

ALASKA JOINT BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME
Fish and Game Advisory Committee System,
Subsistence Procedures, and Nonsubsistence Areas
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April 23, 2013 Meeting

Members Present:

Frank Neumann	Georg Jacoby	Kevin Taylor	Mike Priebe
Joel Doner	Robert Caywood	Grant Klotz	
Kevin Sparrowgrove	Bruce Morgan	Robert Peck	Mark Campbell

Members Excused:

Vince Bauldaf Sasha Ruesch Matt Rogero
Zach Stubbs Joel Wagner Jim Stubbs

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Chairman Bruce Morgan, a quorum was established of the members present. The agenda for the night's meeting was approved.

Meetings of the last meeting were approved.

Dept. Guest was Sherry Wright

There was no old business.

Guests:

Rod Arno- AOC President; he spoke to us about the AOC proposals in the Joint Boards meeting booklet.

Proposal #43- This is if a person is doing a Customary and Traditional hunt under Tier 1 or 2, you will need a harvest ticket. All Alaskans would be treated equally and all harvests would be counted.

Proposal #35- Non-subsistence would only be for non-residents and aliens.

Proposal #36- It would repeal the close proximity to the stock part of the law. This would be a housekeeping issue.

Proposal #38- It would raise the number of participants in a stock which makes the boards look at Tier 2.

Frank asked him if C & T is based on Anchorage hunters in the bowl. Rod said the Board used the data collected to differentiate between all users. Rod said that this proposal makes them accountable to all users when they have been able to throw in a rural priority based on the skewed data.

Warren Olson- he thanked us for our participation with the AC. He answered a question about who makes the decisions; he said that after the Supreme Court rules, the Recision Division of the state goes over it. He had talked to the legislator about 11 years ago about the AC's and there is about 1100 people on the AC's and he would like to have all AC members take an oath of office when elected. He asked us to read the paragraph about discrimination on the back of the Alaska Constitution. Any subsistence law passed is discrimination.

Member Joel Doner has a proposal in the upcoming game book about the bear meat salvage of brown bears taken over bait. He would like it to be from the AC. Frank motioned to adopt Joel's proposal as an AC proposal, seconded and it passed unanimously. Joel asked for comments because this is an enforcement issue. The consensus on Joel's proposal was to leave it as is.

Arne Thompson gave a report on the NPFMC report on the king salmon bycatch of the Pollack fishery.

Joel mentioned that the Kenai furbearer trapping regulations are 25 years old and very complicated and the trapping association has had it with the refuge, harassment and such from the federal managers.

The Committee then went over the Joint Board proposals from the book.

Proposal #1: Robert Peck motioned to support both #1 and #2. Seconded by Frank.

The vote was 10 in support; 0 oppose.

Proposal #3: It was motioned to take no action on this proposal, seconded and the vote was.

10- support and 0-oppose.

We skipped by #4 to #7 for now.

Proposal #8: We voted on this and the vote was. 10-support and 0 oppose.

Proposal #9: It was discussed about people having the same commitment in September or October after having been elected 3 months earlier. We voted and the vote was.



9-support and 1 oppose.

Proposal #10: Frank motioned to adopt ad it was seconded. We would like to have input on all up for election rather than just 1 person. The vote was taken. 0-support and 10-oppose.

Proposal #11: There is too many qualifications and who will establish them and choose the qualifications. The vote was taken. 0-support and 10-oppose.

Proposal #12; AC's are grassroots organizations and this would take away from that and the local community of having any say. The vote was taken. 0-support and 10-oppose.

Proposal #13: No discussion and the vote was taken. 9-support, 0-oppose and 1 abstain.

Proposal #14 This proposal would complicate things even more for elections and would not solve anything. The vote was taken. 0-support and 10-oppose

Proposal #15: This would help to clean up and clarify the language. The vote was taken. 10-support and 0-oppose.

Proposal #16: This isn't really anything different than we have now. The vote was taken. 4-support and 6-oppose.

Proposal #17: This could clarify the steps taken for disciplining members.

This goes against the grass roots of the committee so they should be allowed to discipline their members in this way. The vote was taken. 10-support and 0 oppose.

Proposal #18: We talked about take no action. The vote was taken. 10 to 0 for no action.

Proposal #19: There was no discussion. The vote was taken. 0-support and 10-oppose.

Proposal #20: Roberts Rules of Order already achieves this. The vote was taken. 0-support and 10-oppose.

Proposal #21: Know the Alaska Constitution is important and new members should be given a copy of it. The vote was taken. 1-support and 9-oppose.

Proposal #22, #23 and #24. These clean up the language and does away with the RAC language. The vote was taken. 5-support and 5 oppose.

Proposal #25: There was no discussion and the vote was taken. 9-support and 1-oppose.

Proposal #26: There was no discussion and the vote was taken. 0-support and 10 oppose.

Proposal #27: There was no discussion and the vote was taken. 10-suppport and 0-oppose.

Proposal #28: It would give the public input at critical times of Board meetings like when amendments are added or discussed. A seat at the table could be a mistake in asking questions and it could complicate things. The vote was taken. 2-support and 8-oppose.

Proposal #29: Refer to the comments on #28. The vote was taken. 4-support and 6-oppose.

Proposal #30, #31 and #32: The vote was taken. 8-suppot and 2-oppose.

Proposal #33: There was some discussion d the motion was made to table Proposal #33,#34,#35,#38,#39 and #41 until we can get the subsistence division comments on these proposals.

Proposal #37: We discussed it and the vote was taken. 9-support and 1 oppose. Next meeting will be decided later on.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

**RECEIVED****SEP 25 2013****BOARDS
ANCHORAGE****Anchorage Advisory Committees Membership,**

Bruce Morgan, Chair; Jim Stubbs, Vice Chair; Kevin Sparrowgrove, Secretary; Vince Baldauf; Mark Campbell; Robert Caywood; Joel Doner; George Jacoby; Grant Klotz; Frank Neumann; Robert Peck; Matthew Rogero; Sasha Ruesch; Zach Stubbs; Kevin Taylor; Joel Wagner, Alternate; Mike Priebe, Alternate

Members present for the April 23 2013 meeting:

***Bruce Morgan, Kevin Sparrowgrove, Joel Doner, Frank Neumann, Robert Caywood, George Jacoby, Kevin Taylor Grant Klotz Robert Peck, Mike Priebe, Mark Campbell
Disussed, and voted on all proposal's except those list on the August 27, 2013 meeting.***

Menber present for the August 27, 2013 meeting:

***Bruce Morgan, Jim Stubbs, Vince Baldauf, George Jacoby, Grant Klotz, Frank Neumann, Robert Peck, Mike Priebe, Robert Caywood
We took final action on Proposal #'s 4, 5, 6, 7, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41.***

PROPOSAL NO. 1**ACTION: 10 SUPPORT 0 OPPOSED**

DESCRIPTION: Re-designate the seats for the Seward Advisory Committee to all Undesignated seats instead of solely Seward representatives.

DISCUSSION: Support for reason stated in proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 2**ACTION: 10 SUPPORT 0 OPPOSED**

DESCRIPTION: Re-designate the seats for the Susitna Valley Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION: Supported for reason stated in proposal

PROPOSAL NO. 3**ACTION: TNA**

DESCRIPTION: Re-designate the Susitna Valley Advisory Committee.

PROPOSAL NO. 4**ACTION: TNA**

DESCRIPTION: Redistribute and increase representation from the community of Selawik from the Northern Seward Peninsula Advisory Committee to the Lower Kobuk Advisory Committee.

PROPOSAL NO. 5**ACTION: TNA**

DESCRIPTION: Establish an Advisory Committee for Mountain Village.

PROPOSAL NO. 6**ACTION: TNA**

DESCRIPTION: Establish an Advisory Committee for the Community of Bethel.

PROPOSAL NO. 7**ACTION: TNA**

DESCRIPTION: Restructure the Icy Straits Advisory Committee.



PROPOSAL NO. 8 ACTION: 10 SUPPORT 0 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Update the Regulation for Areas of Jurisdiction with the current Advisory Committees.

DISCUSSION: Supported for reason stated in proposal.

Advisory Committees Uniform Rules of Operation

PROPOSAL NO. 9 ACTION: 9 SUPPORT 1 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Change the Advisory Committee Membership Term Dates.

DISCUSSION: The committee supports this idea, with most of the discussion centered around when the election should take place. The 1 Opposed, thought that the current system is working fine.

PROPOSAL NO. 10 ACTION: 0 SUPPORT 10 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Advisory Committee Voting Process.

DISCUSSION: We discussed the current system, and all members found the system working per designed, Those that want to participate in the system, get their voices heard.

PROPOSAL NO. 11 ACTION: 0 SUPPORT 10 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Nomination Process Advisory Committees.

DISCUSSION: We thought this proposal placed to many qualifications on those who wish to join the AC process. And places an extra burden on current AC member to interview applicants.

PROPOSAL NO. 12 ACTION: 0 SUPPORT 10 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Advisory Committee Membership Nomination and Election Process.

DISCUSSION: AC's are grassroot organizations, and we felt this proposal would take away from that. The idea that if you were a professional photographer with a hunting license, then you wouldn't qualify for a seat on the AC.

PROPOSAL NO.13 ACTION: 9 SUPPORT 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Procedures for Declaring Vacancies and Noticing the Public.

DISCUSSION: Vote was taken and was supported for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 14 ACTION: 0 SUPPORT 10 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Uniform Rules of Operation to Incorporate use of Bylaws and Provide Other Clarifications.

DISCUSSION: Our Committee felt that this would only complicate things more for the elections, and would not really solve anything.

PROPOSAL NO. 15 ACTION: 10 SUPPORT 0 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Uniform Rules of Operation to Accurately Reflect the Current Procedures Followed by the Advisory Committees and Boards Support Section.

DISCUSSION: Supported the proposal for reasons stated by the Department.



PROPOSAL NO. 16 ACTION: 4 SUPPORT 6 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Establish a Standard for Advisory Committee Minutes.

DISCUSSION: After discussion on this, most felt that this is what we are currently doing, and didn't see the need for it.

PROPOSAL NO. 17 ACTION: 10 SUPPORT 0 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Procedures for Removal for Cause of Advisory Committee Members, Implementing Disciplinary Measures under Roberts Rules of Order, and Submission of Minutes.

DISCUSSION: We felt that this proposal would help clarify the steps that need to be taken when it becomes necessary to discipline or remove an A.C. Member.

PROPOSAL NO. 18 ACTION: TNA

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Definition for Removal for Cause.

Advisory Committee Membership Qualification

PROPOSAL NO. 19 ACTION: 0 SUPPORT 10 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Expand the Qualifications for Advisory Committee Officers.

DISCUSSION: Committee felt that this was an unnecessary proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 20 ACTION: 0 SUPPORT 10 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Change the Qualifications of Chairman and Modify the Removal for Cause of Advisory Committee Members.

PROPOSAL NO. 21 ACTION: 1 SUPPORT 9 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Expand the List of Qualifications for Advisory Committee Members.

DISCUSSION: A working knowledge of the State Constitution, and Statutes would be great, we wouldn't want it to become a requirement for a seat on the AC.

Advisory Committee Active Status, Function, & Staff Assistance

PROPOSAL NO. 22 ACTION: 5 SUPPORT 5 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Reduce the Number of Meetings Required for Advisory Committees to Remain in Active Status, and Clarify the Process for Merging Advisory Committees.

DISCUSSION: Split Vote

PROPOSAL NO. 23 ACTION: 5 SUPPORT 5 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the functions of Advisory Committees and add the applicable Regional Council Functions.

DISCUSSION: Split Vote

PROPOSAL NO. 24 ACTION: 5 SUPPORT 5 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Replace "Council" with "Committee" in the Regulation Assigning Staff Assistance.

DISCUSSION: Split Vote



Adoption of Fish & Game Regulations

PROPOSAL NO. 25 ACTION: 9 SUPPORT 1 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Procedure for Accepting Proposals for each Board.

DISCUSSION: We support the proposal for reasons stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 26 ACTION: 0 SUPPORT 10 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Require the Joint Board to Meet Every Year; Establish a Standing Committee of the Joint Board; and Remove the Reference to Council.

DISCUSSION: System works as it is, see no need to add another duty to the BOF, and BOG.

PROPOSAL NO. 27 ACTION: 10 SUPPORT 0 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Regulations to Reflect the Need to Schedule Meetings for the Joint Board.

DISCUSSION: Supported for reason stated in the proposal.

Advisory Committee Participation at Board Meetings

PROPOSAL NO. 28 ACTION: 2 SUPPORT 8 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation into Board Deliberations.

DISCUSSION: This proposal could give the Boards some valuable insight into local concerns, or needs, but on the other hand it could complicate the issue with too many opinions.

PROPOSAL NO. 29 ACTION: 4 SUPPORT 5 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAIN

DESCRIPTION: Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation in Board Deliberations.

DISCUSSION: Same discussion as proposal #28.

Regional Councils

PROPOSAL NO. 30 ACTION: 8 SUPPORT 2 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Remove the Definition for "Council" from Regulation.

DISCUSSION: No objections to eliminating the language. The 2 opposed votes thought that the current language wasn't hurting anything as is.

PROPOSAL NO. 31 ACTION: 8 SUPPORT 2 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Repeal the Regional Council Regulations.

DISCUSSION: Same comments as proposal #30.

PROPOSAL NO. 32 ACTION: 8 SUPPORT 2 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Repeal the Regional Council Regulations and Incorporate the Functions into the Advisory Committee Regulations.

DISCUSSION: Same comments as proposal #30

Subsistence Uses & Procedures



PROPOSAL NO. 33 ACTION: 2 SUPPORT 0 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Process for Determining Amount Necessary for Subsistence Finding.

DISCUSSION: Our Committee concluded that good data is Valuable. Technology to communicate is available to all user groups. Therefore reporting harvest data under the same criteria should be a requirement. With all the modern modes of communication available to everyone in the state, via the phone, internet, and mail, WHY wouldn't the reporting be the same for ALL Alaskans?

PROPOSAL NO. 34 ACTION: 2 SUPPORT 0 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Subsistence Procedures for Determining Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence Uses.

DISCUSSION: Refer to comments on Proposal #33

PROPOSAL NO. 35 ACTION: 2 SUPPORT 0 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Create a Definition for Nonsubsistence Harvest.

DISCUSSION: Support for reason stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 36 ACTION: 2 SUPPORT 0 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Delete the Reference to Proximity of the User's Domicile to the Stock or Population.

DISCUSSION: Support for reason stated in the proposal. The State Supreme Court has ruled that this as Unconstitutional back in 1989, Needs to be repealed.

PROPOSAL NO. 37 ACTION: 2 SUPPORT 1 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Add a Statewide Definition of "Noncommercial" as it Applies to Barter.

DISCUSSION: Supported for reasons stated in the proposal.

Nonsubsistence Areas

PROPOSAL NO. 38 ACTION: 2 SUPPORT 0 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Repeal the State Nonsubsistence Areas.

DISCUSSION: Supported for reason stated in the proposal. Our Committee would like to see the Boards of Fish, and Game , comply with the State Constitutional in all areas it has the authority to do so. This practice of Rural area over Urban area priority has been Ruled as unconstitutional already. Our AC is representing as 2012, 68,116 Alaska Residents that purchased hunting and fishing licenses,who would like to be treated equal, counted equally, and not discriminated against because of where they live.

PROPOSAL NO. 39 ACTION: 2 SUPPORT 0 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Reduce the size of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence area.

DISCUSSION: supported for reason stated in the proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 40 ACTION: 2 SUPPPORT 0 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Create the Kodiak Nonsubsistence area



DISCUSSION: Supported for reasons stated in the proposal. The Board needs to visit this issue, as the population has grown and developed, the area now has access to goods and services like any other community has.

PROPOSAL NO. 41 ACTION: 9 SUPPORT 0 OPPOSED

DESCRIPTION: Create the Bethel Nonsubsistence area.

DISCUSSION: Supported for reasons stated in the proposal. The Board needs to visit this issue, as the population's have grown, and developed, the area now has access to goods, and services like any other community has.



Delta Advisory Committee vote on Joint Board Proposals for 2013

*Meeting conducted Wednesday, April 17, 2013 in Delta Junction City Hall
Office Building*

Local proposal, Richard Barth- Proposal to change DM795 to a wounded warrior type hunt to include severely wounded veterans and also be able to hunt on Fort Greely post lands. This would change 50% disabled vet tags to 100% and or purple heart recipients.

Vote 7 in favor, unanimous

Local proposal, Al Barrott- Trapping of black bears in foot hold snares in region 3, discretionary permit for trapping bears.

Vote 4 in favor, 1 opposed and 2 abstain

Local proposal Don Quarberg- Special ATV/ORV use proposal. Proposal to give BOG authority to monitor impacts of ATV use.

Vote 4 in favor, 3 oppose

Proposal #11- No benefit for small ACs/ areas.

Vote 0 in favor 7 opposed

Proposal #12- Impossible for small communities. BOG not non consumptive

Vote, 0 in favor, 7 opposed

Proposal #33- Passed 5 in favor 2 abstain



Fairbanks Advisory Committee Preliminary Meeting Minutes

May 8th, 2013

Alpine Lodge, Fairbanks

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm

Roll Call

Present:

Absent: Bob Malone

Excused: Ray Heuer, Mike Kramer

Present: Skip Olsen, Lee Hazen, Andrew Glasgow, Virgil Umphenour, Bill Larry, Tom Lamal, Emma Lee Grennan, Al Barrette, Debra Waugaman Curnow, Vince Holton, Larry Dalrymple, Mark Albert

Guests: Tom Taube ADFG, Reed Morisky, Nate Turner, Kevin Colson, Jim Samson

Chair Comments

Outdoor Council had a meeting recently, V. Umphenour went to the seminar the first day. A. Barrett received the Membership Conservation Award. Teleconference meeting on how salmon fisheries to be managed this year, grim outlook, subsistence harvest had to be reduced by 75%. Will start a window cycle end of May, closure to allow the first and second pass through.

Subcommittee Chair Reports

Trap-No comments

Game-No comments

Fish-No comments

Public Concerns

None

Approval of Minutes

To be approved in October

Joint Board Proposals

Proposal 9- Change the Advisory Committee Membership Term Dates.

Member/author noted that the idea was to have the term cycles match the BOF/BOG.

Unanimous approval

Proposal 10- Clarify the Advisory Committee Voting Process.



AC believes that it will only make problems worse in elections, and is likely to backfire.

Unanimous oppose

Proposal 11- Modify the Nomination Process Advisory Committees.

Some members of AC see it as undemocratic. Members felt that it is not the ACs call to see if someone qualified to run.

Unanimous oppose

Proposal 12- Modify the Advisory Committee Membership Nomination and Election Process.

Member noted that the concept is sound but execution very difficult, that the Commissioner currently don't have the authority to appoint anyone, that wildlife viewers are non-consumptive, and also noted that there was inconsistent wording.

Unanimous opposed

Prop 13- Clarify the Procedures for Declaring Vacancies and Noticing the Public.

Unanimous approval

Prop 14- Modify the Uniform Rules of Operation to Incorporate use of Bylaws and Provide Other Clarifications

Some members do not see the need for this proposal.

Support; Seven in favor, five opposed.

Prop 15- Clarify the Uniform Rules of Operation to Accurately Reflect the Current Procedures Followed by the Advisory Committees and Boards Support Section

Some members noted that this proposal is very similar to Prop 9.

Unanimous support.

Prop 16- To establish a standard for AC minutes

Member noted that the author had said that the intent was merely to get discussion about it on the table.

Unanimous support.

Prop 17- Clarify the Procedures for Removal for Cause of Advisory Committee Members, Implementing Disciplinary Measures under Roberts Rules of Order, and Submission of Minutes
Lots of discussion. AC noted that the wording is poorly defined insofar as the disciplinary action goes, as it stands the AC doesn't have a say in member removal, this would give them a say. The AC amended the proposal to remove section 2 in its entirety after discussion to change specific wording and finding no consensus.

Unanimous support as amended

Prop 18- Modify the Definition for Removal for Cause.

Members noted that the AC is only to advise, not obligated to uphold the constitution, while others argues that the very role we play as an advisory committee for BOF/BOG we need to



uphold the constitution, as BOF/BOG are required to uphold it as well, would be counterintuitive to advise them to go against the constitution. Proposal was amended to remove section 5
Amendment passed: 11 support, 2 oppose

Amended proposal unanimously opposed

Prop 19- Expand the Qualifications for Advisory Committee Officers

Members questioned wording, and who is to decide what qualifies as a higher knowledge, why should qualifications be harsher for committee than for legislators.

Unanimous opposed

Prop 20- Change the Qualifications of Chairman and Modify the Removal for Cause of Advisory Committee Members

Little discussion, members united in opposition

Unanimous opposed

Prop 21- Expand the List of Qualifications for Advisory Committee Members

Members comment that “demonstrate knowledge” wording too hard to measure, how to measure knowledge?

Unanimous opposed

Prop 22- Reduce the Number of Meetings Required for Advisory Committees to Remain in Active Status, and Clarify the Process for Merging Advisory Committees

Members noted that some ACs only have the budget for a single meeting due to expensive travel costs,

Others noted that one meeting is not enough, and that is something that the legislature needs to deal with funding as that would be a better solution, and that there is plenty of opportunity to teleconference.

Amendment made to only approve (d) which would merge a AC only if the AC did not object to the merger

Amendment unanimously supported

Unanimously supported as amended

Prop 23- : Clarify the functions of Advisory Committees and add the applicable Regional Council Functions.

Members felt that there is too much trying to happen in a single proposal, and that this proposal only outlines what larger ACs like ours do, and that some of the smaller ones may have issues with.

Unanimous take no action.

Prop 24- Replace “Council” with “Committee” in the Regulation

Member noted that it should be board members running working groups, not staff as they are only there to assist.

Unanimous support

Proposal 25- Clarify the Procedure for Accepting Proposals for each Board.



AC members comments ranged from concern that there be some discretion for allowing ‘late’ proposals, to noting that the current system has too much room for unfairness and that a deadline is a deadline.

Support; 2 opposed, 9 in support.

Proposal 26- Require the Joint Board to Meet Every Year; Establish a Standing Committee of the Joint Board; and Remove the Reference to Council

Little discussion; member suggested the AC take no action, let boards discuss on their own.

Opposed; 3 in favor, 8 opposed.

Prop 27- Modify the Regulations to Reflect the Need to Schedule Meetings for the Joint Board.

