment	Vote	Discussion
Proposal 194	Liberalize seasons and bag limits in Region 2		7-0 Support	Support liberalizing these seasons.
Proposal 195	Liberalize seasons and bag limits to no closed season, no bag limit in Region 2		6-1 Support	Same as 194.
Proposal 196	one bison per lifetime bag limit in Unit 11 & 13		7-0 Support	Once you get one, you should be out of the pool. Some have been applying for 25 years and haven't got one yet.
Proposal 197	No sealing requirements in off road areas in Region 2		0-7 Oppose	A person has 30 days. It should either be sealed or not sealed, but not based on where you live. Would favor dropping it altogether.
Proposal 198	Modify guide requirements for bear		0-7 Oppose	This could allow an outfitter to have an unlimited number of bait sites.

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	baiting in Region 2			Could leave inexperienced hunters out in the field without a guide present. There is a higher population of grizzlies that could also be drawn in to bait sites. The only up side is additional black bear harvest.
Proposal 200	bears taken in predator control areas do not count against statewide bag limit in Region 2 predator control areas		6-1 Support	Same discussion as Proposal 79.
Proposal 201	Wounded bears count as bag limit in 6, 7, 9, 10, 15, 17, 18		7-0 Support	Most guides have more get away than they'd like to admit. Good proposal. This comes down to the ethics of the hunter.
Proposal 202	reauthorize tag fee exemption in Region 2		7-0 Support	This will help encourage local harvest.
Proposal 205	allow organizations to transplant rescued moose calves in Region 2		6-0-1 Support	The trails are low expense and seem to work to help moose survival. Anything to help support moose recovery is good.
Proposal 206	Establish later archery seasons and limit hunters to one choice in 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16		0-7 Oppose	Don't agree with special hunts.
Proposal 207	Establish winter youth hunts for any moose in 9, 11, 13, 16		0-7 Oppose	Would love to take child but the moose populations don't support any moose harvest. The child should be out with you on your regular hunt learning.
Proposal 210	Establish early draw permit for archery in Region 2		0-7 Oppose	Oppose special hunts.
Proposal 211	Establish late draw permit for archery in Region 2		0-7 Oppose	Oppose special hunts.
Proposal 212	Limit nonresident sheep permits in Region 2		0-7 Oppose	Nonresident hunters bring in revenue to the state.
Proposal 213	all sheep hunts draw permit, limit nonresident sheep permits in Region 2		0-7 Oppose	Nonresident hunters bring in revenue to the state. Fish & Game already has the ability to manage this.
Proposal 214	limit nonresident sheep harvest in Region 2		0-7 Oppose	Nonresident hunters bring in revenue to the state.
Proposal 215	Require sealing of all rams in Region 2		1-6 Oppose	If sealing is required, it should be done by a biologist who knows what they are doing. People have had lots of sheep taken away that were old enough to be legal harvest. Bears and wolves are taking the lion's share of the sheep. One

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				supports sealing requirement.
Proposal 216	Change all bag limit to full curl in Region 2		0-7 Oppose	Certain genetics will never reach full curl, no matter how long they live.
Proposal 217	Repeal sheep sealing requirement in Region 2		6-1 Support	There is too much controversy surrounding sealing. There are enforcement who don't know how to measure full curl. Some people have had sheep sealed and later taken away.
Proposal 218	Modify season dates to allow residents earlier opportunity in Region 2		0-7 Oppose	Everyone should begin at the same time.
Proposal 219	Require sealing of all fawns in Region 2		0-7 Oppose	Goes against their proposal.
Proposal 220	prohibit harvest of game located while being transported in Region 2		0-6-1 Oppose	If you spot a bear en route, the transporter hasn't helped you hunt that animal. What is wrong with going after an animal you see – that is hunting. Transporter can only take residents for big game. Abstained believes they should be held to the same standards as a guide. This will eliminate transporters circumventing guide requirements.
Proposal 221	Modify same day airborne requirements in Region 2		1-6 Oppose	This would be difficult to enforce.
Proposal 222	Prohibit shooting within 50 feet of roads in 7, 13, 14, 15 & 16A		0-7 Oppose	Adding cumbersome laws. Don't want to bring a tape measure into the field. Again comes back to an enforcement problem.
Proposal 223	Require guide-client agreements for draw in Region 2		7-0 Support	People who apply for tags that never intend to use them would be held to a higher standard. Guides could better determine their business coming in. Deposit could be required at time of draw.
Proposal 234	Reauthorize antlerless season in 20A, 20B & 20D		1-5-1 Oppose	True location of moose that are plentiful is inaccessible, so the place people actually hunt in 20 doesn't justify an antlerless hunt. Support believes there is a lot of misinformation and all the road corridors aren't open anymore. The Tanana Flats has a lot of moose and those are the area that is open and people are getting out there getting moose. The area is micromanaged and they have a