Members commented that this only makes what the joint board is already doing “legal”, and that they only meet as needed. One member clarified that the subcommittee does meet yearly.

Opposed; 2 in favor, 9 opposed.

Proposal 28 & 29- Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation into Board Deliberations

Little discussion

Unanimous support

Proposal 30 & 32- Remove the Definition for “Council” from Regulation

Little Discussion

Unanimous support

Proposal 32- Repeal the Regional Council Regulations and Incorporate the Functions into the Advisory Committee Regulations

Little Discussion

Unanimous support

Proposal 33- Modify the Process for Determining Amount Necessary for Subsistence Finding
Members noted that this proposal is looking to give consistency in how to determine ANS and accountability.

Unanimous support

Proposal 34- Modify the Subsistence Procedures for Determining Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence Uses.

Member suggests supporting it as it is similar to Proposal 33, more information for the boards to talk about.

Unanimous support

Proposal 35- Create a Definition for Nonsubsistence Harvest

Little discussion

10 in favor, 1 abstain

Proposal 36- Delete the Reference to Proximity of the User’s Domicile to the Stock or Population

Little discussion



Unanimous support

Proposal 37- Add a Statewide Definition of “Noncommercial” as it Applies to Barter

Little discussion

Unanimous opposed

Proposal 38- Repeal the State Nonsubsistence Areas

AC noted that the process of defining a positive or negative C and T already exists, thus State Nonsubsistence Areas are not needed.

Unanimous support

Proposal 39- Reduce the size of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence area

Unanimous support

Proposal 40- Create the Kodiak Nonsubsistence area

The growth of the state should be reflected in nonsubsistence area.

Unanimous support

Prop 41- Create the Bethel Nonsubsistence area

Support; 10 in favor, 1 oppose

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm



Grayling Anvik Shageluk Holy Cross

Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

April 23, 2013-Teleconference

Draft

Quorum established

Ken Chase, Cliff Hickson- Anvik; Arnold Hamilton, Roger Hamilton-Shageluk; Kathy Chase- Holy Cross; Bruce Werba- Undesignated

Guests introduced

Orville Huntington- TCC; John Burr, Jeff Estensen, Eric Newland, Caroline Brown, Nissa Pilcher; Seth Wilson, Tom Seaton, Josh Peirce, Rita St Louis- ADFG; Kevin Siwicki, UAF Grad Student, Bo Sloan, Jerry Hill, Gerald Maschmann- FWS

Call to order at 1:15 pm

Agenda additions

Chair report- bear populations. Change regulations on how they are taken.

Approval of minutes

Motion to wave meeting minute approval to next face to face meeting approved

Arctic Lamprey Concerns -Kevin Siwicki

Kevin first noted that he is a graduate student at the UA, and he is not working with or funded by the Department. He explained that a lot of things that we know about the lampreys is based on work done by Caroline Brown. Similar life stages to salmon, generally spend 3-4 years as larvae in rivers as filter feeders, then transition into parasitic fish, spend 2-3 years in the ocean. Life cycle is approximately 8 year life cycle. Genetically there are two species, Alaska brook lamprey are genetically the same, but they do not migrate to the ocean. Work on that species is being done by other folks, but I am working on only the migrating species which is the one you are interested in. There is a lot of complexity to this species. Japanese commercial fishery has a long term history. They have seen recent declines in their fishery, with no specifics on why. Kevin noted that he was happy to see the concern exists by the AC, but noted that there is not a lot of work done on the species to show that there are concerns with this fishery. There is a trawl survey done every year since 2003, and we can get rough abundance estimates from these surveys. Arctic Lamprey stay close to the rivers they come out of near when they start migrating back home. The take home message is while a lot of unknowns, there are a couple studies being started up with the arctic lamprey. F&G has taken good steps to set a limit which are not in place in Japan.

Questions for Kevin included Japanese fishing methods, other lamprey population concerns in other areas- Canada/continental US, arctic vs pacific Lamprey, out-migration timing,

Yukon River Summer Season Update- Eric Newland

Questions to Newland: Pollock fishery bycatch concern; Pollock are not a renewable resource, Hatchery raised salmon vs wild stock



Joint Board Comments

AC membership and Areas of Jurisdiction

Proposals 1-8

These proposals don't deal with us, so we do not feel that we should take any action on them

Take No action

Uniform Rules of Operation; Membership Qualification; AC Committee Status, Function and Staff Assistance

Proposals 9-24

Status Quo is working just fine as it is for us, so we would not like to see anything change at this time.

No Support

Advisory Committee Participation at Board Meetings

Proposal 28-29

While this seems like a great idea, the practicality of it just wouldn't work

Take No action

Subsistence Uses and Procedures

Proposal 33-34; Modify the Process for Determining Amount Necessary for Subsistence Finding

While the GASH AC feels that proper reporting is very very important, the impact of the passing of either of these proposals down the road could be felt in ways we do not understand right now- Example: if you had to work instead of being able to fish, then those fish you actually needed but didn't get would not be backed up on paper. This would limit the ability of Subsistence Division to do an activity that they are already able to do.

No Support

Proposal 35; Create a Definition for Nonsubsistence Harvest

Nonresident harvest is already designated as nonsubsistence hunters since every resident of Alaska has the ability to harvest. The AC is unsure what change the author is interested in making.

Take No Action

Proposal 37; Add a Statewide Definition of "Noncommercial" as it Applies to Barter

The AC is concerned with this proposal and the potential implications. Kathy and Arnold will work with Nissa and Caroline about substitute language on barter to submit to the Joint Board.

Support as Amended

Proposal 38; Repeal the State Nonsubsistence Areas.

There is concern that someone who moves from a rural location into a urban area will not have the same abilities to follow their culture of hunting and gathering, but ultimately the AC does not believe that this is a good idea.

No Support

Proposal 40; Create the Kodiak Nonsubsistence area

and 41; Create the Bethel Nonsubsistence area



Normally we would say that this is not our area and we will let the folks of those areas weigh in, but in this case the creation of the Bethel NSA could potentially involve us and our resources. We are pretty sure that both communities will not want this to happen so we would like to lend our support to them by not supporting either of these proposals.

No Support

Ken Chase was elected to attend the October meeting

Action Item

Draft a letter to Randy Rogers family expressing our sorrow at this difficult time. It is a sad day today to learn of his passing.

Comments from members

Bo Sloan (FWS) was good manager and good listener and helped a lot with the refuge. He will be missed and we hope we get another manager as good as him.

Kathy noted a dandy Facebook picture from the winter pike fishery with a lot of pike removed from this area since the folks in the picture weren't from here. Bruce noted that he had seen similar ones. John Burr noted that the two proposals on pike that GASH submitted to the BOF for the 2013 AYK meeting were not passed primarily due to not being able to make the argument that this is a conservation concern. The AC expressed concern over the fishery and the potential long term impacts to the overall pike population.

Agenda Addition

Ken addressed concern over predator populations and current take, specifically bear, but felt that this meeting had gone long enough and he would bring it up at the next face to face meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 pm



**Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Minutes for 5/14/2013 Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm. at the NERRS building.

Members Present: Michael Craig, Tom Hagberg, Dave Lyon, Lee Martin, George Matz, Marvin Peters, Gary Sinnhuber, Dennis Wade, Jim Meesis, Gus Van Dyke

Members Not Present: Ty Gates, Joey Allred, David Bayes, Pete Wedin, , Tom Young .

Public Present: A. Herdees, Louie Flora, Representative Paul Seaton, Don Lane, Tom Gilmartin, Nancy Hillstrand.

Agency Staff Present: Jan Rumble (ADF&G).

Representative Paul Seaton and his staff Louie Flora attended the meeting to discuss opening access in state waters for a Weathervane Scallops fishery. Considerable detail on this issue was recently sent to AC members by Sherry Wright of ADF&G, so will not be repeated.

Don Lane, a local fisherman, would like to participate in this fishery next year. But for this to happen, the Board of Fisheries needs adopt a fisheries Management plan for Weathervane Scallop at its October 2013 meeting in Girdwood which first needs an Agenda Change Request to put this issue on the agenda. Don had just submitted an ACR and asked for our support.

Marvin Peters moved that the Homer AC support Lane's ACR, which was seconded by Michael Craig. It was unanimously approved.

We also reviewed the proposals in the **Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game** booklet.

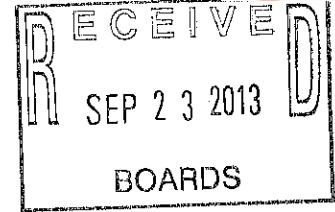
The only one we decided to address was proposal #12. Tom Hagberg moved to adopt which was seconded by Marvin Peters. After some discussion, the vote was Yeas 0 and Nays 12. Some of the reasons stated were that the proposal covered several issues and there was disagreement with having selection to the AC's by the Commissioner of ADF&G rather than by local vote. There was support however for limiting AC positions to residents of the community served by the AC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20.

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September 19th, 2013

To: The Members of the Alaska Boards of Fish and Game.

You have before your boards a proposal (PROPOSAL 7: 5AAC 96.021) to restructure the Icy Strait Advisory Committee. The proposal was submitted by Craig Murdoch, a member of our committee residing in Gustavus.

As members of the committee living in Hoonah we recommend that you adopt this proposal and allow for a restructuring of this committee into two separate committees that are better able to address the issues relevant to the locales being served. Though separated by a short distance physically, the perspectives we bring to the issues and the issues of principle importance to our communities are quite different.

The committee, as structured, is neither convenient nor functional. Having to recruit, retain and inform committee members across Icy Strait primarily by electronic means has proven ineffective.

We respectfully request that the boards allow for the restructuring of this committee in a manner to be determined by the Department of Fish and Game so that it can best serve the needs of our local area.

Thank you in advance for your valuable time and service to us as members of these boards.

Sincerely,

Shawn McConnell: Icy Strait Advisory Committee Chair: Shawn McConnell

John Murray: Icy Strait Advisory Committee Member: John Murray

Robert Barton: Icy Strait Advisory Committee Member: Robert C. Barton

Don Bolton: Icy Strait Advisory Committee Member: Don Bolton

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~~William~~ Miller: Icy Strait Advisory Committee Member: Billy Joe Miller



Juneau Douglas Advisory Committee
September 23, 2013
6:00 PM
UAS Campus, Egan Room 219

Members Present: Mike Peterson, Mike Bethers, Jason Kohlhase, Ed Buyarski, Richard Yamada, Chris Miller, Jessie Ross, Thatcher Brouwer, Henry Webb, Chris Conder, Kevin Maier

Guest Present: Kevin Maier and three other members of the public.

Fish and Game Staff Present: Lauren Sill (Subsistence), Frances Leach (Boards Support)

Summary of Proposals						
	Proposal Number	Carries or Fails	Support	Do Not Support	Abstained	Comments/Discussion
Joint	38	Fails	0	9	2	
Joint	33	Fails	0	11	0	
Joint	17	Passed	11	0	0	
Joint	15	Passed as Amended	11	0	0	Carries as amended- Amended as follows: Change section 5 (term dates) to January 1-December 31.
Joint	11	Fails	0	11	0	
Joint	19	Fails	0	11	0	
Joint	28	Fails	1	8	2	
Joint	23	Fails	5	5	1	

Minutes Approved By: Mike Peterson - Chair
Method of Approval: email approval
Date: 9-25-2013



Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game
October 12 – 16, 2013 Meeting
Comment on Proposals from Kotzebue Sound Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Draft excerpt of minutes taken from the March 21st, 2013 Meeting in Kotzebue

Proposal Action Requested

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Advisory Committees Uniform Rules of Operation

PROPOSAL NO. 9

ACTION: **Opposed**

DESCRIPTION: Change the Advisory Committee Membership Term Dates.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 10

ACTION: **Opposed**

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Advisory Committee Voting Process.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 11

ACTION: **Opposed**

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Nomination Process Advisory Committees.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 12

ACTION: **Opposed**

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Advisory Committee Membership Nomination and Election Process.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 13

ACTION: **Opposed**

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Procedures for Declaring Vacancies and Noticing the Public.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 14

ACTION: **Opposed**

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Uniform Rules of Operation to Incorporate use of Bylaws and

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Provide Other Clarifications.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 15

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Uniform Rules of Operation to Accurately Reflect the Current Procedures Followed by the Advisory Committees and Boards Support Section.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 16

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Establish a Standard for Advisory Committee Minutes.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 17

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Procedures for Removal for Cause of Advisory Committee Members, Implementing Disciplinary Measures under Roberts Rules of Order, and Submission of Minutes.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 18

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Definition for Removal for Cause.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

Advisory Committee Membership Qualification

PROPOSAL NO. 19

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Expand the Qualifications for Advisory Committee Officers.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 20

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Change the Qualifications of Chairman and Modify the Removal for Cause of Advisory Committee Members.

AMENDMENT:

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DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 21

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Expand the List of Qualifications for Advisory Committee Members.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

Advisory Committee Active Status, Function, & Staff Assistance

PROPOSAL NO. 22

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Reduce the Number of Meetings Required for Advisory Committees to Remain in Active Status, and Clarify the Process for Merging Advisory Committees.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 23

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the functions of Advisory Committees and add the applicable Regional Council Functions.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 24

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Replace “Council” with “Committee” in the Regulation Assigning Staff Assistance.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

Adoption of Fish & Game Regulations

PROPOSAL NO. 25

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Procedure for Accepting Proposals for each Board.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 26

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Require the Joint Board to Meet Every Year; Establish a Standing Committee

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of the Joint Board; and Remove the Reference to Council.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 27

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Regulations to Reflect the Need to Schedule Meetings for the Joint Board.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

Advisory Committee Participation at Board Meetings

PROPOSAL NO. 28

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation into Board Deliberations.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 29

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation in Board Deliberations.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

Regional Councils

PROPOSAL NO. 30

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Remove the Definition for “Council” from Regulation.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 31

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Repeal the Regional Council Regulations.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

PROPOSAL NO. 32

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Repeal the Regional Council Regulations and Incorporate the Functions into the Advisory Committee Regulations.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

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Object to changes to the AC process and we are satisfied with the operations of ACs for the Kotzebue Sound AC.

Subsistence Uses & Procedures

PROPOSAL NO. 33

ACTION: Oppose

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Process for Determining Amount Necessary for Subsistence Finding.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

We object because harvest reporting is not an accurate reflection of the need for subsistence in the villages. Not only does it subject the entire village to lack of reporting by individuals, but the annual harvest reflects opportunity and environmental conditions more than need. The reporting is up to each individual and it is unfair if individuals decide not to report then it has a negative impact on harvest opportunity.

PROPOSAL NO. 34

ACTION: Oppose

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Subsistence Procedures for Determining Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence Uses.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

We object because harvest reporting is not an accurate reflection of the need for subsistence in the villages. Not only does it subject the entire village to lack of reporting by individuals, but the annual harvest reflects opportunity and environmental conditions more than need. The reporting is up to each individual and it is unfair if individuals decide not to report then it has a negative impact on harvest opportunity.



Koyukuk River Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting- Allakaket Tribal Hall Meeting Minutes- excerpt & draft

Full meeting minutes available on request

Meeting called to order at 1:35 pm

Quorum established- Shawn Huffman & Darrel Vent, Huslia; Wilmer Beetus & Marcus Ambrose, Hughes; Harding Sam, Alatna; Debbie Nictune, Bettles; Warner Bergman, Harold David Sr Allakaket.

Agenda approved, no additions

Meeting minutes from February 16, 2013 approved

Introductions of guests: Dennis Ned, P.J. Simon, Maurice Saunders, Donald Bergman, Steven Melvin, David James, Katie David, Linda Bergman, Delores Saunders and grandson Isaiah, Else Bergman, Vanessa Edwards, Calvin Jackson, Steven Strasberg came in- good hunter; Kathrin Hensey, Vicky Ned, and other people from Allakaket came and went; Nissa Pilcher, ADFG

Joint Board Proposals

Proposals 10-21

These proposals deal with Advisory Committee uniform rules of operation and Advisory Committee membership qualifications. This AC believes that most of these proposals were written to solve issues with one or two ACs that by far most of the rest of the Advisory Committees don't have the same issues. The Koyukuk River AC functions just fine at this time, and adding what we believe is unnecessary rules and restrictions make it more difficult to do what we are tasked with, and we would find implementing these procures cumbersome and distracting. This AC believes that the issues addressed in these proposals would be best addressed by each individual AC in their bylaws. **We unanimously do not support these proposals.**

Proposal 28- Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation into Board Deliberations

The Koyukuk River AC noted that passing this proposal would give the AC a seat at the table when proposals that affect our area get addressed. Sometimes we find out about things after it is too late, and this would help us be more informed. **Unanimous support**

Proposal 29- Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation into Board Deliberations

We support proposal 28

Proposal 33- Modify the Process for Determining Amount Necessary for Subsistence Finding

The KRAC noted that King harvest has been repressed lately, so if you take our king harvest for the last five years it won't adequately represent the amount of fish we actually need. The same can easily be said for moose. This AC does not recall the Department having an issue in figuring out what our communities need with the current system.



Unanimously not supported

Proposal 34- Modify the Subsistence Procedures for Determining Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence Uses

The AC questioned who the author is and strongly believed that the organization does not have the best interest of the communities that make up the KRAC in mind while submitting this proposal.

Unanimously not supported.

Proposal 35- Create a Definition for Nonsubsistence Harvest

The authors intent is not clear to us, and while his does not affect what we are and what we do in our lives, we won't support it at this time since it is creating unnecessary regulations.

Unanimously not supported

Proposal 36- Delete the reference to Proximity of the User's Domicile to the Stock or Population

The Koyukuk River AC would like to go on the record stating that we like the federal systems ability to do this since, but since this specific proposal does not affect us directly we will **not take any action** on it.

Proposal 37- Add a Statewide Definition of "Noncommercial" as it Applies to Barter

The AC had concerns. Members noted that in times where elders working hard only got three kings after fishing all summer, they could go to large gatherings and could easily find king strips for sale, which is disheartening since that means that people were harvesting more then they needed leaving less in the river for other people. By passing this proposal it would make it easier for the wildlife troopers to prosecute those folks who are taking more then they need. At the same time the members noted that they have always bartered and the money system was not something that our people were born into, it was brought to us, and some of these people are doing what they can to survive.

Unanimous Take No Action

Proposal 38- Repeal the State Nonsubsistence Areas

We do not support this proposal because we support rural subsistence priority.

Unanimously not supported

Proposal 39- Reduce the size of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence area

This proposal doesn't have anything to do with us. We are concerned with the contents of the proposal, but we defer to the rural ACs that are being affected by it.

Take no action

Proposals 40 and 41- Create the Kodiak/Bethel Nonsubsistence area

If the heard from subsistence users in Kodiak and Bethel saying it was important issue to them, we support them in their decisions on these proposals. This does not affect us directly.

Take no action

The AC chooses Jack Reakoff to attend the October Joint Board Meeting, with Darrel Vent being the alternate if Jack cannot attend.

Next meeting Scheduled
October 8, 2013 in Evensville.



LOWER YUKON ADVISORY COMMITTEE

State of Alaska Department of Fish & Game Joint Board of Fish and Game Proposals Discussion and Voting

September 16th, 2013, 6:17PM

Teleconference: 1-800-504-8071 Access Code: 5432709#

Meeting Minutes

- I. **INVOCATION:**
- II. **CALL TO ORDER (6:17PM):** Chairman Raymond Oney
- III. **ROLL CALL 8 present /QUORUM ESTABLISHED: (YES / NO)**

<i>Names:</i>	<i>Villages:</i>
Raymond Oney	Alakanuk
William "Bill" Alstrom	Andreafski
Michael Jimmy	Emmonak
Eric Olsen	Hooper Bay
Marvin Okitkun	Kotlik
Andrew Tony	Marshall
Paul J. Beans	Mountain Village
Edward Joseph Adams, Sr.	Nunam Iqua
Evan K. Polty	Pilot Station
John Riley	Pitkas Point
Peter Tyson	St. Marys
Stanley John Peters	Russian Mission
Clifford A. Karanak, Sr.	Scammon Bay

- IV. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS & STAFF:**
Alissa Joseph, ADF&G Board Support Section, Western and South Western Regional Coordinator
- V. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: March 15th, 2013 (Tabled)**
APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion- Clifford Karanak 2nd - Peter Tyson, Unanimous
a. Next face to face

- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
a) Joint Board Proposals Comment Due Date: September 25th, 2013

Advisory Committees Membership & Areas of Jurisdiction

PROPOSAL 5- 5 AAC.96.021. Establish of Advisory Committees. (Mountain Village)

Paul J. Beans, Mountain Village (Introduced the Mountain Village Proposal)- Back in 2007, Mountain Village formed a working group. We have been traveling to Board of Fish & Game, North Pacific Management Council and so on. Back in 2007 we met in Mountain Village with Sherry Wright, where we talked about forming an AC for Mountain Village. Since, we were already a working group Sherry addressed the people and the committee that we can form an AC for Mountain Village. We meet every so often and the same people do come to those meeting regularly and we always have quorum. I'm glad that this is going to be



coming up in Anchorage after waiting. We are going to be sending people, depending on funding from the tribes and corporations to the Joint Board of Fish & Game meeting in Anchorage. We were told that LYAC has just one vote in representing 13 villages. If we form another AC with Mountain Village, we will have another voice of recommendation for the Lower Yukon, since we are such a vast area. We met on Friday to ask the identities in Mountain Village and Village Corporations for 5-6 people to travel to Anchorage in of support the proposal and work on that proposal we submitted. In a nut shell that is it.

Discussion:

Chairman Raymond Oney, Alakanuk- Do we have any questions for Paul?

William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski- Mr. Chairman I put in a Motion for Support this proposal

Question:

Motion to **SUPPORT**- Bill Alstrom, Andreafski

2nd- Clifford Karanak, Scammon Bay

Passed Unanimously

PROPOSAL 6- 5 AAC 96.021. Establishment of Advisory Committee. (Bethel)

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposal as written)

Discussion:

William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski- We did have a teleconference this afternoon and we are concerned about the population growing for one of the largest villages (Bethel) that should be taken up as referral. Many people that live there do heavily rely on subsistence still. We see Bethel being a large population, but I can see them asking for their own vote. They probably get all the expertise when it comes to their one vote from the entire biologist, working groups, and other organizations.

Chairman Raymond Oney, Alakanuk- In favor of number proposal number 6, I was listening to the teleconference this afternoon that was based on the rule that they were using. It was something to consider in the long run that they will be looking at during the meeting in October. What shall we do with proposal number 6?

John Riley, Pitkas Point- What happens if we table it? They got their own things going on over there with their boards and it sounds like the way they understand it will be in October, during the 1st week.

William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski- Mr. Chair, can I suggest that we...

Peter Tyson, St. Mary's- October 2nd is the meeting. Isn't that for the meeting to determine whether we would be considered a non-subsistence area or herring? It seemed like that meeting was to determine the subsistence and non-subsistence area.

Chairman Raymond Oney, Alakanuk- I know from listening to the meetings and radio. There are a number of people that are asking to increase the population level from 7,000 to 12,000. Right now, they are just getting comments on what to do now and comments on what they use to determine rural determination.

Stanley Peters, Russian Mission- Maybe we should table it, I feel that they got their working groups there and they are pretty effective there in their area management. I kind of want to table it, because all those 12-13 villages would have a lot to say about this forming another committee. They already have a working group over there and I don't know if they include those other 12 villages. We don't know what is being addressed with status quo.

Chairman Raymond Oney, Alakanuk- Thanks Stan, anymore comments for proposal 6?

John Riley, Pitkas Point- Chairman this proposal is still like proposal number 5, but just all related to Bethel.

William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski- I'm in agreement with John and Stan to (table) this proposal.

Paul Beans, Mountain Village- I'm for tabling this proposal.

Michael Jimmy, Emmonak- I'm for tabling it.

Clifford Karanak, Scammon Bay- I'm tabling it.

Peter Tyson, St. Mary's- Table it.

Chairman Raymond Oney, Alakanuk- Sounds like everyone wants to table it.

Question:



Motion to **TABLED** proposal 6- Stanley Peters, Russian Mission

2nd- John Riley, Pitkas Point

Tabled Unanimously

PROPOSAL 8: Areas of Jurisdiction for Advisory Committees. (LOWER YUKON)

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposal as written)

Discussion:

Michael Jimmy, Emmonak- I've been fishing and hunting from Emmonak my whole life, I may have lived in Bethel for a few years to find work, but I'm from Emmonak and this is my home town. For as long as I can remember there are people, who have a lot of people that come from all over the world to come fish in the Yukon. There are even people that come from upper Yukon villages and even people from the Fairbanks area. They have a lot of guides, people who commercial fish and subsistence fish and even more guiding. I would probably go ahead to accept for Emergency Closures to keep our subsistence way of life Fishing and hunting for the future.

Stanley Peters, Russian Mission- I've talked with people from around this area and also people from Aniak. There are people that fly from that area and go hunting up here for antlers and trophy kills. But, we don't ever see any of that meat come through the villages of this area. It's really frustrating to know that they can go and take meat from this area and distribute it elsewhere. Why can't they bring the meat over here and cut it up right on our runway, like they do over there in Aniak area. Right on the runway or tar mat, its non-sense that they can't come and do it on our runway.

Question:

Motion to **Support**- Stan Peters, Russian Mission

2nd- Bill Alstrom, Andreafski

Passed Unanimously

Advisory Committee Uniform Rules of Operation

Proposal 9: Change the Advisory Committee Membership Term Dates.

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposal as written)

Discussion:

William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski- These proposal are to change the way we do our meetings, I'm suggesting to go through these in blocks than going through them one-by-one. They are wanting to change the way we are operating.

Question:

Motion to **Support**- Clifford Karanak, Scammon Bay

2nd- Michael Jimmy, Emmonak

Passed Unanimously

Proposal 10: Clarify the Advisory Committee Voting Process.

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposal as written)

Discussion:

Stanley Peters, Russian Mission- I don't like what is written: "WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE?"

Paul Beans, Mountain- We oppose as well.

John Riley, Pitkas Point- When we first started the Lower Yukon Advisory Committee, we were asked by the council to seat the representatives. This is supposed to be coming from the village it represents and I don't understand why we should change this.

Question:

Motion to **Oppose**- William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski

2nd- Clifford Karanak, Scammon Bay

Opposed Unanimously



Proposal 11: Modify the Nomination Process Advisory Committees.

Stan Peters, Russian Mission- This proposal really would hinder those people who live in the village and have a subsistence lifestyle. I'm not going back to school to become a biologist, just to sit on an Advisory Committee.

John Riley, Pitkas Point- I'm not agreeing with this proposal, I've been with this AC since it started and this is all volunteering. We don't get paid for this. I've asked the councilman to take this place (be replaced), but no one wanted to take my place. No one wants to take my place, because there is no money in this. So far, we have been sitting here on the phone over a teleconference meeting for 1 hour 20 minutes and we don't get paid.

Question:

Motion to **Oppose**: Stan Peters, Russian Mission

2nd- William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski

Opposed Unanimously

Oppose: Proposals 12, 13, and 14.

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposals as written)

Discussion/Question: *(No discussion was brought forward for the following proposals)*

(12)- Motion to **Oppose**: Stan Peters, Russian Mission, 2nd- William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski, Unanimous

(13)-Motion to **Oppose**: William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski, 2nd- Scammon, Unanimous

(14)-Motion to **Oppose**: Clifford Karanak, Scammon Bay, 2nd- Stan Peters, Russian Mission, Unanimous

Support: Proposal 15, 16, 17, and 18.

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposals as written)

Discussion/Question: *(No discussion was brought forward for the following proposals)*

(15)-Motion to **Support**- William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski 2nd- Michael, Unanimous

(16)-Motion to **Support**- William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski 2nd- Paul Beans, Mountain Village, Unanimous

(17)-Motion to **Support**- Clifford Karanak, Scammon Bay 2nd- Michael Jimmy, Emmonak, Unanimous

(18)-Motion to **Support**- William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski 2nd- John Riley, Pitkas Point, Unanimous

Advisory Committee Membership Qualification

Proposal 19: Expand the Qualifications for Advisory Committee Officers.

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposal as written)

Discussion:

John Riley, Pitkas Point- The AC should know who they are voting for and who they have on their AC

Question:

Motion to **Oppose**- William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski

2nd- Clifford Karanak, Scammon

Opposed Unanimously

Oppose: Proposal 20 and 21.

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposals as written)

Discussion/Question: *(No discussion was brought forward for the following proposals)*

(20)- Motion to **Oppose**- William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski 2nd- Stan Peters, Russian Mission, Unanimous

(21)- Motion to **Oppose**- William "Bill" 2nd- Clifford Karanak, Scammon Bay, Unanimous

*Advisory Committee Active Status, Functions, & Staff Assistance***Proposal 22: Reduce the Number of Meetings Required for Advisory Committees to Remain in Active Status, and Clarify the Process for Merging Advisory Committees.**

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposals as written)

Discussion:

John Riley, Pitkas Point- It is not the AC's fault, if an AC can't meet when there is no money in the budget or for a coordinator of their region.

Stan Peters, Russian Mission- Were all in the teleconference, we are doing pretty good with the meeting. We could have our meetings by teleconference if we have to. I don't like or prefer to have a meeting by teleconference all the time, but sometimes that is just the way we have to go. The Board of Fish and Game are not going to really let us go, unless they really are trying not to get these teleconferences or meetings for us to put in our comments.

Question:

Motion to **Support**- Stan Peters, Russian Mission

2nd- William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski

Passed Unanimously

Oppose: Proposal 23:

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposals as written)

Discussion/Question: *(No discussion was brought forward for the following proposal)*

(23)-Motion to **Oppose**- Stan Peter, Russian Mission, 2nd- Clifford Karanak, Scammon Bay, Unanimous

Support: Proposal 24, and 25.

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposals as written)

Discussion/Question: *(No discussion was brought forward for the following proposals)*

(24)-Motion to **Support**- William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski 2nd- Stan Peters, Russian Mission, Unanimous
Adoption of Fish & Game Regulations

(25)-Motion to **Support**- William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski 2nd- Clifford Karanak, Scammon, Unanimous

Oppose: Proposal 26:

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposals as written)

Discussion/Question: *(No discussion was brought forward for the following proposal)*

Motion to **Oppose**- Clifford Karanak, Scammon Bay, 2nd- Stan Peters, Russian Mission, Unanimous

Support: Proposal 27, 28, 29, and 30

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposals as written)

Discussion/Question: *(No discussion was brought forward for the following proposals)*

(27)-Motion to **Support**- William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski, 2nd- Stan Peters, Russian Mission, Unanimous

Advisory Committee Participation at Board Meetings

(28)- Motion to **Support**- Stan Peter, Russian Mission, 2nd- Paul Beans, Mountain Village, Unanimous

(29)-Motion to **Support**- Michael Jimmy, Emmonak 2nd- John Riley, Pitkas Point, Unanimous

Regional Councils

(30)-Motion to **Support**- William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski 2nd- Michael Jimmy, Emmonak, Unanimous



Proposal 31: Repeal the Regional Council Regulations. (TABLED for Clarification)

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposals as written)

Discussion:

Stan Peters, Russian Mission- They put these Laws in the years past for a reason, they put this in there to protect the subsistence users. I talk to people over in Aniak; guides and sports hunters process the meat right there in their hangers. This proposal may say that the current Laws and Regulations may be broken, but it's not protecting anything. I would like more clarification to what they are trying to say on this proposal. So, I will not go for acceptance of this Proposal 31. The way we see things going on; where is the protection that they say that is going on?

William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski- I think after hearing what Stan said we should take no motion on this proposal.

Question:

Motion to **TABLED for Further Clarification**- Stan Peters, Russian Mission

2nd- William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski

Tabled Unanimously

Proposal 32: Repeal the Regional Council Regulations and Incorporate the Functions into the Advisory Committee Regulations.

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposals as written)

Discussion:

William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski- Why are they trying to do away with our Councils? They are going to slowly fade away the voice of the councils and committees.

Michael Jimmy, Emmonak- We failed proposal number 23, I move to oppose proposal 32, they are similar.

Question:

Motion to **Oppose**- Michael Jimmy, Emmonak

2nd- Stan Peters, Russian Mission

Opposed Unanimously

Subsistence Uses & Procedures

Proposal 33: Modify the Process for Determining Amount Necessary for Subsistence Finding.

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposals as written)

Discussion:

Michael Jimmy, Emmonak- We don't need any more surveys conducting for everything we subsistence on in order to determine our ANS. I believe this should just be used for people who are not from the area who don't know already the amount needed for subsistence to sustain their family throughout the winter. We already know how much we need to support our families. Secondly, going only 5 years back shouldn't be only used to determine how much we need and that 5 years **IS NOT** enough or sufficient enough information to determine how much subsistence is needed for minimal need to sustain.

Stan Peters, Russian Mission- Here in Russian Mission, we have field trips with our youth to teach them what is necessary for our subsistence hunting, fishing, berry picking, trapping and so on. We have governing bodies and education camps to educate our younger generations to take care of the food and continue the subsistence lifestyle in order to survive in rural Alaska. In this country where we come from, we live it; we were born in it and raised in it. It is like we should talk to the wolves and have the wolf's report how much they kill in the afternoon. I kind of don't really agree with this proposal.

John Riley, Pitkas Point- I don't agree with this proposal too. For example, if we start putting a number on the millions of berries we report. Next thing we know, they will try to find ways of cutting us from picking berries.

Paul Beans, Mountain Village- We already have a harvest ticket for moose; ADFG has a subsistence catch calendar that we go by. We are already are reporting our subsistence and I don't agree with the 5 year reporting.



William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski- Like Paul said, we already have ways of reporting subsistence. They have been trying to get information from us for years for all the amount of subsistence that the rural people are using. It just feels like this proposal is another point of way to reduce our subsistence. I don't know who this Allen Barrette is, but he is like that other guy Ray. It seems like they are just trying to get rid of Subsistence, we already know how much we need to feed our family and how to take care of our subsistence. We don't need more harvest reports on our subsistence, when we already know how much we need.

Ray Oney, Alakanuk- Over the years of reportable harvest, during that 5 year period they are going to determine our needs for subsistence, just like the salmon. They used those numbers to determine what we needed for subsistence and it still wasn't enough. I would be opposed to this proposal as well.

Question:

Motion to **Oppose**- Clifford Karanak, Scammon Bay

2nd- Stan Peter, Russian Mission

Opposed Unanimously

Proposal 34: Modify the Subsistence Procedures for Determining Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence Uses.

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposals as written)

Discussion:

Stan Peter, Russian Mission- I oppose, it is just another way of reducing subsistence.

Question:

Motion to **Oppose**- Stan Peter, Russian Mission

2nd- Michael Jimmy, Emmonak

Opposed Unanimously

Proposal 35: Create a Definition for Nonsubsistence Harvest.

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposals as written)

Discussion:

William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreafski- The only thing that will be compromised are game hunters and sport hunters. It seems like all these big outfitters have big lawyers that use a lot of misleading or confusing words in their proposals. ANILCA Title 8 protects native subsistence users and it may be all rural residence in Alaska. I remember, 2-3 years ago there were people putting up their subsistence harvest and taking it back to their homes in the urban areas. I don't know what they mean by this non-subsistence harvest. It seems like they are just trying to change the words that we use for subsistence into a non-subsistence harvest. Meaning, anyone that comes from outside of the residency area will impact the rural residence (to that effect) on our subsistence users, by making it harder for the people that live off those resources. With the high cost of living, this will only make it harder for us to get our subsistence harvest. We depend on ADFG to give us the opportunity to subsidize our store bought food with subsistence. What do they mean by aliens, people not like us? Sports and game hunters are actually competing with people of the surrounding villages that rely on the resources that haven't caught their subsistence moose and harvest. I would like to catch my moose before I get too old to walk or hold my own rifle. We see a lot of people that come through our area of sports hunters on their rubber rafts and only see them taking trophy antlers with no meat. It says it right there in who is likely to suffer, no residence and aliens.

Michael Jimmy, Emmonak- I worked in Bethel for 10 years, but that doesn't mean I'm not from Emmonak. If I can't make my living here and have to work elsewhere to make the money to pay the bills, I shouldn't be excluded from my own home town I grew up in to get my subsistence harvest.

Question:

Motion to **Oppose**- Stan Peter, Russian Mission 2nd- Paul Beans, Mountain Village

Opposed Unanimously



Oppose: Proposal 36, 37, and 38.

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposals as written)

Discussion/Question: *(No discussion was brought forward for the following proposals)*

(37)-Motion to **Oppose**- Michael Jimmy, Emmonak 2nd- Clifford Karanak, Scammon Bay, Unanimous

Nonsubsistence Areas

(38)-Motion to **Oppose**- John Riley, Pitkas Point 2nd- Clifford Karanak, Scammon Bay, Unanimous

(39)-Motion to **Oppose**- John Riley, Pitkas Point 2nd- Stan Peters, Russian Mission, Unanimous

Proposal 41: Create the Bethel Nonsubsistence area.

Alissa Nadine Joseph, ADFG Boards Support. (Reads Proposals as written)

Discussion:

Stan Peter, Russian Mission- Being a mostly native population, I'm assuming and believe that Bethel will be opposing this proposal. When you look at other cities by comparing Bethel to other places such as Valdez and Glenallen, they are on a road system and Bethel is not. When you look at Bethel, they have so many different people of ethnicity. Somewhere they are going to draw the line for their renewable resources of fish and game. The biggest question is can their country sustain that many people? We know that when you get a lot of people in an area, they are going to have to draw a line somewhere. I can't say anything about this proposal. I have a lot of friends in Bethel, I'm not voting for or against it. I think I will let the Bethel people just go at it and they will have to figure it out and see what they have to determine for their subsistence uses.

John Riley, Pitkas Point- I agree, I don't want to interfere with a different river. We were advised for our area and they can take care of their area.

Michael Jimmy, Emmonak- I lived over in Bethel for over 10 year and I'm native. Not everyone there is native, either way they always share the harvest. People share food with people they know and it has always been the native people going out fishing or hunting for others. It would be hard to distinguish between subsistence users and non-subsistence users.

Ray Oney, Alakanuk- Like Alstrom said, there was a teleconference on this proposal and over the radio. At some point they are going to have to determine that at some point. There were different options that were being taken up during that teleconference. I have family and friends that live over there too and I don't want to make their decision for them.

Question:

Motion to **Table**- Stan Peters, Russian Mission

2nd- John Riley, Pitkas Point

Tabled Unanimously

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Plan for next Face-To-Face Meeting:** November 2013, at Alakanuk, AK

Adjourn 10:00 PM

Motion- William "Bill" Alstrom, Andreakski

2nd- Stan Peters, Russian Mission



Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes April 17, 2013
at MTA building in Palmer --7 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Jehnifer Ehmann.

Members present: Dan Montgomery, Jenifer Ehmann, Bill Folsom, Israel Payton, Andy Couch, Stephen Darilek, Gerrit Dykstra, Max Sager, Keith Westfall

Members absent: - Tony Jones - excused, Mike Buirge - excused, Eric Beckman - excused, Steve Bartelli - excused, Mel Grove - excused, Dave Young--Excused, Stephen Darilek, Jeff Tuttle - excused, Dane Crowley

Public Present: Tony Russ, Neal DeWitt, Fish & Wildlife Trooper John Cyr, Sherry Wright - ADF&G, Dan Wright, Rod Arno - AOC

Persons to be heard Tony Russ: Request the Committee change definition of a legal sheep or ADF&G needs to be consistent in how they determine what is a legal sheep in the ADF&G offices when people bring sheep in for measuring after harvest. The big complaint is that sheep are close, but ADF&G staff are not consistent in what is legal or not. According to Tony ADF&G has been taking sheep away -- and sometimes giving them back later. Tony wants to know what the department will do to determine if sheep are legal and it needs to be put in print available for the public.

Israel Payton mentioned taking a sheep into ADF&G and the department looks at them in three different ways --- what happens when one of the 3 is inconsistent with the other two.

John Cyr said with the jig system a hunter would need to bring in the eye sockets and nose --- could not just bring in the top of the skull and horns.

Jehnifer asked that Tony might write up a proposal or two about sheep legality and the Advisory Committee could vote on submitting them by e-mail.

Bill Folsom -- asked about looking at sheep from uphill or down hill and Dan Montgomery said that from different angles the same sheep may appear legal or not legal depending upon the angle.

Rod Arno -- Suggested that the Committee could comment on Joint board proposals even into September. The proposal he wanted to talk about proposal 34 and how the Amount Necessary for Subsistence is determined. This proposal would set clear guidelines to what is subsistence and what is non-subsistence.

Proposal 35 would define non-subsistence as harvest by nonresidents and aliens. According to Rod Arno -- even though all Alaskans qualify as subsistence hunters and fishers -- urban harvests are automatically considered non-subsistence harvest.



Rod also spoke in favor of having Advisory Committees have a chair at the table during deliberations.

Rod mentioned that the hunting guide concession is dead at this point for lack of funding by the legislature. The big game commercial services board never convinced both the older established guides and new guides that the guide board was a good idea. Israel Payton mentioned that something could be done again next year.

Rod mentioned HB 161 that changes the Governor's Hunting permits by increasing the number of permits and increasing the amount of money the non-government organizations can keep for raffling off the permits. How will this money be used to fund management of the resource? How does this help Alaska residents? HB 161 will be held over until next year. Would Alaska residents prefer to pay higher license or tag fees or prefer to auction off hunting opportunities to non-residents?

Les Gara bill would have people pay for an older person's hunting and fishing licenses.

Dan Montgomery mentioned that the federal money coming in is about a 3 to 1 match from the federal government for wildlife funds.

Approval of minutes --- 2nd draft minutes approved with no objection.

Agenda approved with no objection.

HB110 -- Jehnifer could not find results -- bill would prohibit use of barbed hooks in catch and release fisheries.

Fishery Proposals that committee approved have been submitted to the Board Support section for inclusion in the 2013 /14 Board of Fisheries cycle.



Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game
October 12 – 16, 2013 Meeting
Comment on Proposals from Mat Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee

PROPOSAL NO. 10 **ACTION: Fail 0-8-0**

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Advisory Committee Voting Process.

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL NO. 11 **ACTION: Fail 0-8-0**

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Nomination Process Advisory Committees.

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL NO. 12 **ACTION: Fail 0-8-0**

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Advisory Committee Membership Nomination and Election Process.

DISCUSSION: Strongly oppose. AC feels it would be difficult to find people to fill designations suggested in proposal.

PROPOSAL NO. 13 **ACTION: Pass 4-3-1**

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Procedures for Declaring Vacancies and Noticing the Public.

DISCUSSION: AC members split on whether there was justification to change amount of days given for public notice.

PROPOSAL NO. 14 **ACTION: Fail 0-8-0**

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Uniform Rules of Operation to Incorporate use of Bylaws and Provide Other Clarifications.

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL NO. 15 **ACTION: Pass 4-2-2**

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Uniform Rules of Operation to Accurately Reflect the Current Procedures Followed by the Advisory Committees and Boards Support Section.

DISCUSSION: AC members in favor of proposal liked the idea of aligning dates and holding elections in summer rather than mid swing of considering proposals. AC members opposed to proposal want to maintain status quo.

PROPOSAL NO. 16 **ACTION: Fail 0-8-0**

DESCRIPTION: Establish a Standard for Advisory Committee Minutes.

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL NO. 17 **ACTION: Pass 7-0-1**

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Procedures for Removal for Cause of Advisory Committee Members, Implementing Disciplinary Measures under Roberts Rules of Order, and Submission of Minutes.

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL NO. 18 **ACTION: Fail 0-8-0**

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Definition for Removal for Cause.

DISCUSSION:



**Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game
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Advisory Committee Membership Qualification

Motion to combine proposals 19, 20, 21. Motion passed 8-0-0.

****Vote on Proposals 19, 20, 21 = Fail 0-8-0**

PROPOSAL NO. 19

ACTION: ** See above

DESCRIPTION: Expand the Qualifications for Advisory Committee Officers.

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL NO. 20

ACTION: ** See above

DESCRIPTION: Change the Qualifications of Chairman and Modify the Removal for Cause of Advisory Committee Members.

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL NO. 21

ACTION: ** See above

DESCRIPTION: Expand the List of Qualifications for Advisory Committee Members.

DISCUSSION:

Advisory Committee Active Status, Function, & Staff Assistance

PROPOSAL NO. 22

ACTION: Pass 6-1-1

DESCRIPTION: Reduce the Number of Meetings Required for Advisory Committees to Remain in Active Status, and Clarify the Process for Merging Advisory Committees.

DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL NO. 23

ACTION: Fail 3-3-2

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the functions of Advisory Committees and add the applicable Regional Council Functions.

DISCUSSION: AC members in favor of this proposal think that there needs to be clarification of the regional council functions. AC members opposed to this proposal do not think clarification is necessary.

PROPOSAL NO. 24

ACTION: Pass 5-3-0

DESCRIPTION: Replace “Council” with “Committee” in the Regulation Assigning Staff Assistance.

DISCUSSION: AC members in favor of proposal agree that the commissioner needs to utilize AC’s when available, and AC’s need to be more involved and given a stronger voice. AC members opposed to proposal think that current board processes give AC’s adequate representation.

Adoption of Fish & Game Regulations

PROPOSAL NO. 25

ACTION: Pass 8-0-0

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Procedure for Accepting Proposals for each Board.

DISCUSSION:



**Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game
October 12 – 16, 2013 Meeting
Comment on Proposals from Mat Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee**

PROPOSAL NO. 26 **ACTION: Fail 0-8-0**
DESCRIPTION: Require the Joint Board to Meet Every Year; Establish a Standing Committee of the Joint Board; and Remove the Reference to Council.
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL NO. 27 **ACTION: Pass 8-0-0**
DESCRIPTION: Modify the Regulations to Reflect the Need to Schedule Meetings for the Joint Board.
DISCUSSION:

Advisory Committee Participation at Board Meetings

PROPOSAL NO. 28 **ACTION: Pass 8-0-0**
DESCRIPTION: Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation into Board Deliberations.
DISCUSSION:

PROPOSAL NO. 29 **ACTION: Take N/A see Proposal 28**
DESCRIPTION: Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation in Board Deliberations.
DISCUSSION:

Regional Councils

Motion to combine Proposal 30,31,32. Motion passed 8-0-0
****Vote on Proposals 30,31,32 = Pass 5-2-1**

PROPOSAL NO. 30 **ACTION: ** See Above**
DESCRIPTION: Remove the Definition for “Council” from Regulation.
DISCUSSION: Refer to proposal 23 for comments.

PROPOSAL NO. 31 **ACTION: ** See Above**
DESCRIPTION: Repeal the Regional Council Regulations.
DISCUSSION: Refer to proposal 23 for comments.

PROPOSAL NO. 32 **ACTION: ** See Above**
DESCRIPTION: Repeal the Regional Council Regulations and Incorporate the Functions into the Advisory Committee Regulations.
DISCUSSION: Refer to proposal 23 for comments.

Subsistence Uses & Procedures

PROPOSAL NO. 33 **ACTION: 10-0-1**
DESCRIPTION: Modify the Process for Determining Amount Necessary for Subsistence Finding.
DISCUSSION: See minutes from AC meeting on 5/15.



**Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game
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PROPOSAL NO. 34 **ACTION: 11-0-0**
DESCRIPTION: Modify the Subsistence Procedures for Determining Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence Uses.
DISCUSSION: See minutes from AC meeting on 5/15.

PROPOSAL NO. 35 **ACTION: 9-2-0**
DESCRIPTION: Create a Definition for Nonsubsistence Harvest.
DISCUSSION: See minutes from AC meeting on 5/15.

PROPOSAL NO. 36 **ACTION: 10-0-0**
DESCRIPTION: Delete the Reference to Proximity of the User's Domicile to the Stock or Population.
DISCUSSION: See minutes from AC meeting on 5/15.

PROPOSAL NO. 37 **ACTION: Pass 5-2-1**
DESCRIPTION: Add a Statewide Definition of "Noncommercial" as it Applies to Barter.
DISCUSSION:

Nonsubsistence Areas

PROPOSAL NO. 38 **ACTION: 7-2-1**
DESCRIPTION: Repeal the State Nonsubsistence Areas.
DISCUSSION: See minutes from AC meeting on 5/15.

PROPOSAL NO. 39 **ACTION: Take N/A**
DESCRIPTION: Reduce the size of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence area.
DISCUSSION: See minutes from AC meeting on 5/15.

PROPOSAL NO. 40 **ACTION: Take N/A**
DESCRIPTION: Create the Kodiak Nonsubsistence area
DISCUSSION: See minutes from AC meeting on 5/15.

PROPOSAL NO. 41 **ACTION: Take N/A**
DESCRIPTION: Create the Bethel Nonsubsistence area.
DISCUSSION: See minutes from AC meeting on 5/15.



Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes of May 15, 2013

Meeting was called to order by Jehnifer Ehman at MTA building in Palmer

Members present: Jehnifer Ehmann, Dan Montgomery, Andy Couch, Steve Bartelli, Mike Buirge, Stephen Darilek, Gerrit Dykstra, Bill Folsom, Tony Jones, Israel Payton, Max Sager.

Members Excused: Mel Grove, Jeff Tuttle, Keith Westfall, David Young, Dane Crowley.

ADF&G employees present: Davin Holen and Sarah Hazell from Subsistence Division

Pete Probasco, Alaska Board of Game member was present. Public present: Neil DeWitt, Zach and Terry Hollibaugh, Frank Neumann, Joan and Terry Niniger, Mike Alexander.

No Persons to be heard.

Motion to accept minutes as reconstructed (following electronic loss of the minutes) was made by Mike Buirge . 2nd by Bill Folsom. Motion passed with no objection.

Advisory Committee took time to reconstruct comments for the April 17 minutes for some of the proposals with split votes. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended with the comments. Passed with no objection.

Motion to accept the agenda -- passed with no objection.

Regular meeting resumed.

Rod Arno had earlier by e-mail provided comments to Alaska Outdoor Council (AOC) subsistence proposals.

Tony Russ provided the AC with two sheep proposals that the AC did not have time to approve - - so Tony submitted them to the Board of Game.

Israel was approved by the AC with 11 votes in favor to represent the AC in Juneau on fisheries issues in June.

Joint Board Proposal discussion

Proposal 33 --- ADF&G staff comments will not be available until approximately August 19. Written ADF&G reports will become available August 30.

Bill Folsom asked how much harvest ticket data ADF&G uses versus how much information is simply collected through a household interviews of specific households. According to ADF&G the household information is better data than harvest ticket data within a specific community. There seems to be a selective use of data by Subsistence Division. Committee members had a problem with ADF&G selectively choosing to use harvest ticket data or interview data for developing an Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) Finding.



Israel Payton said that all resident sport caught fish and game should be considered as subsistence in Alaska. Clarification was made by ADF&G -- currently any fish or game harvested in a nonsubsistence area does not count as subsistence use. Israel's point remains that not all fish and game harvested by Alaska residents is considered subsistence -- but since all Alaskans are subsistence users it should be. Dan Montgomery mentioned that if the ANS is set too high then all or most of a fish or game population may be reserved for Tier II and many residents would be excluded from hunting or fishing under current subsistence regulations. Proposal 33 passed 10 - 0 -1.

Proposal 34 -- passed unanimously 11-0-0. Committee wants to see subsistence harvests of fish and game reported and those reports used in determining amount necessary for subsistence.

Proposal 35 would define nonsubsistence harvest as fish or game harvested by nonresidents and aliens. Israel mentioned the Advisory Committee has to decide if this is how the Committee would like to define subsistence. Israel mentioned that the Alaska Constitution does not specify for a rural subsistence priority. Proposal 35 passed 9-2-0.

Proposal 36 would delete proximity to where people live as criteria in subsistence allocations. ADF&G comment was that this is currently not a criteria. Comment was made by Advisory Committee members that criteria such as the cost of gasoline or food for individuals participating in a subsistence hunting or fishing activity is an example of such a criteria.

Motion 36 passed unanimously 10-0-0.

Proposal 38 would repeal Alaska's nonsubsistence areas. ADF&G comment was that areas could only be changed with new information. Two Committee members stated if all hunting and fishing by Alaskan residents close to large population centers was considered subsistence, then there would not be enough fish and game for all Alaskans to harvest what each needed for subsistence purposes in these areas. Such shortages of fish and game resources would then trigger the establishment of Tier II hunts and exclude many or most Alaskans from participating in harvests of these fish and game populations. Other Committee members stated that all Alaskans should have equal hunting and fishing opportunities -- and wanted a change from current subsistence regulations that seem to grant extra opportunities to Alaskans living in some rural areas while excluding other Alaskans who live in more populated parts of the state. Proposal 38 passed 7-2-1.

Proposal 39 motion was made to take no action by Stephen Bartelli as following the committee action taken on Proposal 38 that would repeal all nonsubsistence areas in Alaska. Motion passed 8-0-2.

Proposal 40 and 41 Motion was made to take no action in reference to proposal 38. Motion passed 7-0-2. Israel stepped out before this vote -- so the count is different than most.

Matanuska Valley AC representation for the joint Board meeting on October 12 - 16 in Anchorage will be determined at a later date as no member was committing to take that on at this time.

Israel asked for some input from the Advisory Committee on what he should relate in our behalf while representing us in June in Juneau.



Andy Couch made a motion that since the sport king salmon harvest in the Matanuska Valley has been reduced by emergency order by 80% in 2013, the Matanuska Valley AC would like consideration given to reducing the king salmon quota by catch in the commercial trawl fishery by 80%. 2nd by Israel Payton. Motion passed unanimously 10-0-0.

Jehnifer mentioned the Palmer Chamber of Commerce is having a fisheries meeting with Bruce Knowles speaking on Wednesday May 22 along with Alaska Department of Fish and Game biologists. Public is invited to the Moose Lodge in Palmer. Lunch is available show up at 11:30 for lunch -- meeting starts at 12 noon.

Next meeting may be October 16 depending upon room availability at MTA Building in Palmer.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch



Middle Nenana Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes April 23, 2013 Anderson

Members Present: Myron Stokes, Allan Mortenson, Leroy Sutton, Joeseeph Chatfield, Nan Eagleson, Pat Owen, John Basile, Coke Wallace

Members Excused: Robert Kohlsdorf, Paul Van Dyke, Tyler Dynes, Jacob Mattila, Jason Reppert, Larry Haddock

Meeting minutes from m3/5 and 1/22 approved- 1/22 approved with amendment (Coke showed up late and Leroy was excused not just absent)

Agenda- approved as is

Guests: Mike Taras, Don Young, Nissa Pilcher- ADFG; James Ellison, DPS

Joint Board Proposal discussion

PROPOSAL NO. 9 **ACTION:** **Unanimously supported**
DESCRIPTION: Change the Advisory Committee Membership Term Dates.
DISCUSSION: It makes sense to have the elections in the fall. One issue with having the elections in the spring might be getting in the mindset of the AC, putting on the hat of an AC member in the spring.

PROPOSAL NO. 10 **ACTION:** **Unanimously not supported**
DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Advisory Committee Voting Process.
DISCUSSION: People need to be involved. In our case it is not appropriate

PROPOSAL NO. 11 **ACTION:** **Unanimously not supported**
DESCRIPTION: Modify the Nomination Process Advisory Committees.
DISCUSSION: The interview process is an interesting idea, but we do interviews as the folks get nominated- everyone stands up and explains their interests and why they want to serve. See no purpose for this as written and in the rules. Each AC should pick on their own.

PROPOSAL NO. 12 **ACTION:** **Unanimously not supported**
DESCRIPTION: Modify the Advisory Committee Membership Nomination and Election Process.
DISCUSSION: representatives that show up and are elected serve. We don't have hordes of folks screaming to get on the board. Our AC is pretty low key and won't work for us.

PROPOSAL NO. 19 **ACTION:** **Unanimously not supported**
DESCRIPTION: Expand the Qualifications for Advisory Committee Officers.



DISCUSSION: Members expressed concern at the concept.

PROPOSAL NO. 28 & 29

ACTION: Support

DESCRIPTION: Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation into Board Deliberations.

DISCUSSION: Members noted that this concept sounds interesting. We have vested interest in these proposals. This would help to take info back to committee and community.

PROPOSAL NO. 33

ACTION: TNA

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Process for Determining Amount Necessary for Subsistence Finding.

DISCUSSION: The members like the idea of concrete data, but are hesitant to fully support this. This could be easy to manipulate, Census data could be utilized to help formulate this better. If harvest reporting isn't being followed now, then should we expect changing the ways to develop ANS? If we could be assured that everyone was doing this correctly, this could work. There is a lot of distrust for the system as is.

PROPOSAL NO. 37

ACTION: Support

DESCRIPTION: Add a Statewide Definition of "Noncommercial" as it Applies to Barter.

DISCUSSION: Understand why the proposal was written. Fully support.

Proposal 38-41 was discussed. The AC did not feel comfortable commenting on any of these at this time.

No one committed to go at this time, but an email will be sent out when we get closer to the meeting date.

BOG Proposals/Discussion

Proposal- locking tag on antlers, must remain visible in the field was where BOG had issues. Have locking tag, but the BOG struck the 'remain visible' part.

Discussion on AWT and F&G merging again- makes the most sense.

Case law discussion on salvage of meat.

Action Item:

Allan will draft a proposal on sheep drawing permits and allocations for the AC to look over for submission.

Discussion on the BGCSB has no authority over guides who are not doing things appropriately. By the time state is able to do anything, they have spent a lot of money building a case. They won't decrease the number of guiding license that they give out. 80-90% of sheep spotted in this state are spotted arial and then taken out 24 hours later. There is chase going on, no hunting. Nonresident guides who cannot take a sheep themselves can guide a hunter themselves. DNR is not a good governing body to control



guides, they don't control the land pirates that are operating right now. We need to something to stop conflict that is going on. There are a lot of good guides, but there is a lot of bad ones as well. Younger guides can get bullied.

Next meeting- late October for next meeting; Healy- Mondays

Meeting adjourned: 8:45



Middle Yukon River Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Galena Fish and Game Office, Galena April 15, 2013

Members Present

Peter Demoski, Nulato; Patrick Madros Jr, Tommy Negalska, Richard Burnham Kaltag; Patrick Madros Sr, Benedict Jones, Koyukuk; Charlie Green, Paddy Nollner, Fred Huntington, Dick Evans, Galena.

Quorum Established

Guests Present

Glenn Stout, Alida Trainor, Nissa Pilcher (ADFG), (FWS), Jenny Pekola (WIRAC), Darrel Hilderbrand (DPS), Brad Scott, Keith Ramos, Myra Harris, Kenton Moos (FWS), John Stam (Ruby AC)

Minutes and Agenda Approved

Election

Paddy Nollner, Fred Huntington, Charlie Green, Dick Evens all nominated for an additional 3 year term. No additional names were brought forth, and the meeting was not well attended by the public.

Observations from AC Members

Moose

AC members had observed on the flight over that there were many moose spotted and they were spread out, also saw a lot of calves with their mothers. AC noted that trappers had observed a lot of twins with their mothers still.

FWS noted that in this area the cow/calf ratio is about 48 calves per 100 cows, upriver the snow was poor and the moose were distributed differently. Didn't see any twins near Huslia, and also observed low calf cow ratios.

FWS also noted that the southern areas looked stable, while the northern areas (Huslia, 3day slough) have indications that the population is decreasing, but stressed that there was no concrete data at this point. The FWS will continue to do trend counts but might not be enough funding for population estimates in the near future. Updates on the winter hunt on federal land given, and it was noted that while the bull hunt was carried out, the cow season was closed. There were 10 bulls allowed, 4 permits issued, 1 bull taken and 1 day left in the season as of this meeting.

Wolf

FWS noted that in the moose surveys, they saw less wolves, smaller packs, and less activity this year- to which the AC and the DPS representative concurred. The AC noted that they had observed smaller family units, and of those family units, many are comprised of younger wolves. AC also noted that local trappers are still trying to take the wolves- even though it takes effort and money.



Caribou

Benedict is a part of the Arctic Western Caribou Working Group. At their last meeting on December 4-6' 2012 there was an invitation to Kotzebue for wolf snare training. He noted that it had to postpone it due to poor low snow levels. It was noted at this meeting that the Western Arctic Herd is still depleting- from mostly die-off and habitat restrictions. He noted that there are a lot of wolves that run with the caribou. Ben asked about seeing a small herd by Ruby. Glenn Stout responded that it could be Galena Mountain or Wolf Mountain Herd. He noted that both herds behave similarly- that they are localized groups of animals, they have poor survival rates, and there is a season on them in GMU 21D, B, C. Typically is one animal per year is harvested out of the herd average, but the harvest is more like three caribou one year and not for the next three. Behavior of the Sunshine Mountain herd and the Arctic Western herd discussed.

Furbearers

Fred noted that wolverine numbers are getting low- that in 1994 there was a lot, and then the caribou moved further north and they must have followed. Kaltag noted they saw some- and that their numbers seems higher than normal, and even saw quite a bit of lynx sign, and Charlie noted seen a lot of wolverine sign as well.

Drawing/Registration hunt

Glenn Stout answered a drawing permit allocation answers- some drawing hunt recipients never utilize the hunt, and the ones that do only have a 50-60% success rate. Glenn noted that there was no new harvest data from last meeting but reiterated that their appeared to be stable harvest, and mentioned that the moose ages haven't been received back from the lab just yet.

Bear

Ben said that he has only been seeing brown bear tracks, and no black bear tracks and the AC asked about bear populations in the area. Glenn replied that there was no cost effective way to get a good bear estimate. Barbed wire DNA analysis studies and the cost associated with those studies were discussed. Richard mentioned seeing a brown bear sow with four cubs, several with three, many with twins. It was brought up that when big males are taken, then they aren't around to kill the cubs so there could be more bears surviving and growing to adulthood. Glenn replied that he gets the teeth to age bears in the area, and it appears that the male/female ratio is the same over the last several years, and the age composition is the same as well- not sigh there is a difference in the age and sex structure. He noted that this is just for brown since the Department does not seal black bear, but since hunters are selective about the animals that they shoot this could bias the composition data.

January 2013 AYK BOF meeting Update

Richard Burnham attended. These are his comments

He noted that most proposals rejected. Board took action on proposal involving surplus of summer chum- they are attempting to find a way to harvest the chum without catching kings. Passed proposals that involve the commercial fishery- approved beach seins, dip nets, and further potential net restrictions. Y6 will be allowed to use manned fishwheels similar to ours- also with stipulation is that they construct fish friendly fish wheels- no more metal mesh. For subsistence our drifting proposal didn't pass. There was also discussion on the regulation on first pulse protection is now automatic.

Further topics discussed were the influences of Hatchery fish on wild stock in the ocean, habitat limitations the reduction in size of kings that people are seeing, Area M fisheries, the effects that the cold weather with no snow might have had on the spawning grounds in the fall, and the potential of the Department to further restrict mesh size in the subsistence fishery.

Joint Board Proposals



Proposal 10-14 & 19-21

In our communities, anything that reduces peoples involvement is bad. These things that are being proposals just don't fit here.

Unanimously Against

Proposal 22- Reduce the number of meetings required for ACs to remain in active status, and add clarify the process for merging ACs

The AC expressed concern with both sides of this proposal. It was nice to have the ability to meet twice this year, and part of the reason we got it was the funding that was provided in part due to that provision in the regulations. The AC was also concerned with the idea that if it is left as a requirement for two meetings a year and they are unable to make that then the AC could be dissolved against their will.

Unanimous against

Proposal 25- Clarify the Procedure for Accepting Proposals for each Board.

While it was noted that since the AC is only allowed to meet once, maybe twice a year, that this is an unfair loophole, and the AC voted support this proposal since everyone should have to operate under the same set of rules

Unanimous support

Proposal 28 and 29- Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation into Board Deliberations.

The AC fully supports this concept of having AC representation at the table for Board meetings

Unanimous support

Proposal 33 Modify the Process for Determining Amount Necessary for Subsistence Finding. and

Proposal 34- Modify the Subsistence Procedures for Determining Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence Uses.

The passage of these proposals would not be well received. Some members have no problem with reporting their fishing numbers, but would find reporting all of the furbearers difficult. What happens if you miscount and only report 199 martin when you really caught 200? You could get a ticket and a fine, and we don't want that over an innocent mistake. There is already an issue with non-reporting on the animals that the Department requires you to report on, and adding more animals to that would create a hardship for not only the people of this area but for the Department as well. This could also reduce the amount allocated to subsistence needs since these proposals takes no consideration of years that we are restricted, just our overall catch/harvest.

Unanimous No Support

Proposal 37- Add a Statewide Definition of "Noncommercial" as it Applies to Barter.

Some members spoke out against the selling of salmon during times of hardship- they noted that when their families are conscientiously doing with less kings then they could catch and they see people at events and in parking lots selling strips, it made them mad and that commercialization of subsistence catches hurts the overall river returns. But, overall the AC felt that this proposal was poorly written, confusing, and since they are surrounded by federal water it does not apply to them directly.

Take No Action



Preseason update- Commercial Fisheries

At 1 PM Commercial Fisheries Division, Eric Newland, Stephanie Schmidt, and Jeff Estensen had made arrangements to call in. Break in Joint Board Proposals to discuss 2012 and 2013 fishing seasons.

Eric Newland-Summer season- reseason for 2013 looking at similar year to 2012.. The 2013 season is looking no better and maybe worse than the 2012 season, and Commercial Fisheries is asking the river to further reduce the amount of Kings that are retained in the fishery to ensure escapment. This will only work if everyone is on board. The Department is looking at different ways it can help including reducing the number of Kings it is catching in their test nets.

Eric wanted to know about the manned fishwheels- Did it work? Was there good opportunity for people to catch chums?

Jeff Estensen- Fall season- Preseason for 2013 looking at similar year to 2012. Last year, no reductions, no limitations, eventually went to 24 hour fishing- preliminary outlook looks like people are harvesting more fall chums, which is good. Department trying to get more opportunity to harvest chum instead of Kings. Summer Chum is looking good for those as well. Coho, below average to average return.

Eric Newland- Commercial harvest- chum- similar as to last year. Buyer in Kaltag, get the wheels working and get them bought.

AC noted that the summer chums are not the best quality but people are using them. Smoke houses require different equipment, the cost of switching to new nets

Questions asked on AYK BOF actions about pulse protection, mesh size, and manning of the fish wheels. Other topics addressed was the Kantishna River King run, the habitat on that river as well as any studies being done, the possibility of going to a moratorium on King salmon.

Concerns raised about lack of similar restrictions being placed on the people upriver, about the lack of biological data to show the advantages of manning fishwheels around the clock

CF asked the AC to spread the word, that this years King run would not meet the peoples needs, and that everyone needs to tighten their belt to get through it. CF will work will making fall chum accessible, and they will work with people as much as possible to make them so.