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				good number on the counts.
Statewide				
Proposal 240	Allow 6 draw permits applications per species		7-0 Support	Increases your odds of getting a permit and will add revenue to the state for management.
Proposal 241	Create bonus points system		6-0-1 Support	This is being done in many other states. Abstained not sure what it means.
Proposal 242	create special hunts for disabled vets		No action	If this is Alaskan veterans, support, but any veteran would not support because Alaska would become the veteran haven. Not enough information to be sure what is intended.
Proposal 244	Prohibit the use of full metal jacket bullets for taking big game		0-6-1 Oppose	A question of what the caribou that were whacked up north and not hearing any more about it. Don't want to see more regulations. There are lots of animals that this type of bullet may go straight through, wounding an animal that dies later. Unnecessary regulations.
Proposal 246	require black bear harvest ticket in Units where sealing is required	Either should be one or the other, not both	7-0 Support as amended	Believe a harvest ticket will provide enough information for the biologists and would take some of the burden off hunter.

Amy Kraver from Denali National Park wants someone to take Gordon's place on the Denali Park Subsistence Resource Council. Don Holum volunteered. The committee will consider submitting J. Marie Gore for consideration.

Next meeting will be early February.

Michelle Chivers sent information for the Regional Advisory Councils.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

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Votes on South-central BOG proposals 1 – 246

AC Members Present (13)	Public Present (8)
February 3 & February 10	February 3
Mike McCrary	Rod Arno
Wade Willis (Secretary)	Jim Fraser
Bruce Morgan	Paul Smith
Joel Doner	Yolanda Dela Cruz
Phil Lincoln	Lance Kronberger
Aaron Bloomquist (Chair)	Al Plibousky
Jim Stubbs	Dan Montgomery
Zach Stubbs	
Liza Sims	February 10
Dave Sealy	No Public
James Stegall	
John Frederick	
Chad Moore	
Danny called in and was excused at the February 10 also excused by e-mail at the February 3 rd meeting.	

Public Testimony February 3

Rod Arno:

He supports all predator control proposals including the expansion of predator control into 21E, especially any proposal submitted by the ADF&G.

Proposal 84 – He does not support giving harvest permits to a tribal government. He says its anti Alaskan and anti American.

Proposal 95 – He supports this proposal. Rod stated that state subsistence laws attempted to create “nuisance” regulations.

Proposal 24 – He supports for draw seasons.

Jim Frazier:

Supports the bonus point system, you can even pay for a point if you know your going to be out of state during the hunting season.

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Dan Montgomery:

Supports:

Proposal 4: Go back to registration hunt – no survey has been conducted for 12 years

Proposal 17: Influx of other guides has lead to overharvest

Proposal 111: reduces the influence of non hunters who apply with no intent to hunt

Paul Smith:

Opposes proposal 193: He does not support non motorized rule in Hatcher Pass Area – wants to co exist with other user groups – states recreationalists aren't there during hunting season anyway.

Yolanda Dela Cruz:

Asked about submitting proposals

Lance Kronberger:

Supports all of Dan Montgomery's testimony.

Opposes proposal 193

Al Plibouski:

Opposes proposal 193

Discussion on voting in “block” on all proposals considered in subcommittee that garnered a strong majority of “yes”, “no”, or “N/A” votes.

Specifically, in the first subcommittee meeting the committee voted on the first 100 proposals. Any proposal that received at least a 7-2 margin in favor were grouped together to be voted on with one vote counting for all by the full AC committee.

On the second game sub committee meeting, the committee voted on the remaining proposals. Any proposal that received a favorable vote with at least a 5 – 1 margin was also included in the upcoming “block” vote.