Draft BOG proposals

Action Item:

Wolverine and lynx season end the same everywhere expect here, and local trappers have never caught a bad incidental lynx during the wolverine season. Draft proposal to extend lynx season to march 31st in GMU 21 so there is continuity across season in this area. The buyers are the ones that will drive the trappers, and if the pelts are not of good quality the trappers will stop targeting them.

Other

Richard elected to attend- Joint Board meeting- Ben elected alternate

Jenny Pekola- member of the WIRAC

I always wanted to know who was my local AC, but I never knew. Now I do. The next WIRAC to be in October in Fairbanks October 8th- if anyone has any suggestions to go before the board, let me know. A



request was made to send minutes to chair of the WIRAC- who is Jack Reakoff. Jenny also mentioned that the YRDFA annual meeting will be in Ruby in June.

The AC discussed inviting Bruce Webster from the BOF to attend the Denakkanaaga Elders & Youth Conference meeting in Ruby this June. When told that he was not confirmed, the decision to invite Orville Huntington was made. A member did voice concerns with Orville's ability to understand the complexity of the issues on the river.

ACTION ITEM:

Draft letter to invite BOF representative Orville to Denakkanaaga Elders & Youth Conference meeting in Ruby June 3-7, 2013 so he can be better informed of the issues that the Yukon River residents face.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20



Minto Nenana AC meeting

April 22, 2013

Minto Tribal Council Office

Meeting called to order 11:20 am

Members Present

Ron Silas, Philip Titus, David Titus- Minto; Ray Stevens, Steven Ketzler, Tim McMannus, Rondell Jimmie, Victor Lord- Nenana; Ray Heuer- Undesignated

Quorum Established

Approval of Minutes

Approval of November 9, 2012 and January 5, 2013 minutes

Approval of Agenda with additions

Railroad construction and new road in Nenana and Airboats in Minto Flats discussion to be added

Introduction of guests

Tony Hollis, Nissa Pilcher, Alida Trainor- ADFG; Brandon Forst, Aaron Potter- DPS; Charlie Titus, Bessie Titus- Council members; other Minto residents.

Minto Election-

Nolan Silas, Ron Silas, Freddy Titus, David Titus, Philip Titus, Alternate Louis Silas elected for a three year term

Chair Reports/Concerns from AC/Members of the public

- Airboats briefly discussed, decided to discuss it further down the agenda during the proposal discussion.
- Fishing Discussed. The AC expressed concern that there would be an intense commercial chum fishery in the lower river, and noted that those fish are traditionally used in this part of the river, not the lower river. Concern expressed over how the Department is running the sonar, the ever changing openings and closing on the river
- Minto Community Fishwheel-Minto has received a grant for it, and the community is still seeking other funds for it. The idea is to help put away fish and also to help teach the younger generation how to operate a fishwheel and how to cut and put away fish.
- Yukon Panel meeting- Victor attended; Canada is up river from us. Concerns of the elders up there are pretty intense. First nations do not fish for Kings. They get their kings from Southeast Alaska.
 - The problem is out in the ocean. Bycatch is a huge deal.
 - Concerns with smokehouses making \$30-50,000 on the Yukon river.
- Discussion on Doyon's road in 20C- Nenana members noted that hunting pressure has increased drastically, and they want to make the road longer, and that Argo tracks are already all over out there.
- Minto resident expressed concern with Livengood mine. Water quality testing- no baseline. They want a passing Environmental Impact statement, they want us to sign off saying it is ok.



We have water rights. It is going to be an open pit mine. We need to watch what it is going on, and we don't know what will occur in 20-30 years. They want to work with us, think about it.

- Tim noted that the last meeting in Nenana, where they voted in Ray Stevens, Ray Heuer, and made moose head soup.
- Victor noted that Orville Huntington, BOF, has had a lot to learn, he has to cover a lot of area, and is doing a good job. He is not afraid to stand up to the other board members.
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ADFG Update- Tony Hollis

The Department wasn't able to get a survey done this year due to bad weather, but last survey said 4,000 moose in Minto Flats- 4 moose per square mile- one of the higher densities in the state. The Department does not want to increase the number of moose out there- the range could not support to many more moose.

Winter Hunt questions- Members noted that the fat on the moose isn't as thick as it use to be, which Tony said that that is what happens when moose are under such high density as they are right now. Members noted that there were a lot of tapeworm cysts in the animals, and that one member noted that the hunt should be held later- that the end of February is better time to hunt them- they are healthier.

Mule Deer sightings discussed

Also, changing water levels in the flats discussed

- The AC noted that Theories for habitat change: more oil coming out of the ground, and also way more hunting pressure on the moose- Nenana folks having to hunt out here, and also with everyone moving to Fairbanks out of the village whenever there is a funeral, everyone wants to come out here and hunt. We need to be careful of our moose so that they don't disappear. Had a heck of a time getting a moose this fall. Really concerned with resident hunting opportunities in the flats.

Moose season Concerns:

The AC wants to advise the Department to take a look at 20C Tetlanika river road, and how many moose are coming out of there. It is like the king salmon. We are only getting small kings now. If you take out all the big bulls, will the same thing happen? The Parks highway and the Alaska railroad landed on us, we did not land on the Parks highway and the Alaska Railroad landed

The members noted that Minto has been hit hard as well. In one day 40 boats left out of Minto. None of them were local boats. People parking everywhere. People camping on private land.

DPS noted that if anyone does have an issue with trespassers, the first step is to ask that they move. If they then don't (since they could be unaware they are on private property) then call us, since they are then criminally trespassing.

Minto resident questioned if there was any scientific data on depletion of muskrat in Minto flats?

Department noted that there was an interior-wide depletion on muskrats, but that there was signs that they were coming back in the Yukon Flats. Discussion on pike and muskrat, otter, and beaver interactions, and disease.

Questions to AWT

- The AC questioned the Department and AWT on the spring hunt, and were told that the FWS handles this hunt, not the Department- although the AWT do patrol. Hunters need a federal and state duck stamp and license.
- AC questioned use of 4wheelers in Minto flats. AWT noted that they do patrol and have issued citations for people using them. AWT noted that the Dunbar trail is ok to drive ATVs on and if they are on their own property. AWT noted that if anyone saw ATVs off of these areas to give them a call.



Proposals

Concerned with the potential of someone to turn in a proposal on making MMA ok to use airboats on for moose hunting. Concern with animal and habitat destruction, susceptibility of the flats to invasive species, noise, influx of even more people, and that moose would be safe nowhere in the flats, and then the population would crash. The Department noted that the harvest was right on target for males and females at this point, and that any drastic increase of moose could be bad. Also, any changes to the season in an attempt to limit the change in harvest could jeopardize the current ability to meet subsistence needs in the flats.

Action Item:

AC would like to put in a proposal to reestablish the Nenana CUA- we thought that if we gave that up they would leave Minto alone. Ray Heuer to write it.

AC discussed drafting a proposal to only require harvest tickets if you harvested a animal, but since the Department noted it uses the data from all of the harvest tickets from people who either didn't go, or were not successful, the AC chose to not proceed.

Comment on Joint Board Proposals

PROPOSAL NO. 10

ACTION: Oppose

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Advisory Committee Voting Process.

This AC has elections when it meets and they are warranted, not based on a calendar.

PROPOSAL NO. 11-32

ACTION: Oppose

DESCRIPTION: Multiple proposals

DISCUSSION: The Minto Nenana AC is not in favor of any new regulation that will further burden and create difficulties for this AC to meet. Many of these new proposed regulations are cumbersome and do not fit with our ability or need.

PROPOSAL NO. 33

ACTION: Oppose

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Process for Determining Amount Necessary for Subsistence Finding.

DISCUSSION: The AC opposes this proposal because of all of the additional bureaucracy it will bring to us. This would involve customary & traditional trade.

PROPOSAL NO. 34

ACTION: Oppose

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Subsistence Procedures for Determining Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence Uses.

DISCUSSION: See discussion for proposal 33

PROPOSAL NO. 35

ACTION: TNA

DESCRIPTION: Create a Definition for Nonsubsistence Harvest.

DISCUSSION: Confusion expressed on authors intent, and the AC noted that this seems unnecessary.



PROPOSAL NO. 36

ACTION: Support

DESCRIPTION: Delete the Reference to Proximity of the User's Domicile to the Stock or Population.

DISCUSSION: Housekeeping

PROPOSAL NO. 37

ACTION: Oppose

DESCRIPTION: Add a Statewide Definition of "Noncommercial" as it Applies to Barter.

DISCUSSION: The AC noted that while this seems like it would further separate commercial and subsistence caught/hunted resources, the proposal is confusing, especially the Issue statement and we cannot support something that we cannot understand.

PROPOSAL NO. 38

ACTION: TNA

DESCRIPTION: Repeal the State Nonsubsistence Areas.

DISCUSSION: While we don't utilize any nonsubsistence use area, this could affect us- it could put more pressure on our areas. We like the idea that rural folks who have moved to town could still participate in the behaviors that they grew up doing, but we choose to take no action at this time.

PROPOSAL NO. 39

ACTION: Support

DESCRIPTION: Reduce the size of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence area.

DISCUSSION: Nenana use to have a big herd of caribou, our symbol is still a caribou. It was before my time. They are not there anymore. We have religious ties to our wildlife. More and more it is not passed on to our children. The BOG should be operating within the law. Support

PROPOSAL NO. 40

ACTION: TNA

DESCRIPTION: Create the Kodiak Nonsubsistence area

DISCUSSION: It was noted that the AC was concerned about this, but Kodiak is a ways away, and they will leave it in the hands of the local people there to decide what is best.

PROPOSAL NO. 41

ACTION: TNA

DESCRIPTION: Create the Bethel Nonsubsistence area.

DISCUSSION: It was noted that the AC was concerned about this, but Kodiak is a ways away, and they will leave it in the hands of the local people there to decide what is best.

Timmy nominated to attend Joint Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50.



MINUTES
MOUNT YENLO F&G ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 7, 2013
Bentalit Village Airpark

Meeting begins at 1: pm with Tom Payton explaining the duties of the Committee and that it is important to keep it active.

Discusses the election nomination process and that this is an election meeting...and first order of business is to take nominations.

Nominations are: Roger Phillips, Tom Brion, Steve and Bonnie Childs, Eric Johnson, Thomas Payton. Barry Stanley, and Sara King, and James Ivey wish to stay on the Committee. All are elected or re-elected by unanimous consent.

Tom Payton is nominated for Chair, Eric Johnson for Vice-Chair, and Sara King for Secretary. All are confirmed

The Chair discusses the new business of reviewing the Joint Board proposals and the comment deadline of September 25.

The Committee reviewed most of the proposals in the book by motions to adopt and second, and voted on the most important ones to support or not.

Motion to adjourn meeting passed at 1:40 pm.

The results of the Committee's comments on the Joint Board proposals, and the election results is attached hereto on form.

Tom Payton; Chair- Mt. Yenlo AC

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Board of Joint Comments for Proposals for Oct. 2013 meeting

Please use this format to record the votes and comments of members regarding proposals. The boards are particularly interested in hearing the reasons why proposals are supported/opposed. If committee members believe a proposal does not pertain to their jurisdiction, it is not necessary to spend time on that proposal.

Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)	
2	6			Allows quorum to meet	
8	6			Housekeeping	
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Excerpt of Draft North Slope Borough Meeting Minutes 9/10/13

Excerpt of Approved Meeting Minutes 4/9/13

9 AM meeting

Proposal Action Requested

Advisory Committee Participation at Board Meetings

PROPOSAL NO. 28

ACTION: Support 8-0

DESCRIPTION: Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation into Board Deliberations.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Mike Pederson: Mr. Chair what my concern is that Brian and me to give comments of the North Slope AC.

Brian Person: Inquires which elections the proposal is referring to.

Carmen Daggett: Explains the commenting process in deliberations during board meetings.

Brian Person: In the board meetings, they can change proposals after they close public comments.

I suggest you support this proposal it gives you more of a voice.

Warren Lampe: Motion to support proposal 28, it gives us more of a voice and it gets us one step closer to the decision making.

Wanda: Seconded

Discussion:

All in favor

Motion carries to support proposal 28

PROPOSAL NO. 29

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation in Board Deliberations.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Nicole Braem-read department comments

Mike Pederson: Questions whether this proposal specifically designates the chairman as the representative for the advisory committee at the Board, since we often designate people other than the chairman to represent the AC at board deliberations at meetings.

Carmen Daggett: As it is written right now, it specifically designates the chairman, and it would have to



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be amended to include other representatives. Explains that the deliberations are they key part.

William Hopson: Inquires if the representative will be a voting member on the board?

Carmen Daggett: No the chairman would only advise the board, they would not be a voting member.

Mike Pederson: I would like to recommend that the AC oppose this proposal because the chairman has been unable to participate in the past and other representatives have been sent to represent the North Slope AC at the board meetings.

All opposed to proposal 29

Motion Carries to oppose proposal 29.

Subsistence Uses & Procedures

PROPOSAL NO. 33

ACTION: Opposed 8-0

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Process for Determining Amount Necessary for Subsistence Finding.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Carmen Daggett: Outlines proposal and reads issue

Brian Person: Explains reporting and strongly suggests a proposal

Comment: I sometimes do surveys in villages and the hunters are tired about survey after survey, if you try to ask a lot of hunters they say surveys are waste of a lot of paperwork and a lot of time. The North Slope Borough has conducted lots of surveys.

Brian Person: This is different than that and I strongly suggest you oppose this proposal because hunters do not report all of the game that they get.

Eli: Motion to oppose the proposal 33

Ronald Seconded

All support

Motion to Oppose proposal 33 carries

PROPOSAL NO. 34

ACTION: Opposed 8-0

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Subsistence Procedures for Determining Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence Uses.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Brian Person: I strongly urge to oppose this.

Warren Lampe: I don't you should put a number on how much we can harvest because that



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changes through time.

Ester Hugo: Motion to oppose

Wanda: Seconded

All in favor to oppose Proposal 34

Modify the subsistence procedures for determining Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence Uses as follows:

In applying subsistence laws the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game shall determine the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence uses (ANS) of a Customary and Traditional used fish stock and/or game population based on recorded harvest reporting.

Opposed

PROPOSAL NO. 35 **ACTION: Opposed 8-0**

DESCRIPTION: Create a Definition for Nonsubsistence Harvest.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Brian Person: Explains anyone in Alaska would be considered a subsistence hunter. I strongly encourage you to oppose this one.

Enoch Oktolik: entertain a motion to oppose proposal 35.

Eli: Motion to oppose 35

Charlie: Seconded

All in favor of opposing

PROPOSAL NO. 36 **ACTION: Opposed 8-0**

DESCRIPTION: Delete the Reference to Proximity of the User's Domicile to the Stock or Population.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Brian Person: Gives an example of proximity of a population, I urge you to oppose proposal 36.

Ester Hugo: Motion to oppose

Ronald Oviok: seconded

All in favor

Motion carries to oppose proposal 36

PROPOSAL NO. 37 **ACTION: OPPOSED**

DESCRIPTION: Add a Statewide Definition of "Noncommercial" as it Applies to Barter.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Nicole Braem: describes the proposal and gives department comments



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William Hopson: Where does the definition of non-commercial come from? Where this proposal is coming from? I am wondering what is coming out of defining a non-commercial. What is the rationale for this definition?

Nikki Braem: Explains a scenario for the usefulness of having a definition of non-commercial. Explains commercial enterprises and the relationship to non-commercial. This would be used by Trooper with people who are trading things. There is a concern that barter will be turned into a business. You are within your rights to change the language of the proposal.

William Hopson: I am concerned that this is going to lead to regulation from the definition that is created. See how that works?

Tuliuk Hepa: Some of concerns that I have with proposal 37. We need to define something, from experience, it could become a law enforcement issue, the way we practice our traditional trade works. I don't see a lot of people making a lot of money from bartering. If we approve proposal 37 it may allow the troopers to create citations for bartering. This is something we might want to think about, or think about proposing at our time.

Michael Pederson: Up here people share and we share with our families and people who cannot get resources with people cannot get it themselves. Based on this definition it is required that people give you something back of equal value. Based on this definition, it is recommended that we oppose the proposal.

Committee Member: 33:24-35:10 Speaks Inupiaq

Motion to oppose proposal 37

All opposed to proposal 37



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the state are in urban centers. This drives me crazy.

Roy Ashenfelter: Which proposals are you addressing?

Charlie Lean: I would like to discuss: 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20. I think they are all setting rules about procedures to be followed in ACs and how to dismiss people and how to discipline people.

I think the system is working.

Roy Ashenfelter: So it is nearing 5:00 pm, what do we have left on the agenda? I want to know what you guys want to do. Do you want to knock them out or keep going? We do want to hear from the department comments. What we have left will determine.

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Motion to Support proposals: 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20

Seconded by Nate

Question to support

All unanimously opposed to 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20.

PROPOSAL NO. 13

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Procedures for Declaring Vacancies and Noticing the Public.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

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Seconded by Nate

Question to support

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PROPOSAL NO. 18

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Definition for Removal for Cause.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

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Advisory Committee Membership Qualification

PROPOSAL NO. 19

ACTION: Opposed

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PROPOSAL NO. 20

ACTION: Opposed

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AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

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Subsistence Uses & Procedures

PROPOSAL NO. 33

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Process for Determining Amount Necessary for Subsistence Finding.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Nikki Braem: There are suite proposals that will change subsistence procedures. At the joint board the majority of each board must vote in favor of the process. If you open on proposal 33. It would establish reporting requirements for all subsistence species. For all species that have customary and traditional use finding over a five year period and use that to establish an ANS.

Tom Gray: Explains that he is happy that the department is opposing this because if we set ANS and it is too low, we are going to hurt the people. Musk ox and moose and other animals differ between the years and come in go in cycles that are not all 5 years. The five year cycle is going to stick us in the closet.

Nicole Braem: Explains the department states there is variability in populations and in harvest patterns.

Tim: Inquires about over reporting as a way to increase ANS

Nikki: Explains subsistence surveys where people like to have a little fun. It has only happened rarely. We critically analyze the surveys that we do.

Motion to support proposal 33

Kevin Knowlton: Call for question.

None in favor of proposal 33 Motion Fails unanimously

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PROPOSAL NO. 34

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Subsistence Procedures for Determining Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence Uses.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Nikki Braem: Gives department comments. Explains current process for determining ANS. Explains how it compares with the proposed process. Explains lack of obligations for some units to report harvests.

Charlie Lean: Motion to approve proposal 34

Paul Kosto: question

Motion fails to support proposal 34

PROPOSAL NO. 36

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Delete the Reference to Proximity of the User's Domicile to the Stock or Population.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Nicole Braem: Gives department comments.

Tom Gray: Inquires what domicile means.

Nicole Braem: Explains.

Nicole: There are three ways to distinguish between users if you are in Tier II. Explains the court case that doesn't allow to distinguish people by where they live and additional criteria.

Charlie Lean: I think that someday somebody will go back to court on this, I like that this is on the books even though it is not enforceable. I think it speaks to what I think subsistence is. We want to send a message that we value that and that we disagree with the current law. I will vote against proposal 36.

Adem Boeckman: Can you please write something to the board regarding this.

Charlie Lean: I hope my comments on the record. I think that speaks to what I say.

Roy Ashenfelter: Explains the point of minutes and process. I try not to just say yes or no, but explain the differences in process.

Kevin Knowlton: I will not support proposal 36 because anyone that can afford to travel to another area of the state to participate in a subsistence hunt, has the means to go to the store to augment their food supply rather than taking away from local users.

Kevin Knowlton: Question

None Support

All Opposed

Motion unanimously fails.

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PROPOSAL NO. 37

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Add a Statewide Definition of “Noncommercial” as it Applies to Barter.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Nicole Braem: Reads description and department comments

Adem Boeckman: Inquires about barter and customary trade.

Adem Boeckman: Inquires if gas is good? Is a four-wheeler a good?

Nicole Braem: Reads the definition of barter. If you really want to chew on this issue read it because I just summarized it.

Charlie Lean: I don't believe this clarifies anything. Anyone who knows the law inside and out can get around it. If Adem had a bunch of fish he wanted to give me I can give him what I please. It would be legal. I don't think this does what is intended. I think this is a lot of rigmarole, I don't see how it can be used well.

Tom Gray: I have a good example. If I give Adem 100 fish and I smoke them and give him 5 fish back is that non-commercial?

Nikki Bream: That is a good question, reads definition of barter.

Charlie Lean: I think it is described when something becomes commercial, when money is not involved.

Nicole Braem: They are trying to define non-commercial is not commercial.

Nicole Braem: Explains barter and exchange or trade for people going hunting or fishing for others.

AC Member: Does it appear that people are abusing the barter?

Charlie Lean: If I can explain myself, whether this new reg was in place and or the existing reg. it would go to court.

Paul Kosto: Explains that everything should go to court before a court.

I see that they have come up with a list of what they see is non-commercial. When the trooper comes up and he is investigating something. This is going to define this over and over in court that is going to happen in the courts anyways. They don't have the ability to determine what non-commercial is.

Nicole Braem: it is well within your realm to modify the language to make it work.

Paul Kosto: I am going to support this because Fish and Game and the troopers need it as a tool. It may not be perfect yet, but they need it.

Tom Gray: The part that concerns me is that it is not of greater value to each participant. “It

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requires equal value of the goods”. That is putting us right in the middle of this. I’m trying to put my finger on the gray area that the system is trying to cover, in reference to my sense of value and they don’t know what I value. To me subsistence is worth a heck of a lot more than money it itself.

Paul Kosto: Gives example of four wheeler trade.

Tom Gray: I should not end up in court over a trooper that does not understand my value of the resources and my values.

Paul Kosto: It is not going to take away from your use

Tom Gray: If I smoked fish it is worth more to me per pound than yours is because I made it. If I get \$5 a pound more I deserve it. There is a gray area here that would bless it.

I think more thought needs to be put into this to bless it. I really do.

Roy Ashenfelter: These comments are going to be submitted to the Joint Boards prior to September 25th. We do need to take action. We don’t have time to wet out every idea.

Tim: The federal subsistence board has been dealing with this quite a lot. Certain agency people think there is a lot of abuse of barter and trade. When you really press these guys where it has been seriously abused. It is something people are trying to fix, but no one has been able to give examples of to prove it is a problem. The regional advisory council has voted against these, because it has been done for hundreds of years and it doesn’t seem like it is a big problem.

Charlie Lean: Explains that section B in proposal 37 makes good sense to me. If the person is in the business of selling or fish or meat, I think that is commercial activity. I think it is not at all clear about portion on page 46 to define what scale is non-commercial. That is dependent on what your need and what you are trying to do and what the price of gas is. I guess the language on page 46 doesn’t make sense.

All in favor of supporting proposal 37

Opposed 37: 9

Support 37: 3

Motion fails

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Proposal Action Requested

Advisory Committees Membership & Areas of Jurisdiction

PROPOSAL NO. 4

ACTION: Support

DESCRIPTION: Redistribute and increase representation from the community of Selawik from the Northern Seward Peninsula Advisory Committee to the Lower Kobuk Advisory Committee.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Carmen Daggett: Inquires about any further comments from the AC about this proposal.

Clyde Ramoth: I spoke with people in Selawik and the use of animals during their migration is closer in nature to the Lower Kobuk than the Northern Seward Peninsula. People in Selawik are in support of this proposal. When we talk about game proposals with Deering and Buckland it is hard to agree with them because they do not experience things quite the same way as we do here in Selawik, Noorvik and Kiana. I think it will make it easier to make decisions if we are on the Lower Kobuk AC. The Lower Kobuk AC is welcoming us and all I hear is support for this proposal.

Percy Ballot: I know that we have worked really well with people from Selawik, we want to support their village in what is best for them.

Mona Washington: I support Selawik moving to the Lower Kobuk AC, if their fish and game uses are the same as Noorvik and Kiana then I support their movement to that AC.

Nathan Hadley: I support their movement because they live more around fresh water issues and we work more around saltwater related issues.

Mona Washington: Motion to support proposal #4

Mona and Nathan did not get proposal books. I need updated mailing addresses; Mona will email them to me.

Advisory Committee Membership Qualification

PROPOSAL NO. 19

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Expand the Qualifications for Advisory Committee Officers.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

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Motion to oppose 19,20,21

Motion carries to oppose proposals 19,20,21

PROPOSAL NO. 20

ACTION: Opposed

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AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

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PROPOSAL NO. 21

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Expand the List of Qualifications for Advisory Committee Members.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

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Advisory Committee Participation at Board Meetings

PROPOSAL NO. 28

ACTION:

DESCRIPTION: Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation into Board Deliberations.

AMENDMENT:

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DISCUSSION:

Carmen Daggett: Reads proposal and department comments

Percy Ballot: Inquires if there are any comments on proposals 28 or 29?

Clyde Ramoth: I don't have a proposal book in front of me so I am going to defer on this proposal.

Percy Ballot: We have this process where we look at the proposals and deliberate on them here, that that is good enough for me.

Carmen Daggett: Explains how deliberations work and the role of them in the board process.

Percy Ballot: inquires about deliberations and the proximity to their game management unit.

Carmen Daggett: Explains proposal 29 specifies game management unit that will be discussed by the AC while in proposal 28 the deliberation participation will not be game management unit specific.

Clyde Ramoth: I am opposed to proposal 28. I feel like the timing is always the biggest obstacle in getting comments in prior to the board meetings.

Percy Ballot: Asks about who proposed these proposals.

Carmen Daggett: Proposal 28 was proposed by the Upper Tanana and Fortymile ACs, proposal 29 was proposed by Allen Barrett.

Clyde Ramoth: I am opposed to proposal number 28

Seconded: Nathan

Three support to proposal 28

One support proposal 28

PROPOSAL NO. 29

ACTION: Support

DESCRIPTION: Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation in Board Deliberations.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Clyde Ramoth wants to support to be allowed to discuss items regarding during GMU specific areas.

Motion to support proposal 29

None Opposed

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PROPOSAL NO. 33

ACTION:

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Process for Determining Amount Necessary for Subsistence Finding.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Carmen Daggett: Reads proposals and department comments for proposal 33.

Percy Ballot: Requests information about all of the other ACs on how they voted on this proposal.

Carmen Daggett: Northern Norton Sound met, the North Slope AC, Southern Norton Sound and Kotzebue Sound all opposed this proposal.

Percy Ballot:

Clyde Ramoth: Explains the variability in the proposal and incomplete information that is collected even in current surveys. There are 70% of the residents subsist and there has been questions about getting all of the necessary information from individuals to accurately reflect subsistence harvest.

Motion to oppose proposal 33

All opposed to proposal 33

Motion carries to oppose proposal 33

PROPOSAL NO. 34

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Subsistence Procedures for Determining Amounts Reasonably Necessary for Subsistence Uses.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Carmen Daggett: Reads proposal and department comments.

Percy Ballot: 34, 35, 36 all deal with defining subsistence.

Carmen Daggett: Explains the similarities and differences for 34, 35, 36. I would be careful in lumping them together.

Mona: motion to oppose proposal 34

Seconded:

Question: Motion to oppose 34

All Opposed

PROPOSAL NO. 35

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Create a Definition for Nonsubsistence Harvest.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Carmen Daggett: Presents proposal and department comments

Nathan: Inquires about how the other ACs voted on this proposal.

Carmen Daggett: I don't recall how the other ACs voted to this proposal.

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Percy Ballot: I am totally opposed to this proposal. This is defining subsistence?

Carmen Daggett: This proposal is designed to define non-subsistence harvest. Rereads definition of non-subsistence harvest.

Clyde Ramoth: Inquires if sport hunters and fisherman are considered subsistence.

Carmen Daggett: I believe they would be according to this proposal.

Clyde Ramoth: I don't agree with that I don't think that sport hunters and fisherman are subsistence hunters and fishers. They say that they eat them, but they just make them into a trophy and waste them. I am opposed to something like that.

Percy Ballot: If there are a good amount of resources for subsistence uses. This has the potential to affect the amount of resources that are available to people in an area for subsistence use right?

Carmen Daggett: Potentially.

Percy Ballot: Inquires if it includes game populations?

Carmen Daggett: it includes both Fish and Game.

Percy Ballot: Well fish and game belongs to Alaska residents, but we should have priority over the fish and game resources in our area over non-subsistence users.

Percy Ballot: I think any animal should benefit subsistence users.

Nathan Hadley: I oppose 35

Mona: motion to oppose proposal 35

Seconded: Nathan Hadley

All opposed to proposal 35

PROPOSAL NO. 36

ACTION:

DESCRIPTION: Delete the Reference to Proximity of the User's Domicile to the Stock or Population.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Carmen Daggett: Reads proposal and department comments

Clyde Ramoth: I will support whatever Buckland and Deering want to do because you guys have to deal more with Tier II hunts than we do.

Percy Ballot: If we oppose this, it keeps things as is for Tier II hunts. I guess it depends if you think it is important consider a persons living place.

Clyde Ramoth: Motion to oppose

Nathan Hadley: Seconded

All opposed to proposal 36

PROPOSAL NO. 37

ACTION: Opposed

DESCRIPTION: Add a Statewide Definition of "Noncommercial" as it Applies to Barter.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Carmen Daggett: Reads proposal and department comments regarding non-commercial

Clyde Ramoth: Inquires what the intent of this proposal is.

Carmen Daggett: Explains that the troopers are seeking something that is enforceable and definition allows them to work off.

Percy Ballot: Value varies depending on the participants and that should be considered. In our

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Clyde Ramoth: We have been trading for thousands of years and we should be able to determine the value of the resources ourselves. I can understand the younger generation may not to understand a fair determination of value.

Carmen Daggett: continues to read the proposal.

Mona Washington: How do the other advisory committees feel about this proposal.

Carmen Daggett: The Northern Norton Sound AC was split on this issue, but I think they ended up opposing it.

Clyde Ramoth: Mr. Chair I feel we are already over regulated.

Mona Washington: Motion to oppose 37

Seconded: by Clyde

Percy Ballot: I think we need put our foot down on this one. I think we will see this before again us I am sure.

All opposed to proposal 37.

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I. Call to Order: 9:04 AM

II. Roll Call:

Present in chambers

Frank Woods – Dlg Chair,
Dan Dunaway – Dlg Secretary
Joe Chythlook - Dlg - Vice Chair
Lloyd (Tom) O’Connor – Dlg
Robert Heyano - Dlg
Kurt Armstrong - Dlg
Glen Wysoki - Koliganek
Peter Christopher - New Stuyahok
Gary Kline - Alt.
Chris Carr - Portage - by phone
Mariano Floresta - Clark's Pt. - by phone

Absent

Robin Samuelson – Dlg
Joe Kazmirowicz - Ekwok
Jon Forsling -Togiak
Travis Ball - Alt Aleknagik excused

No Aleknagik rep at this time.

Louie Alakayak - Manokotak -by phone joined at 9:30

Other Agency staff in Attendance:

Susie Jenkins-Brito ADFG Boards	Tim Sands ADFG Com Fish
Jason Dye ADFG Sport Fish	Mike Mason KDLG News
Craig Schwanke ADFG Sport Fish	Ted Krieg ADFG Subsistence
Sarah Evans ADFG Subsistence	
Gayla Woods BBNA	Danielle Stickman BBNA
Courtenay Gomez BBNA	
Suzanna Henry Spt. Togiak Refuge	Andy Aderman USFWS Togiak Refuge

Rob Fuentes, Bear Claw Lodge / Alaska King Fisher Camp - by phone
Jim Woolington – Public
Stan Small – Public

(see attached attendance sheet for full list of attendees)

III. Approve Agenda:

Robert H. moved to adopt, Glen W 2nd: Susie advised committee that Rob Fuentes was listening by phone and requested to present some information and comments. **Carry unanimous.**



IV. Approve Minutes of April 14 meeting

Robert H. moved to adopt, Joe C 2nd:

A mistake was noted:

p2 V. Commercial Fisheries: Herring: 2nd sentence should read:Harvest forecast, Seine ~~2,100~~ [21,000] tons, Gillnet 9 tons, no regulation changes, maybe 7-14 day fishery, expect 6 processors, 40 gillnetters, 28 seiners - all increases from 2012....

Comments: Item VI: There was a request for an update and more information on what had occurred regarding information request to DNR:

Chair verified a letter had been sent for the AC to Commissioner of ADFG requesting how the Dept. had participated in the DNR revision of the Bristol Bay Area Plan. The commissioner never responded to the AC's letter. It was agreed to follow up under Old Business.

There was a question regarding the list of names attached to the end of the minutes. Secretary said he was trying to maintain a list of Committee members to aid roll calls.

Carry unanimous (with corrections).

V. Introductions: All present briefly introduced themselves.

BELOW: minutes reported in the order they came on the floor vs. the order of the agenda.

VI. Staff Reports: Available in copy of full Minutes.

VII. New Business

A. Susie Jenkins-Brito discussed the Joint Boards October meeting schedule and process.

B. Three NOAA researchers from the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (Kristin Hoelting, Conor Maguire, and Stephen Kasperski) did a brief introduction that they are investigating economic, social and environmental impacts to fishing communities. In particular this is connected to the federally managed fisheries such as the CDQ groups, harvest share programs etc. They plan to interview locals and hold a meeting Wed. Sept 18, 6-8 PM at the Bristol Inn.

C. PROPOSALS

1. Joint Board Proposals

Susie addressed these to the AC.

(Advisory Committee Membership & Areas of Jurisdiction; Proposals 1-8)

PROPOSAL's 1-8 are not relevant to Bristol Bay area or our AC - not considered.

(Advisory Committee Uniform Rules of Operation; Proposals 9-18)

PROPOSAL 9 - Dan Moves, Robert 2nd

ACTION: Fails 0-11

DESCRIPTION: Change the Advisory Committee Membership terms.

AMENDMENT:



DISCUSSION: Considered ADFG position. It's not broke doesn't need fixing. Villages fill seats and this new schedule won't mesh well with tribal or village council schedules. Everybody is in the field in the summer.

PROPOSAL 10 - Robert Moves, Joe 2nd

ACTION: Fails 0-11

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Advisory Committee Voting Process.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Considered ADFG position. AC member thought each committee can set up its voting system by current regulations. Much prefer current system. At some of our meetings we might not have enough in attendance to fill the seats - same for other small communities.

PROPOSAL 11 - Robert Moves, Joe 2nd

ACTION: Fails 0-11

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Nomination Process Advisory committees.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Considered ADFG position. Strongly opposed, as a sitting AC could maintain a tight "clique". Let the attendees and voters decide who's qualified.

Chair, please note in minutes we are STRONGLY opposed to this.

PROPOSAL 12 - Dan Moves, Tom 2nd.

ACTION: Fails 0-11

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Advisory Committee Membership Nomination and Election Process.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Considered ADFG position. Several member expressed they are strongly opposed to this - what about places where population doesn't speak English well or at all? Seems like an effort to address urban AC problems. In AK's rural areas including our own, many members have extensive knowledge of fish and game resources but not of statutes and the Alaska Constitution, for some English isn't even their first language. This proposal would unfairly exclude many people. It gets away from whole intent of AC process to have citizen involvement and block cronyism of other states. Discussion of 82 ACs statewide, 15 members per AC, would consume all time and funds of the board. Waste of effort.

Chair, please note in minutes we are STRONGLY opposed to this.

PROPOSAL 13 - Robert Moves, Joe 2nd

ACTION: Fails 0-11

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Procedures for Declaring Vacancies and Noticing the Public.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Considered ADFG position. This proposal may unfairly limit a member's opportunity to become informed and to respond. Especially in remote portions of the state. It seems like current regulations should be sufficient. Some of this seems redundant to existing regulations / process. Some ACs need to stay on top of their process & membership.

PROPOSAL 14 – Robert Moves, Joe 2nd

ACTION: Carries as Amended 8-3

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Uniform Rules of Operation to incorporate use of Bylaws and Provide Other Clarifications.

AMENDMENT: Align support with Department comments; only consider Portion 3, 4, 6; eliminate portions 1, 2, 5.



DISCUSSION: Considered ADFG position. ADFG supports 3, 4, 6 and opposes 1, 2, 5.

Dan offered friendly amendment to motion to support those portions (3, 4, 6) supported by ADFG. Robert and Joe accept friendly amendment.

Discussion on the Amendment: Generally support status quo and don't really need 30 days, 14 days has worked pretty well around Bristol Bay. Some discussion of by-laws and burden of creating them or need for them. AC had more discussion of supporting ADFG position and in favor of supporting amendment to the proposal. Some are generally opposed to the whole proposal amended or not - not needed especially the 30 days provision.

Vote on amended proposal: 8 in Favor, 3 Opposed.

**PROPOSAL 15 - Robert Moves, Joe 2nd
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ACTION: Carries as Amended 10-

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Uniform Rules of Operation to Accurately Reflect the Current Procedures Followed by the Advisory Committees and Boards Support Section.

AMENDMENT: Remove section 5, addressing changes in term dates and discuss remaining proposal.

DISCUSSION: Comment, given action on [9] should we take no action? Yes, it might be better to be clear in our position.

AC considered ADFG position. AC already addressed this change in proposal 9. If joint boards do it already...

Dan offered friendly amendment to adopt but ELIMINATE the term dates from this proposal. Robert and Joe accept friendly amendment.

Resume discussion: When we vote be clear it's on the amended proposal eliminating the 5th section [section f. regarding changing term dates] and reflecting current actual practices.

**PROPOSAL 16 – Robert moves, Joe 2nd
0**

ACTION: Carries as Amended 11-

DESCRIPTION: Establish a Standard for Advisory Committee Minutes.

AMENDMENT: Exclude section (e.) of the Proposal

DISCUSSION: Some don't think this is asking too much. Some have experience with minimal or confusing meeting minutes, hard to feel informed. Others expressed resistance to yet more regulations. ADFG says BOF seems to be moving to setting their own requirements for minutes that are submitted. At minimum we should support a, b, c, d, f, g but exclude e. E. could be a real problem - who is to say what is relevant - could create a lot of arguments and confusion, too subjective. Everyone who makes a comment feels their comment is relevant. There was more discussion on what to record in minutes.

Dan offers friendly amendment to **eliminate (e)** from the proposal. Robert and Joe accept friendly amendment.



PROPOSAL's 17 & 18 Robert moves to take Proposals 17 & 18 together, Joe 2nd

ACTION: Proposal 17 – Carries 11-0 Proposal 18 – Fails 0-11

DESCRIPTION: Proposals regarding Removal for Cause.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: This committee supports ADFG position to address apparently vague situation in AC rules relative to a problem AC member. It would be good to have a requirement to inform the individual of concern.

ADFG reviewed likely process for removal of a community selected AC member - letters of concern to tribal or village council.

Discussion was to vote on proposals separately.

Vote on 17 Supports Unanimous.

There was brief additional discussion on 18. ADFG opposes. It could be very difficult to determine what is "frivolous".

Vote on 18 Oppose Unanimous

(Advisory Committee Membership Qualifications; Proposals 19-21)

PROPOSAL's 19, 20, 21 Robert Moves, Joe 2nd ACTION: Fails 0-11

DESCRIPTION: Expand/change the qualifications for AC membership

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: All these proposals seek to expand the qualifications of AC members; change qualifications of AC chair, qualifications of members.

AC considered ADFG's opposition to all 3.

Discussion detailed that the system isn't broken; some voiced objection to frivolous proposals; let attendees, electors decide who is qualified; support assessment of ADFG.

(Advisory Committee Active Status, Function, & Staff Assistance; Proposals 22-24)

PROPOSAL 22 - Robert Moves, Joe 2nd ACTION: Carries 9-2

DESCRIPTION: Reduce the Number of Meetings Required for Advisory Committees to Remain in Active Status, and Clarify the Process for Merging Advisory Committees.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Very extended discussion. Strong concern that if only 1 meeting is required, state administration will eventually whittle down budget to only 1 meeting and 1 is not enough, especially for the Nushagak AC. Don't let the budget folks off the hook.



Many could also see the side that quite a few AC's only meet 1 per year, it's very expensive, members are too busy to meet more than once, 1 per year can be enough, don't want to see AC ruled inactive for only having 1 meeting.

Some wanted to separate the Active Status issue from the budget and funding concerns and were willing to risk the budget concerns. Fight the budget concerns through contacts legislature etc.

Generally discussion evolved that most whose support allowing 1per year Active Status was contingent on the assumption that funding should remain at levels to allow 2 or even 3 meetings per year as needed for individual ACs. Nobody wants meeting funding cut.

Vote Support 9 Oppose 2. Opposition continued strong concern for reducing pressure on State to fund adequate numbers of AC meetings, and some wanted to continue current practice of allowing Active Status with 1 meeting if a second wasn't possible due to weather or member schedules.

PROPOSAL 23 - Tom Moves, Joe 2nd

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the functions of Advisory Committees and add the applicable Regional Council Functions.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Opposition expressed since Regional Councils have been "dead" for years.

From the audience, a request to remember this proposal has nothing to do with the Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils.

The State RAC consisted of the chairs of all the ACs in the area. State no longer funds State RAC.

ADFG position, opposes this proposal.

12:15 Motion to Table 23 **Robert Moves, Joe 2nd**. There are other similar proposals like 30, 31 we should look at the same time. ADFG supports 30 and 31. Call for unanimous consent. NO objection.

Proposal 23 Tabled by Unanimous Consent

******Resume proposal 23 after discussion of Proposals 30 & 31**

Joe Moved to take up 23. Dan 2nd

Based on actions we have taken in 30 and 31 should we take no action? No.

Discussion continued ADFG opposes putting RAC functions into ACs. Some folks prefer where ADFG and Board would have to consult more with ACs. Did State RAC have veto power over ADFG management decisions? Some felt State RACs provided some checks and balances to ADFG and State. We'd like to see some opportunity for AC to exert checks and balances to Boards. But functions of State RACs pretty much is already done by ACs.

Chair asked for consensus for NO action based on actions in 30, 31 but wants Boards to note the discussion points. Consensus granted. No Action

PROPOSAL 24 – Robert Moves, Joe 2nd

ACTION: Fails 0-11

DESCRIPTION:

AMENDMENT:



DISCUSSION: Consider ADFG position: Opposes as it has no practical effect. After AC members read over proposal several expressed their agreement with ADFG.

(Adoption of Fish and Game Regulations; Proposals 25-27)

PROPOSAL 25 – Tom Moves, Joe 2nd

ACTION: Carries 10-1

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Procedure for Accepting Proposals for each Board.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Confusion grew as to what the proposal really does and what the "actual practice is" or what the proposal really says. Will this allow acceptance of proposals POST MARKED by the deadline vs. "Must Be Received IN Juneau by deadline"? Several members recalled how they thought the process works now. Several commented that it can be hard to make sure proposals are IN JUNEAU by the deadline and prefer allowing post marked by deadline.

To some the proposal seems to allow acceptance of [nearly ALL] proposals after the deadline given the typical broad language of most Board meeting notices. If such is the case this proposal seemed much too broad and could be unfair no point in a deadline.

Vote on proposal 25: Support 10 on the condition that final language says ONLY PROPOSALS POSTMARKED BY THE DEADLINE may be accepted. **Opposed 1** - proposal too confusing and old system works.

****** 12:30 BREAK for lunch. ******

1:08 pm Resume Meeting.

Some members had to depart for other duties.

Excused: Robert Heyano, Joe Chythlook

Members present:

Chris Carr - on phone

Louie Alakayak - on phone

Present in chambers:

Kurt Armstrong

Tom O'Connor

Frank Woods

Gary Cline

Glen Wysoki

Peter Christopher

Dan Dunaway

Quorum re-established.

There was a general discussion and consensus to set aside joint board proposals to address ACR's while upriver members are still present.

Discussion of Agenda Change Requests (ACR) - they are not proposals but a request to Board to form a proposal.



Only a few address Southwest Alaska 6, 12 & 14. No oral testimony will be allowed at BOF Work Session, AC must send written testimony, due September 25. Online comment process explained.

The AC's Actions and Discussion on BOF ACR's are available in copy of full Minutes.

Resume considering Joint Boards proposals.

Chris Carr (on phone) departed the meeting exact time note noted, approximately 1:45 pm.

(Adoption of Fish and Game Regulations; Proposals 25-27 continued)

PROPOSAL 26 – Joe Moves, Glen 2nd

ACTION: Fails 0-9

DESCRIPTION: Require Joint Board to Meet Every Year; Establish a Standing Committee of the Joint Board; and Remove the Reference to Council.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Excessive oversight, added expense, burdensome to board members, current system works, we didn't support other related changes by this proposer.

PROPOSAL 27 – Joe Moves, Tom 2nd

ACTION: Carries 9-0

DESCRIPTION:

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Discussion, current practice seems to work, costly waste to mandate annually if not needed.