Wade commented extensively that requiring members to vote “once” for approximately 197 proposals denied him the ability to support or oppose specific proposals. Wade noted that to continue my vote of support for proposals now in the “block” of 197 proposals being considered all at once would require me to vote in favor of every proposal that I did not support in the subcommittee meeting which made it into this group vote. I felt that I could not vote in

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favor of proposals that I did not support just so that I could cast a vote for the ones that I did support. I said my ability to vote as a member of the AC was being compromised in my opinion. My assertion is that the full committee needs to vote on each specific proposal independently in which the AAC officially supports or opposes. If the full committee cannot accomplish that do to the number of proposals, then the sub committee could be used to "trim" the final number of proposals down to a manageable number, but, the final AC record would be a vote for each proposal the AAC made a formal recommendation on. The block vote will not indicate the level of support for specific proposals.

Chairman Aaron Bloomquist explained that you would not necessarily be voting for or against any proposal just that you were accepting the findings of the subcommittee; support, oppose, or otherwise.

Most of the other committee members supported the "block" vote saying it was the only way to vote on all of the proposals. The committee wanted to vote on every one, if a block vote was needed to do that - ok. Since the game sub committee meetings were open to all board members anybody could have voted then on a specific proposal.

Each board member was given the opportunity to request specific, individual proposals to remove from the block vote for an independent vote by the full board – approximately 15 were pulled out of the block vote over the course of the next two meetings.

The "block" vote was for the following proposals:

1, 2, 4, 7, 9-13, 16, 18-26, 28, 30, 32-44, 46-48, 50-54, 56-69, 72, 75, 77, 78, 81-85, 87-89, 91-96, 98-100, 101, 102, 104 -106, 108- 110, 112, 113, 115-120, 122-143, 145-150, 153-161, 163-167, 169, 172-174, 177, 180-192, 194-204, 207-210, 214-222, 224-241, 242, 243

The full AAC board vote to support the subcommittee's findings for all these proposals were done by a single vote:

11 Yes / 2 No Subcommittee's findings were supported

The following proposals were voted on independently over the course of one meeting held over two days, February 3, at the Millennium Hotel and recessed until February 10, at the Rabbit Creek Rifle Range - 2009.

Y = Yes

N = No

A = Abstain

NA= No Action

Proposal	Vote	Comments
Votes taken on 2/3/09		

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1 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
2 Support as amended	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	Amended to include resident hunters only
3 Support	9Y / 4N – as amended	Amended To: 10% Non Resident by vote of: 8Y / 5N
4 Support as amended	9-4	Amended to non-residents stay on drawing, residents by registration.
5 Oppose	6Y / 7N	Risk / Road Kill Attempting to get more permits
6 Support		Very Remote – Want a bow hunt – very low kill rate Amendment to resident only failed
7 Support	13-0	reauthorization
8 Oppose	5Y / 7N / 1A	Hunting should not be allowed in Chugach State Park Want hunting in CSP but its not a management tool with so few permits offered Propose getting all the AC's together to force the end of antlerless using he AC's authority over the antlerless hunt if it is not management. 4-8 moose ina population of around 1000 is not managing.
9 Support	13-0	reauthorization
10Support	13-0	reauthorization
11Support	13-0	reauthorization

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12 Support	13-0	reauthorization
13 Support	11Y / 2/N / 1A	
14 Take no action due to 16, 17	13-0	
15 Support	8Y / 5N	<p>Close Hunt To Anchorage Should be Resident Only</p> <p>Opposition: Too hard on Guides, one of the premier trophy dall sheep areas.</p>
16 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
17 Support	11Y / 2N	<p>#’s support 16 more</p> <p>Well thought out allocation by someone intimately familiar with the area.</p>
18 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	Archery hunts have extremely low success rates as is.
19 Take no Action due to 16,17	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
20 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	Leash Law for pets good enough – Coniber (?) traps are restricted further from trail already
21 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
22 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	Plenty of Lynx / Rabbit
23 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
24 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11	
25 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11	

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26 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11	
27 Support	10Y / 3N – as written	<p>Amendment attempt: Limit to 3 wolverine per year Vote: 3Y / 10N</p> <p>Support: due to biological emergency – ADF&G science is good</p> <p>Opposition: Anyone who has ever flown in mountainous country knows that it is impossible to count wolverines with a 100% confidence.</p>
28 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
29 Support	9Y / 4N	<p>Ethical Issue Should be statewide Oppose: extra layer of regs</p>
30 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
31 Support	11Y / 2N	<p>Amendment Attempt: Non Resident Only Vote: 4Y / 9N</p>
32 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
33 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
34 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
35 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
36 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved	

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	11-2	
37 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
38 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2 Recommendation approved 11	
39 Support	13-0	reauthorization
40 Support	13-0	reauthorization
41 Support	13-0	reauthorization
42 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	Pro: It's a slaughter on acclimated bears – Con: Viewers acclimated them, they are the problem
43 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
44 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
45 Oppose	3Y /10N	
46 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
47 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
48 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
49 ??????????????????		No Biology / Let BOG do it
50 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
51 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
52 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved	

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	11-2	
53 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
54 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
55 Support	13Y	ADF&G overestimated originally – manage at that population level is unrealistic
56 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
57 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
58 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
59 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
60 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
61 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
62 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
63 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
64 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
65 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
66 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	

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67 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
68 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
69 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
70 Support	13Y	
71 Oppose	1Y / 9N / 3A	
72 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
73 Take no Action due to 74	NA	See 74
74 Support	10Y / 2N / 1A	
75 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
76 Support	10Y / 1N / 2A	
77 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
78 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
Following Votes 2/10/09		
Note only 12 members for 79 & 80 (One member late)		
79 Support	7Y / 4N	
80 Support	11Y / 1A	
81 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
82 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
83 Take no Action due to 82	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
84 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	unconstitutional

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85 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
86 Oppose	5Y / 7N / 1A	
87 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
88 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
89 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
90 Oppose	4Y / 7N / 2A	Pro: more fair Con: money should not be used, those that are over the monetary limit will be put into a draw
91 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
92 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
93 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	Opposed to any liver salvage requirement
94 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	There should not be a Tier II hunt if there is Tier I.
95 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved 11-2	
96 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
97 Oppose	0-12N / 1A	
98 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
99 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
100 Support	Subcommittee	

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	Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
101 Oppose	13N	
102 Take no Action due to 101	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
103 Oppose	13N	
104 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
105 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
106 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	Pro: sheep hunters have very low success Con: biased to single use group
107 Support	11Y / 2A	See 106
108 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
109 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
110 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	unenforceable
111 Support	10Y / 3N	Pro: Non hunters apply – this makes it harder for them Allows guides to plan their seasons Con: lost revenue to ADF&G
113 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
114 Support	9Y / 2N / 2A	
115 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
116 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	

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117 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	Federal regs
118 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	Federal regs
119 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
120 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
121 Oppose	2Y / 11N	
122 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
123 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
124 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
125 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
126 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
127 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
128 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
129 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
130 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
131 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
132 Support	Subcommittee	

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	Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
133 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
134 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
135 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
136 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
137 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
138 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
139 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
140 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
141 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
142 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	Pro: this is a good method to make hunters actually look at sex of goats
143 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
144	NA	Not enough info.
145 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
146 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
147 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved	

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	by vote of 11 to 2	
148 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
149 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
150 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	Con: instead of actually managing a trophy moose area ADF&G has decided it would be easier to just give up.
151 Support	13Y	
152 Support	13Y	
153 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
154 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
155 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
156 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
157 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
158 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
159 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
160 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
161 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
162 Support	12Y / 1A	
163	Did not vote	
164 Oppose	Subcommittee	

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	Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
165 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	This current system is a rural priority and is against the spirit of the constitution.
166 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
167 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
168 Support	8Y / 3N / 2A	
169 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
170 Oppose	3Y / 9N / 1A	
171 Take no Action	NA	
172 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
173 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
174 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
175 Oppose	13N	
176 Oppose	5Y / 7N / 1A	
177 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
178 Support	13Y	
179 Support	11Y / 2N	
180 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
181 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
182 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
183 Support	13-0	reauthorization

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184 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
185 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
186 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
187 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
188 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
189 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
190 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
191 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
192	Did not vote	
193 Oppose	0-13	
194 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
195 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
196 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
197 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
198 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
199 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	

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200 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
201 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	Not enforceable
202 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
203 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
204 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
205 Support	12Y / 1A	
206 Support	11Y / 1N / 1A	Pro: liked the idea of choosing either-or
207 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
208 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
209 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
210 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
211 Support	11Y / 1N / 1A	
212 Support	11Y / 1N / 1A	
213 Oppose	3Y / 6N / 4A	
214 Take no Action	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
215 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
216 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
217 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved	

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	by vote of 11 to 2	
218 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
219 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
220 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
221 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
222 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
223 Support	7Y / 5N / 1A	
224 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
225Support	13-0	reauthorization
226Support	13-0	reauthorization
227Support	13-0	reauthorization
228Support	13-0	reauthorization
229Support	13-0	reauthorization
230 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
231Support	13-0	reauthorization
232Support	13-0	reauthorization
233Support	13-0	reauthorization
234Support	13-0	reauthorization
235 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	