(Advisory Committee Participation at Board Meetings; Proposals 28-29)

PROPOSAL's 28 & 29 Joe Moves, Tom 2nd

ACTION: Fails 0-9

DESCRIPTION:

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Up to 29 ACs might want to participate in Bristol Bay deliberations. This would be very cumbersome and difficult to manage. Current system works as far as who would board listens to.

(Regional Councils; Proposals 30-32)

***AC agreed to take up proposal 31 first.*

PROPOSAL 30 - Joe Moves, Tom 2nd

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION:



AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Joe moved to take no action given action on 31 and asked for unanimous consent.

PROPOSAL 31 - Tom Moves, Gary 2nd

ACTION: Carries 8-1

DESCRIPTION:

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: State RACs may have been warranted pre Federal Subsistence but not now. Don't use State RACS now there are Federal RACs and system in place. If this proposal would allow what is currently done.... And we still have the means to address the issues thru ACs and Federal RACs.

Vote Support 8 Opposed 1 Opposing voter likes the idea of still having a State RAC & potential to address regional wider spread issues like for caribou herds and similar.

PROPOSAL 32 – Joe Moves, Peter 2nd

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: Repeal the Regional Council Regulations and Incorporate the Functions into the Advisory Committee Regulations

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Joe moved to take no action by unanimous consent; based on actions for 23, 30, 31. Peter 2nd There was no objections.

Chair noted time that some AC members would have to leave soon and we'd lose quorum. He requested AC form a subcommittee and authorizes it to complete the meeting agenda and associated business for the whole AC.

Joe Moved to form and authorize a subcommittee to address remaining proposals, select representative to Joint Boards and deal w/ 17A moose. Kurt 2nd. Support Unanimous. Subcommittee members named Tom, Kurt, Frank, Garry, Dan; also open to all AC members available.

Louie Alakayak announced he had to depart the meeting for work. 2:35 PM.

Peter Christopher had to leave same time. He asked that next meeting's agenda include proposals to extend the fall moose season to September 20; and extend caribou season 2 weeks later in the spring. Chair agreed to note these items.

*****SUBCOMMITTEE continues addressing proposals and meeting business approximately 2:45 pm.

(Subsistence Uses & Procedures; Proposals 33-37)

PROPOSAL 33 – Dan Moves, Tom 2nd

ACTION: Fails 0-5

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Process for Determining ANS Findings.

AMENDMENT:



DISCUSSION: ADFG is opposed, they already do household surveys, maintain salmon harvest report system, there's the big game harvest tickets and permits. The reporting in 30 days could be a real annoyance and hard to comply at times. Our salmon permits go all summer would we have to make multiple reports? Current system is working.

PROPOSAL 34 - Gary Moves, Tom 2nd.

ACTION: Fails 0-5

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Subsistence Procedures for Determining ANS for Subsistence Uses.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: AC agrees with ADFG, object to requiring new analysis and reporting process. Current ANS ARE based on harvest reports in large part - already do what this proposal seems to request.

PROPOSAL 35 – Gary Moves, Tom 2nd

ACTION: Fails 0-5

DESCRIPTION: Create a Definition for Nonsubsistence Harvest.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Share ADFG's concern for legal problems, this isn't needed and makes no sense. Current system is working. Don't understand what proposers are trying to do.

**Glen and Kurt depart. Times not noted. (Vote changes to four total on Subcommittee.)

PROPOSAL 36 – Gary Moves, Tom 2nd

ACTION: Fails 1-3

DESCRIPTION: Delete reference to Proximity of the User's Domicile to the Stock or Population.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: This is mostly a house keeping type proposal, may address the community harvest quota process, hold over from old processes disallowed by courts etc.

"If this change would reflect current practice and use eligibility would not be negatively affected, then let's support it. Housekeeping."

Support 1: if it's just housekeeping. **Opposed 3:** Opposition concerned that there could be unforeseen consequences. Preference of the AC is to retain current language.

PROPOSAL 37 – Gary Moves, Tom 2nd

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: Add a Statewide Definition of "Noncommercial" as it Applies to Barter.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: A very long discussion with several concerns listed:

A MAJOR CONCERN: Would this affect barter as regulations now allow among commercial fishers? They are allowed to barter now and commonly do when they have really small catches - especially set netters. Want to be able to continue the practice.

Maybe this is to address the quasi commercial take we hear about, possibly done under subsistence harvesting. Hear complaints about large amounts of strips being sold in urban areas. But don't want a hassle for a grandma who sells a couple jars of fish at a bazar. Some folks seem to sell quite a bit.

Confusion where Federal Subsistence allows a certain amount to be sold but state doesn't - who can tell?



What is legal regarding selling small amounts? Sure wish a Trooper could have been here to explain.

Yes with this confusion it would be nice to have more clarity on these regulations. We could use clarification.

I have real concerns for a grandma selling a few strips. We don't have enough information to make a decision.

No Action by unanimous consent. But please note our concerns per the discussion.

(Nonsubsistence Areas; Proposals 38-41)

PROPOSAL 38 – Gary Moves, Tom 2nd

ACTION: Fails 0-4

DESCRIPTION: Repeal the State Nonsubsistence Areas.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: They need a much clearer plan and explanation before anything is repealed.

There is an awful lot to absorb related to this proposal and could be very significant. We don't have time or enough information to decide on this.

Should we take no action on this? No we need to address these.

PROPOSAL 39 – Dan Moves, Gary 2nd

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: Reduce the size of the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: We should take no actions as it's out of our area. There is concern for precedent it might set.

NO Action, Out of Area, unanimous consent.

PROPOSAL 40 – Dan Moves, Gary 2nd

ACTION: No Action

DESCRIPTION: Create a Kodiak Nonsubsistence Area.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: Some discussion on human population of Island, borough, and municipality. We are concerned what precedents might be set. While we recognize and support how extremely important subsistence is for many people in Alaska, Kodiak is geographically far removed from Bristol Bay. We should take no action as it's out of area and we have insufficient information.

NO Action, Out of Area, unanimous consent.

PROPOSAL 41 – Gary Moves, Dan 2nd

ACTION: Fails 0-4

DESCRIPTION: Create a Bethel Nonsubsistence Area.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION: We share Mulchatna caribou and other subsistence resources with Bethel area users, share GMU boundaries and usage, C&T (Federally and/or State recognized) areas with them, Togiak Refuge usage, Brown Bear special management area with them, so we should act on this proposal. Harvest efficiency may have to be limited somehow.

We have significant concerns what precedents and implementation might mean for Bethel and eventually for our area. Human population size alone shouldn't be the determining factor.

Bethel's lack of economic alternatives and opportunities should count, as well as sheer heavy



dependence on subsistence resources. How would it work for Bethel residents vs. nearby Kwethluk and similar communities? What is really practical to do given easy mobility?

****END of Proposal Review.

VIII. Old Business

A. 17 A. Moose

FWS Biologist Aderman explained he's concerned for the 2 moose bag limit and potential excessive cow harvest; how it might work if the moose season isn't opened until January 1. He doesn't want to overharvest cows and there could be difficulties issuing permits and reporting first kill. As currently set up, a hunter gets one permit then must report a harvest before being able to get a second permit.

He would like to develop a criteria for a cow hunt with all the other villages some time between now and December.

Need to have a plan and work it out with all villages.

It would be nice to schedule a meeting close to the Togiak AC meeting to maximize participation of key members.

Discussion: We could possibly send a Nushagak AC rep to Togiak, would like to avoid long teleconference meetings they are so hard.

The Nushagak AC Subcommittee need to get prepared for the meeting - what do they think works for the users of this area?

Its possible as part of their normal job, some of the subcommittee members will attend the Togiak AC meeting anyway. There might be ways to get several Nushagak reps over to Togiak.

B: Representation at Joint Boards meeting.

The Nushagak AC chair or secretary represent the AC at the Joint Boards meeting.

Adjourn 4:26 PM



Paxson Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of 5/20/2013

Attendees: John Schandelmeier, Mark Schlenker, Audie Bakewell, Greg Swope, Lee Harper, Gary Alcott, Josh Wammock, Mike Terzi

Agenda: Reviewed Past Fish and Game meeting attended by Mark Schlenker

Discussed Mark's comments on Wolf Control to the Game Board. Committee members continue to believe that current wolf control is based on faulty wolf counts. Assumptions on movement of wolves between subunits are incorrect.

- Discussed Proposal by Alaska DOT to increase speed limit on Richardson Highway to 65mph. Vote was taken and it was unanimous consensus of Committee that speed limit stay at 55. Letter to be sent to DOT with our recommendation

- Reviewed changes to 2013 Fish and Game Regulations

- **Discussed Joint Board Proposals**

Vote Taken on Proposal 37 "Barter Code for Subsistence Fishing".

Approved on vote of 4 – 1

Committee members in favor of proposal were in favor of consistent, well documented rules that were clear and well defined. There should be no place in subsistence rules for the exchange of game for money. Barter of game should only be for goods or services.

Committee member opposed believed that Subsistence living was imperfect and that there were times when money would need to be used. For example when a subsistence hunter traded game for money so that other basic supplies could be purchased. A straight barter arrangement might not always be possible.

Vote Taken on Proposal 29 " AC Members Present during Board Deliberations.

Approved 5 – 0

All Committee members thought this was a good change to the rules. Having committee members available could answer questions, provide additional information, and also better understand decisions and the basis for them.

Greg Swope, Secretary



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Sept 19, 2013

Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

7 pm Library Courtyard

Committee Members Present: Michael Opheim, Kelly Brennan, Robert Purpura, Allison Miller, Layla Pedersen, Walter Sonen

Public Present: Larry Storry, Jeane Merchant, Tim Dillon (City Manager)

Call to order: 1901 (7:01 PM)

Excused Absences: David Chartier, Bryan Chartier, Matt Gallien, Alvin Swick, Mary Klinger

Discussion on Proposals #1-8:

Our discussion on these proposals led us to believe that we did not know enough about these areas to have any meaningful opinions.

No Action

Discussion on Proposals #9-18: **Advisory Committee Uniform Rules of Operation**

Prop #9- *Change the Advisory Committee Membership Term Dates*

Sonen: Changing committee membership term dates accommodates summer residents. Not in support. Brennan: states that we have one of the most diverse committees a community our size could ever want. The rest of the committee concur that all user groups have representation in Seldovia. Pedersen: believes that some of the voting irregularities mention in these proposals are somewhat overstated.

No Action

Prop #15- *Clarify the Uniform Rules of Operation to Accurately Reflect the Current Procedures Followed by the Advisory Committee and Boards Support Section.*

Purpura: This pertains and seems to simplify the other proposals dealing with the Uniform Rules of Operation. We should specifically comment on this, adding an amendment to leave operations as status quo. Sonen agrees. Larry Storry (public) agrees that committee membership terms should not commence and expire during summer, when everyone is busy. Purpura: This proposal seems the cumbersome and more in line of what has worked for our AC over the years. Brennan: Agrees that have the election cycle should remain as it is.



Sonen makes a motion that we support Proposition #15, adding an amendment that we keep original election dates. Brennan seconds.

Action: 6 in favor of motion. 0 opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion on Proposals #19-21:

Discussion: Purpura: These proposals if adopted would be somewhat burdensome for our small community. We just do not have that large of a population to comply with these proposals.

No Action

Discussion on Proposals #22-24: no comments

Discussion on Proposals #25-27: **Adoption of Fish & Game Regulations**

Prop #27- *Modify the Regulations to Reflect the Need to Schedule Meetings for the Joint Board*

Purpura: Scheduling Joint Board meetings *when needed* would save money, reduce redundancy and burden. In support of Proposition #27, requests a motion.

Brennan moves to support Proposal #27. Sonen seconds.

Action: 6 in favor of motion. 0 opposed. Motion passes.

Discussion on Proposals #28-29:

No Action

Discussion on Proposals #30-32: **Regional Councils**

There is some confusion on difference between Regional Councils and Advisory Committees, but it seems that operating in favor of Regional Councils, reduces efficacy and importance of individual communities. Purpura is not in support of smaller communities merging with larger ones to form Regional Councils.

No action on these proposals.

Discussion on Proposals #33-37: **Subsistence Uses and Procedures**

Prop #35- *Create a Definition for Nonsubsistence Harvest*

Committee discusses requirements to qualify for subsistence harvest, and wonders why Nonsubsistence Harvest needs to be defined.



No action.

Prop #36- *Delete the Reference to Proximity of the User's Domicile to the Stock or Population*

Committee discusses how much harvest is taken out of the region by folks who either live here seasonally or send harvest to relatives out of state, etc. Purpura: I'm not in favor of promoting any large influx of urban users coming into rural areas not in close proximity where they live.

Brennan moves to adopt Proposal #36. Sonen seconds.

Action: 0 in favor of motion. 6 opposed. Motion fails

Prop #37- *Add a Statewide Definition of "Noncommercial" as it Applies to Barter*

Committee discusses what types of harvest are permissible as barter.

Sonen moves to support #37. Merchant (public) seconds.

Action: 6 in favor of motion. 0 opposed. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion on Proposals #38-41: Nonsubsistence Areas

Prop #38- *Repeal the State Nonsubsistence Areas*

Discussion: People living in rural communities have a hard enough time putting food on their tables without competition from urban areas.

Sonen moves to adopt Proposal #38. Pedersen seconds.

Action: 0 in favor of motion. 6 opposed. Motion fails

Next meeting: Thursday November 7, 2013. 7pm Multi Purpose Room

Brennan moves to adjourn. Sonen seconds.

Meeting adjourns 1959 (7:59 PM)



**Seward Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes of March 28, 2013
City of Seward Council Chambers
DRAFT**

Meeting began at 7:11 pm

Members Present: Jim McCracken, Robin Collman, Jeanette Hanneman, Jim Herbert, Arne Hatch, Bob White, John Flood, W.C. Casey, Diane Dubuc

Members Absent: Mark Clemens, Jim Hubbard, Matt Hall, Ezra Campbell, Trent Foldager

Public Present: Kathy Doty, Chuck Wendt, Bob Venable

Agency Staff Present: None

Agenda approved [Motion – Dubuc, White]

Minutes of previous meeting of January 17, 2013 were approved with minor corrections from Hanneman and McCracken. [Motion - Casey; Dubuc]

McCracken offered introduction of the Committee members to any in the audience who were not familiar with individuals.

Diane Dubuc attended the recent Board of Fish meeting and gave us a summary of results. Because of contentious politics among the user groups in the region, Upper Cook Inlet seems to get considered out of the regulatory cycle on a regular basis.

Contrary to expectations and perhaps in deference to the East Side Setnetters, King salmon escapement at the sonar counter for the second run has been dropped from 17,500 to 13,000. [Proposal 249]. The reduced SEG did not seem to track with the concerns of those worried about the overall health of King salmon stocks.

The limit for Dogfish has been raised to 5/day with no annual limit. They are looked at differently than the other shark species that continue to have restrictions. [Proposal 226].

It is prohibited to high grade any species [Proposal 228]. This does not apply at this time to halibut as they are regulated by the IPHC. We had endorsed a halibut restriction to this effect.

✓ Proposal 234 prohibiting small lead weights submitted by Collman generated much discussion at the meeting. Ultimately it failed 1-6 with the board looking at education of the public to start dealing with the problems associated with lead in the environment.

Dubuc said the North Pacific Council will be focusing on King salmon by-catch in the Gulf of Alaska and will put Bering Sea by-catch on hold. There will be a Joint Protocol meeting in the near future to work on this problem area.

Recognizing that the Advisory Committees in the Valley are dealing with significant salmon issues, Dubuc said they may request the support of other regional committees to work on solutions. This might mean joint meetings and letters of support.

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She also referred to the failure of a proposal submitted by Buchanan/McManus to allocate hatchery returns by users. The Board felt it was important to have flexibility due to the variation in returns and obligations.

McCracken had a phone conversation with Sherry Wright and shared the outcome of the recent Board of Game meeting. We had extensive discussions at our previous meetings regarding brown bears and moose in Units 15 and 7.

The Board actually liberalized the Unit 7 and 15 moose regulations. A legal moose will have a spike on one side or 4 or more brow tines on one side or be > 50 inches. The spikes will increase the hunting opportunity slightly and it is felt they suffer a heavy over winter mortality in any case.

The Board has created a resident registration hunt for brown bears in Units 7 and 15. The new rules allow one bear per year with the season from 9/1-5/31. This begins in the fall of 2013.

Brown bear can also be taken on bait stations starting in 2014. The season is 15 April to 31 May and corresponds to the black bear baiting. The meat of any brown bears killed must be salvaged. An annual limit of 70 Brown bears will be allowed. This count would be from all causes including DOLP, road kills, and hunting.

There will be no closed season for coyotes in south central and wolf hunting in Units 7, 15B and 15C are liberalized.

Correspondence – Carol Griswold sent an email to the Chair and Secretary responding to comments she heard at the last meeting with regards to Sheffler Creek fish runs. First Lake and Kid's Fishing opportunities. The Committee acknowledged the information and decided not to attach it to the minutes based on past practice.

Old Business: Kid Fish Day will be on Saturday May 18 at First Lake. Robin Collman is the lead on this community event. He suggests we borrow the portable water tank from Bear Creek Fire Department. He will solicit contributions from AC members and businesses to provide food and prizes for the participants. We may have the F&G habitat trailer here to enhance the experience for the kids. Please contact Collman at 362-3266 for more information and to offer your help.

New Business: Since the Seward AC is not likely to meet again until later in the fall we took up the Joint Board Proposals to be considered at the October 12, 2013 meeting.

JOINT BOARD PROPOSAL COMMENTS

Proposal 1 [Dubuc-Collman]

Action: 8-0-0 Support

We stand by our comments in the proposal as submitted. We want to make it easier to regularly establish a quorum by having a Seward AC of 11 undesignated seats plus alternates. We feel this is a way to make our AC more efficient yet still adequately represent our area.



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Proposal 8 – General discussion to see if Seward was being positively or negatively impacted by this proposal. No action taken as it was decided it was a housekeeping matter with no net effect on us.

Proposal 12 [Hatch, Dubuc]

Action: 0-8-0 Oppose

We feel it should be up to the local committee and citizens to make the determination of whether the seats in an area are designated or undesignated. Local discretion should rule in these matters.

Proposal 16 [Herbert, Dubuc]

Action: 6-0-2 Support

We realize that the written comments as expressed in the minutes are a proven record of the work of the AC's and is relied up by the Boards during deliberations. Further it is confirmation of the testimony of AC representatives at the meetings. Timely minutes in a clearly stated format provide valuable information in the Board member's reference materials. We encourage all AC's to provide a clear written record of their actions.

Proposal 19 and 20 [Herbert, Hanneman]

Action: 0-8-0 Oppose

Within the existing regulatory requirements we want to leave the operating standards of the AC up to the local's discretion. If local people are happy to elect an individual to the AC, they are the ones to have selected that person for reasons that are important to them. In many cases there is difficulty in getting adequate people to participate in local committees. While certain high standardss for members might be admirable, it will likely eliminate many qualified and interested individuals from the process.

Proposal 22 [Dubuc, White]

Action: 0-8-0 Oppose

We endorse the status quo of two meetings per year. There is a certain commitment to the process and a need to review both hunting and fishing matters in a meaningful way. Trying to do this in a marathon session is not pleasant and does not do justice to the issues. Two meetings should be the minimum.

Proposal 28 [Dubuc, Hanneman]

Action: 7-1-0 Support

We know historically the AC representative has been invited to sit at the table when the Boards deliberate a proposal that affects the local area. Perhaps in the interest of efficiency this practice has been discontinued. We believe the option should exist for the AC representative to contribute information to the Board at their request.

Amendment to 28: [Dubuc, McCracken]

Action: 7-0-1 Support

The Chairman of the Board of Game, Board of Fish or Joint Board shall have the authority to provide a designated AC representative to participate in board meetings as proposals are deliberated and voted upon....

Amendment creates an option where the Chair may solicit further information from AC representatives as she/he feels will enhance the discussion and final outcome.

The amended proposal carried by the top vote.

The Committee authorized Diane Dubuc to represent us at the Joint Board meeting in October 2013. This will serve as notice to Board Support.

Citizen Comments: Wendt asked for clarification of the new Brown bear regulations.



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The next scheduled Seward AC meeting will be October 17, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm. [Casey, Dubuc]



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An excerpt of the Southern Norton Sound AC Meeting Draft

Minutes 4.2.13 Unalakleet

PROPOSAL NO. 14

ACTION: NO ACTION

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Uniform Rules of Operation to Incorporate use of Bylaws and Provide Other Clarifications.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Inquires about having IRA being the established election of AC members.

Michael Sookiyak: Inquires about a standard operating procedures for elections in towns for ACs in the past.

Peter Martin: elections should go through IRA and the city doesn't have anything to do with that.

Art Ivanoff: Explains the segregations of communities between City and IRA that would allow elections to represent the people as a whole not just a segment of the population.

Michael Sookiyak: Explains that there are a lot of people that are involved in both the city and the tribe.

Art Ivanoff: I am just thinking about a fair election process to include the whole of the people.

Wade Ryan: didn't you say before that the city is the only one to certify elections.

Carmen Daggett: I have never seen anything for certifying the elections for the ACs.

Scott Kent: Explains that having the city bring in different logistics.

Carmen Daggett: I think that the ideal situation for having elections for the AC seats that include both the city and IRA.

Carmen Daggett: Said look at the number of people from the public at the AC meeting today. Is that representative of Unalakleet?

Wade Ryan: City for municipal

Michael Sookiyak: I think it should be left up to the cities.

Milton Cheemuk: Leave it for each village to decide how they want to do the elections.

Motion to abstain

Motion passes

PROPOSAL NO. 15

ACTION: Opposed 0-5

DESCRIPTION: Clarify the Uniform Rules of Operation to Accurately Reflect the Current Procedures Followed by the Advisory Committees and Boards Support Section.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Motion to support proposal 15

Seconded:

Discussion:

Art Ivanoff: This makes this more complicated and more technical.

Michael Sookiyak: I don't know if we should really disregard this. I think we should take it into consideration. Now we have the chance this may come back to haunt us. We don't want to have decisions and processes going through the Joint Board.

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Michael Sookiayak: I think this will come up again.

Art Ivanoff: If the community is comfortable with a person for a seat why would we need to go to the board and it just adds another layer of complexity.

-Henry Oyoumick: no

Karen Nanuok: opposing this will save you red tape later.