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236 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
237 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
238 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
239 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
240 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
241 Support as ammended	13Y – As Amended	Amended To: Resident Only accumulate points. Vote: 13Y
242 Support	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
243 Oppose	Subcommittee Recommendation approved by vote of 11 to 2	
244 Support	11Y / 2N – As Amended	Amended To: .338 Caliber or smaller non expanding bullets statewide Vote: 9Y / 2N / 2A
245 Oppose	3Y / 9N / 1A	Pro: all bow hunters statewide should be IBEP Con: Black bear baits are the most controlled situation in big game hunting in Alaska.
246 Support	6Y / 5N / 2A	Pro: good to have information Con: will ADF&G use the info???

On February 10, 2009 the committee passed three resolutions to write three letters:

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1. Mike McCrary introduced a letter to ask the BOG to remove the non resident guide requirement for hunting Bears in a predator control program. Zack Stubbs offered to add that the non resident hunter should attend a "safety" class before participation. Aaron Bloomquist approved of the idea. Mike McCrary suggested we just add it to the language in the upcoming intensive management bill? Aaron thought that might be an option.

Letter to be drafted and approved by Committee - VOTE: 13 Yes

2. Aaron Bloomquist requested writing a letter to Governor Palin supporting her press release concerning the Defenders of Wildlife "Eye On Palin" campaign and for addressing the Larry King Live appearance of Ashley Judd and Roger Schlickeison from Defenders of Wildlife and Rod Arno from the Alaska Outdoor Council.

Aaron said Mrs Judd was a liar. Wade pointed out that Mr. Arno was a liar too. Aaron could not remember Mr. Arno lying. Wade admitted Mrs. Judd made mistakes but pointed out it's a very complex issue for a spokesperson to "debate" about. Mr. Schlickeison, Executive Director for Defenders of Wildlife, never made any false statements said Wade. Wade assured Aaron that Mr. Arno on the other hand knew he was not telling the truth. Aaron said that Mr. Arno did a pathetic job regardless of whether or not he lied, which Aaron was not willing to admit just yet. Wade assured Aaron that he had the exact text from the show written down. Aaron wanted it bad. Wade said he'd give it to him.

Wade pointed out that SFH profited more from predator control than any other group including Defenders of Wildlife. They profit by flying their potential donors out on free hunts in Unit 16 where the organization offers deluxe tent camps, 4 wheelers, boats and fully stocked bait stations – for free. These "guests" then donate says Wade. Aaron said it just isn't true. Nobody participating in the SFH hunt gives SFH anything – ever- for any reason (not what Aaron said, some hunters were paying SFH member, but not required to be). All hunters had to pay for their own air transportation, register for their own bait stations, and bait their own stations. SFH only provided tent camps. Any "donors" were run through registered guides and not at the "free" camps. No non-residents can participate in 16b predator programs. SFH did not profit from the unit 16b program, just the opposite, they spent around \$70,000 helping manage the bear population for the benefit of Alaskans (there is no non-resident hunting in 16-b).

Aaron said Defenders of Wildlife were disgusting and were twisting the truth to the most absurd levels. Defenders of Wildlife were making mountains of money from lies and treachery. And contribute nothing financially to ADF&G Game Management.

Wade wanted the vote of the AAC on any letter that would be approved. Aaron agreed.

Letter to be drafted and approved by the Committee - Vote 7 Yes / 6 No

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3. Aaron Bloomquist also wanted the AAC to draft a letter and send to ADF&G and the Board regarding Wood Bison. Aaron wanted the Bison to be removed from an Endangered Species Protection if introduced into the wilderness to mitigate potential harm to important industry, like oil and gas development. If not, Aaron wants the Bison ground up into burgers or sent back to Canada.

Wade supported the proposal because if the Bison had the ESA listing then people like Aaron would want massive predator control programs to protect them.

Letter to be drafted and approved by the Committee – Vote 10 Yes / 2 No / 1 Abstain

4. A resolution to draft a letter to ADF&G, the Governor, and the Legislature urging a policy be set to require ADF&G official public comments and data be available to the public well before the public comment deadline. Our Area Biologist did not even show up to our latest meeting because he said he couldn't comment on stuff outside 14c anyways. Vote was unanimous to draft the letter.