-Wade Ryan no

Michael Sookiyak- abstain

Merlin Henry-no

Art Ivanoff-no

Milton Cheemuk-no

Motion fails 0-5

Advisory Committee Membership Qualification

PROPOSAL NO. 19

ACTION: Oppose 6-0

DESCRIPTION: Expand the Qualifications for Advisory Committee Officers.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Motion to support the proposal

Motion fail

Henry Oyoumick: no

Peter Martin: no

Merlin Henry: no

Art Ivanoff: no

Wade Ryan: no

Michael Sookiayak: no

Motion fails.

PROPOSAL NO. 20

ACTION: Oppose 6-0

DESCRIPTION: Change the Qualifications of Chairman and Modify the Removal for Cause of Advisory Committee Members.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Milton Cheemuk: Motion to not support

Discussion: inquires about who Heuer is?

Henry Oyoumick: Explains new members should demonstrate knowledge of all Alaska Consistution

Seconded: Henry Oyoumick

Question: unanimous consent

PROPOSAL NO. 21

ACTION: Oppose 6-0

DESCRIPTION: Expand the List of Qualifications for Advisory Committee Members.

AMENDMENT:

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DISCUSSION:

Motion to not support

Seconded: Michael Sookiayak

It is really hard to get AC members to participate and if we further restrict ourselves we may be further restricting.

Henry Oyoumick: I like the idea for not supporting.

Question:

Unanimous consent

Motion carries to not support

Advisory Committee Participation at Board Meetings

PROPOSAL NO. 28

ACTION: SUPPORT 6-0

DESCRIPTION: Incorporate Advisory Committee Participation into Board Deliberations.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Carmen Daggett: Reads proposal to AC.

Carmen Daggett: Explains the current procedures of giving public comments at the BOF and BOG meetings.

Art Ivanoff: Motion to support,

ALL SUPPORT, I like this idea.

Art Ivanoff: this is a great proposal.

Scott Kent: Explains the lobbying that goes between the board members and the other participants.

Art Ivanoff: I like this idea, how many times have we had a chance to look at the ACC? There is a real need for education to occur. There should be some motions and processes. We don't always know what some of this stuff means. Without knowing the tools in the tool box we are missing out on abilities to represent our communities.

Subsistence Uses & Procedures

PROPOSAL NO. 33

ACTION: OPPOSED 6-0

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Process for Determining Amount Necessary for Subsistence Finding.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Art Ivanoff: We don't even want to go through the amount necessary for subsistence.

Scott Kent: Explains ANS and the harvestable surplus. I agree with you totally.

Art Ivanoff: I think we are all in line I think we don't like the idea.

All Opposed

Question: Motion fails

PROPOSAL NO. 34

ACTION: All Oppose 6-0

DESCRIPTION: Modify the Subsistence Procedures for Determining Amounts Reasonably

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Necessary for Subsistence Uses.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Proposal 34: Motion to support

Motion fails

Art Ivanoff: I like the idea of local control versus BOF and BOG

Unanimous consent

PROPOSAL NO. 35

ACTION: All Oppose 6-0

DESCRIPTION: Create a Definition for Nonsubsistence Harvest.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Motion to support

Art Ivanoff: Comments this is from the Alaska Outdoor Council

Wade Ryan: inquires about what non-subsistence users are

Art Ivanoff: what is defined as an alien

Scott Kent: Do you want some more information about the Alaska Outdoor Council?

Art Ivanoff: They have been unfriendly towards natives

Seconded: Merlin Henry

Scott Kent: Explains if you are an Alaska resident you are considered a subsistence user.

All oppose

Motion fails

PROPOSAL NO. 36

ACTION: All OPPOSE 6-0

DESCRIPTION: Delete the Reference to Proximity of the User's Domicile to the Stock or Population.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Motion to support

Subsistence needs to be revisited. It is based on rural and NOT native.

Scott Kent: domiciled in Alaska means they just live anywhere in Alaska.

Henry Oyoumick: I need to think about this some more. What are the implications before that?

Art Ivanoff: Inquires if we are going to meet before September 25th.

Carmen Daggett: We are all here now, and we don't know what funding is going to be like next year. I am not sure if you are going to be able to meet before September 25th. I guess my recommendation, is to ask questions and figured out.

Henry Oyoumick: I think the constitution needs to be revisited to emphasize subsistence to benefit rural Alaska.

Scott Kent: Explains subsistence hunts.

Art Ivanoff: Explains that the constitution. The Alaska Outdoor Council wrote this proposal they are not for us. I think that gives us a good indication of if we should vote for this proposal or not.

Scott Kent: Explains people in Anchorage have other places to get food than "subsistence hunt for sockeye"

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Seconded:
Question:
Unanimous consent to oppose
Motion Fails

PROPOSAL NO. 37

ACTION: OPPOSED 6-0

DESCRIPTION: Add a Statewide Definition of “Noncommercial” as it Applies to Barter.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Move to support

Art Ivanoff: I see the need for barter and trade and I am not sure we want to change it.
Scott Kent: We already have customary trade on the books up to \$500. This would make customary trade illegal. Doing customary trade is to allowed
Henry Oyoumick: Inquires why Milton Cheemuk would want to support this proposal.
Scott Kent: Further explains the proposal.
Milton Cheemuk: I over saw the motion, Disregard my motion.
Scott Kent: There are lots of people who wear many hats in villages, this would exclude a lot of people.
Move to not support: Michael Sookiayak
Seconded:
Question: with unanimous consent oppose
Motion fails to support the proposal

Nonsubsistence Areas

PROPOSAL NO. 38

ACTION: OPPOSED 6-0

DESCRIPTION: Repeal the State Nonsubsistence Areas.

AMENDMENT:

DISCUSSION:

Art Ivanoff: Again look at the author
Wade Ryan: I don't like this one.
Motion to not support
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September 25, 2013

Dear Chairman Johnstone and Board of Fisheries Members, and Chairman Ted Spraker and Board of Game Members,

RE: Proposal 2

I am the current Chairman for the Susitna Valley Advisory Committee (AC), the mandate for a specific number representatives from each of the various communities has made it extremely difficult to find enough members to fill the seats.

Membership requirements that were established when the AC was formed makes it difficult to find enough members from the various communities to have an effective A C. Over the past two years numerous meetings were scheduled and not enough member showed up to make quorum up so that a meeting could be conducted.

Corrective actions need to be taken mitigate the mandate for a specific number from seats to each community. Which would make the majority of the membership at large seats, hopefully making it easier to find enough members to allow for meetings to be conducted? At this time the Susitna Valley AC is in effective and not a function able AC.

Bruce Knowles

Chairman Susitna Valley AC



Minutes Upper Lynn Canal Fish and Game Advisory Committee
9/13/13

Call to order: 5:05 pm

Members present: Dave Werner(DW), Tim McDonough (TM), Dean Risley (DR), Julia Heinz (HZ), Kip Kermoian (KK), Randy Jackson (RJ)

By Phone from Skagway: Luke Rauscher (LR), John Tronrud(JT)

Members Absent: John Katzeek (JK)

ADFG and other agency staff present: Rich Chapell, F&G Sports Fish, Gordon Zealand, Yukon F&G Association

Audience: approximately 10 present

Minutes of 2/22/2013 meeting approved.

Agenda: Approved after correspondence read from Director of F&G

Agency Reports: No agency reports given.

Audience Participation: See notes below

Old Business:

Reciprocal fishing with Yukon

Conversation continues as not a good representation from the community at the last meeting. KK asked how the issue arose and what do we know? JH reports Bill Thomas noted that he was opposed at previous meeting and other comments included concerns of impact on parks, etc and conflict at 22 mile area.

Three letters read: Rueben Lowen – Opposed to reciprocal; Shane Horton –Supports Reciprocal for economic reasons; Greg Richmond-supports Reciprocal.

Marlena Saupe - Talked about why the agreement went into effect in 2005, secondary to economic downturn in the Yukon. Now economy in Whitehorse in booming with Tourism, Mining and construction. Asked to look at reason for the agreement and why is should be rescinded. Opposes reciprocal, "\$145 is not going to stop them from coming"

JT opposes reciprocal

Doug Olerud – Great advertisement for Haines & Skagway. Small price to pay for over the road visitors, Yukoners will balk at \$145 license, it is a goodwill gesture, if need more enforcement write a letter to the state troopers, take actions against abusers and be good neighbors. Letter opposing reciprocal will send a huge message "Don't come here," Enforce the laws.

Steve Chambert –Skagway Small Boat Harbor

Yukoners don't follow the rules, in Skagway they are there all week long and on the weekends all summer, no enforcement in Skagway and no respect for rules or resources.

LR agrees with Steve, increased dollars may pay for enforcement.



DW asks Doug Olerud – How many reciprocal licensees are we talking about?
Doug unable to answer, other answers were 2000 to 2400/year in Haines & Skagway
250,000 non-resident licensee's state wide

The fees are designated for managing fisheries and enhancing sport fishing not enforcement

Must still follow non-resident limits

Gordon Zealand – Yukon Fish & Game Association took part in original discussion. Alaska and Yukon were a close unit secondary to Salmon Treaties. Alaska and Yukon in step. Remembers nothing about financial hardships. Surprised with issues around lack of enforcement and opposed to anyone abusing the resources. Remember the families and the ability of children to fish.
JH asks age of license need – age 16, but under 16 can have no help from anyone.

Gordon continues that with major focus enforcement some intake of resource will effect ¼ to 1/3 of fisherman. Yukon also encourages use of their resources.

KK expressed the sport fisheries were opposed at the time passed

DW noted that 300 AK get Yukon License, 2110 reciprocal licenses last year \$50,000 state wide.

RJ states does not seem to be a good message. Opposed to letter. Canadians spend a lot of money, adding to sales tax & wages, valuable economically, don't like negative message. Haines already has negative image nationwide. Let state take the lead and not Haines. Law enforcement issue not cost of license. So much money is spent on tourism, this is going to hurt. Opposed to letter.

Someone on telephone commented that Canadians assume they pay resident fees they get resident bag limits which is not true, need some education.

Steve Fossman asked troopers about possession, was told it is the number of fish on ice. If processed it is not included. Opposed to reciprocal agreement. Whitehorse economy booming, way out of balance. Need to Nip it in the Bud! Kings & Crab are different bag limits, same with halibut.

Board discussion:

Fee is not going to go to enforcement and big competition for resources. Don't think we are sending a bad message; it is a great opportunity at any price. Wonder if they (Canadians) would not come? Alaska Statute, Administrative Board. We need to petition administrator. Asked Gordon if he heard of anything at Canadian Government level, he reports he had heard nothing at that level. Money goes to ADFG not enforcement. Escapement is still in good shape; last's year harvest was 500 +, average of 1500 fish.

M/S JH/TM A/C Write letter to request to rescind reciprocal agreement.

Board discussion on motion; DW they can afford, DR enforcement, take baby steps, RJ negative message, bad image JH they are non-residents and should pay non-resident rates. TM \$385,000 generated if payment \$145 fee, the state needs the money. \$2.2-2.5M lost revenue if include everything. State says most are coming to Haines & Skagway. Asked Gordon about where people are going; reports big boats and big cash are going to Valdez and Homer and things are not as rosy in the Yukon as the politicians say. TM we want them to come and the money to manage the resource. DR What about economics to town? If higher price, won't spend as much. TM read draft copy of letter. Letter should not say we want less people to come.

Call for question: 6 support, 2 opposed, **Motion carries.**



JH & RJ to rewrite the letter and bring back to committee.

Skagway signed out 6:30pm

Crabbing in the Upper Lynn Canal

Action in form of requesting closure or limitation. DR leave it alone, crab rates down everywhere, cycles in and out. JH limited resource, preserve for local and subsistence. Pot limit possible? DR Won't make it through RJ different gear limits in different areas could make it less inviting for big crabbers. KK another option could be to limit time, ex. 2 days a weeks, might discourage some crabbers from coming this far or close off if within certain distance from roads. Ideal would be if fishermen and crabbers get together and come back to board with recommendation. Close some areas for subsistence. John Norton Dungeness Crab issues Commercial over exploits the resource. Managing biologist not concerned secondary to size restriction. Crab harvest not sustainable. Unequivocally should restrict. Waiting for more information is not a good option. Conservative approach better. King crab fishery is a good example, it is gone. Seek immediate closure until we can assure no a 20-30 year recovery. History shows unable to make quick recovery. Complex fishery. KK Crab fishery being mismanaged. Southeast AK wide, have no numbers for Haines. What can we do for local fisheries. Great video on topic "END of the LINE" at library. Steve Fossman We need accountability, quota is Southeast wide. KK Limiting area is no going to make a different. Needs management of this area, upper Lynn Canal. What do you commercial guys thing? RJ Proposal to board of fish, Reed Barber and Terry Pardee to support. Four full time crab guys in town. Can't complete with 300 pot boats. Need area 15 management. Reed Barber Shouldn't ADFG be having this discussion? TM Indeed they should but they are not. KK Need to pound away. Crabbers need to come up with a plan. What can you live with. This is what we would like you to propose. Look at economics, # of boats, competition, subsistence. Ron Horn agreeable to represent subsistence. Steve Fossman Area quota, entitlement. Subsistence priority in this area, but no data. Survey of households? Who knows subsistence usage? Nobody. RJ 2015 next shellfish meeting. Can we do out of cycle proposal? Spring 2014 proposals are for 2015 board meeting in January. Quota 2.25M pounds Southeast wide. 3 S's Size, Sex, Season JH Can we call the commercial guys, what is the best way to protect the local crabbers. **Local crabbers include Stuart Dewitt, Norman Hughes, John Winge, Luke Williams, Reed Barber and Terry Pardee.** DW Need data, someone should have info. Could request a test fishery prior to opening and following an opening. Request to local biologist. Need ADFG support or it isn't going to happen. **KK will talk to local biologist, Randy Bachmann, asking for test fishery.** Not conservation issue, ACR. April 10, 2014 deadline for proposal for 2015 meeting. We need to prevent crisis rather than just respond. **JH will call the local crabbers for their input.** Crabbers working together on Sea Otter problems. Question can we meet before December, **October 28, 2013 set as tentative meeting on the crab issue**

Marlena Saupe asked that anchorages stay pot free.

New Business

Change of duck hunting season:

Brian Clay supports extending duck season, ice on Mosquito Lake when went out. Going back to opening September 1st would give 6 weeks of hunting. Duck migrate because of the light.

M/S JH/KK Motion: Change Duck Hunting season to start September 1. Passed 6-0

Board discussion; Recommend extending days, 107 now, adding to make 114 days. Wonder if should be put in Yakutat & Cordoba zone. Don't want to split zones or create additional, just change boundary of zone. Letter to Ryan Scott. Table until October 28th meeting.



Joint Board of Fishers and Game Proposals (See Form) SEE ATTACHED VOTING RECORD
FOR COMPLETE DETAILS AND RATIONALE

Proposal:

- #1-7 M/S RJ/JH No Action, Not our concern
- #8 M/S RJ/TM SUPPORT
- #9 M/S JH/KK SUPPORT
- #10 M/S JH/TM SUPPORT
- #11 M/S JH/RJ OPPOSE
- #12 M/S DR/JH OPPOSE
- #13 M/S RJ/DR OPPOSE
- #14 M/S JH/RJ OPPOSE
- #15 M/S RJ/KK SUPPORT
- #16 M/SKK/TM OPPOSE
- #17 M/SDR/KK SUPPORT
- #18-23 M/S RJ/TM OPPOSE
- #24 M/S KK/TM SUPPORT
- #25 M/S DR/RJ SUPPORT
- #26 M/S NO ACTION
- #27M/S KK/TM SUPPORT
- #28 M/S RJ/JH NO ACTION
- #29 M/S KK/RJ NO ACTION
- #30 M/S RJ/KK OPPOSE
- #31 M/S JH/TM NO ACTION
- #32 M/S JH/RJ NO ACTION
- #33 M/S JH/TM OPPOSE
- #34 M/S KK/TM OPPOSE
- #35 M/S RJ/DR OPPOSE
- #36 M/S TM/RJ SUPPORT
- #37 M/S RJ/DW _OPPOSE
- #38-41 M/S DR/JH OPPOSE

Travel to Anchorage

Need to know by 9/25/13 if anyone interested

Meeting is October 12-16th

RJ has wanted to go in the past and been unable, would like to go this year. Board agreed to send Randy Jackson as our rep. to the joint boards meeting.

Next meeting tentatively set for Oct. 28. Randy J will chair as Tim McDonough will be out of town.

M/S DR/JH Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM



Checklist

ULC F&G A/C voter record and comments for Joint Board of Fisheries and Game October 12, 2013

Proposal #	support	oppose	no action	Summary of discussion about this proposal
#1	0	0	6	felt not our area so didn't effect us, and we don't know enough about the issues
#2	0	0	6	felt not our area so didn't effect us, and we don't know enough about the issues
#3	0	0	6	felt not our area so didn't effect us, and we don't know enough about the issues
#4	0	0	6	felt not our area so didn't effect us, and we don't know enough about the issues
#5	0	0	6	felt not our area so didn't effect us, and we don't know enough about the issues
#6	0	0	6	felt not our area so didn't effect us, and we don't know enough about the issues
#7	0	0	6	felt not our area so didn't effect us, and we don't know enough about the issues
#8	6	0	0	support F&G rational and makes a better law
#9	5	1	0	makes sense to have terms end the same time as board cycles
#10	6	0	0	clarifies code which is a good thing
#11	1	5	0	seems stringent and over demanding/unreasonable qualifications
#12	0	6	0	losing local control of AC membership by having commissioner appointments is a bad thing. Small communities wouldn't have enough people to fill all the different seats
#13	0	6	0	didn't seem necessary, present code covers the issue
#14	0	6	0	bylaws need changing as boards change, adding this would make that difficult. Recognize bylaws as a good thing but don't think it should be in code
#15	6	0	0	provides clarity in the code which is good
#16	0	6	0	unnecessary, code already covers the need for minutes
#17	6	0	0	clarifies what "cause" is which is good
#18	0	6	0	too far reaching, vague, or reasonable to enforce
#19	0	6	0	too far reaching, vague, or reasonable to enforce
#20	0	6	0	too far reaching, vague, or reasonable to enforce
#21	0	6	0	too far reaching, vague, or reasonable to enforce
#22	0	6	0	too far reaching, vague, or reasonable to enforce
#23	6	6	0	too far reaching, vague, or reasonable to enforce



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#24	6	0	0	the added language states the need of the AC to have as much input as possible
#25	6	0	0	eliminates unnecessary regulatory language = good
#26	0	0	6	maybe not practical, don't feel we have enough information to make an informed decision on the proposal
#27	6	0	0	makes sense to have "as needed" to eliminate frivolous required meetings
#28	0	0	6	the idea sounds good but we question the costs involved getting AC members to Board meetins and required commitment of AC member travel
#29	0	0	6	same as proposal 28
#30	0	6	0	Since as stated in the proposal itself, someday funding or use for councils will again happen, it doesn't hurt to leave it in so we oppose taking it out
#31	0	0	6	it was unclear to us what language in the proposal was being repealed
#32	0	0	6	we don't feel we have enough information or knowledge about the proposals goals/intent to make an informed decision on it
#33	0	6	0	we felt the accuracy of data gathered could easily be questionable.
#34	0	6	0	same as proposal 33
#35	0	6	0	we could not comprehend the proposal, it did not make sense to us. It seems "nonsubsistence harvest" would just be harvest, resident or nonresident
#36	6	0	0	shouldn't have unconstitutional language in code
#37	2	4	0	the opposing votes felt it makes enforcement too subjective, the supporting votes felt it gave law enforcement a better handle in enforcing the law.
#38	0	6	0	felt the proposal didn't contain enough specific information to explain why the change is being requested
#39	0	6	0	felt the proposal didn't contain enough specific information to explain why the change is being requested
#40	0	6	0	felt the proposal didn't contain enough specific information to explain why the change is being requested
#41	0	6	0	felt the proposal didn't contain enough specific information to explain why the change is being requested



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September 25, 2013

Karl Johnstone, Chairman
Alaska Board of Fisheries
Ted Spraker, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game
Fish and Game Board Support
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Subject: Comments from the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor AC from their meeting held on September 7, 2013 in Unalaska, AK. Comments were on various proposals included for the Alaska Board of Fisheries and Game Joint Board meeting to be held in Anchorage, AK October 12-16-2013.

Proposals 9 -5 AAC96.060. Uniform rules of operation. Change the current Advisory committee membership term dates as follows. Motion to support, by Goodfellow, seconded by Dickerson.

Discussion: ADFG staff stated their comments and that the department supported the proposal. Committee members discussed how the current terms would be phased in with terms ending on June 30th most committee member comments saw the reasoning in this proposal, and supported it. Motion to supported passed 7-0

Proposals 10 5 AAC96.060. Uniform rules of operation. Clarify the Advisory Committee voting process as follows. Motion to support, Proposal 10 by Goodfellow, second by Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG staff explained the proposal the committee members didn't support the proposal it wouldn't work for Unalaska and we have a good system in place already. Motion to support failed 7-0

Proposal 11. 5 AAC96.060 Uniform rules of operation Modify the nomination process for the Advisory Committee as follows: Motion to support proposal, Goodfellow, seconded, by Mahoney.



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Discussion: ADFG staff explained the proposal that would change the nomination process which would include interviews of the nominees and knowledge of the Alaska Constitution and the states Administrative code the department opposes this proposal as well. This proposal went a little too far the committee members felt, and the motion to support failed 7-0.

Proposal 12. 5 AAC96.060 Uniform rules of operation. Modify the nomination process and voting for the Advisory Committee as follows: Motion to support proposal, Goodfellow, seconded, by Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG staff explained the proposal that would change the nomination and sector representation as well as the voting process. The department opposed some parts of this proposal and was neutral on other parts. This proposal was a bit much for the committee and wouldn't work for Unalaska area. The motion to support failed 7-0.

Proposal 13. 5 AAC96.060 Uniform rules of operation. Clarify the procedures for declaring vacancies and noticing the public as follows: ADFG staff explained proposal Unalaska already has a system in place that works for this area. No action on this proposal by the committee.

Proposal 14. 5 AAC96.060 Uniform rules of operation. Modify the uniform rules of operation to incorporate the use of bylaws and provide other clarifications as follows: Motion to support by Goodfellow seconded by Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG staff explained the proposal and state that the department supported sections 3, 4, and 6 and opposed sections 1, 2, and 5. The Unalaska AC amended the Proposal to support sections 3, 4, and 6 and opposed sections 1, 2, and 5. Motion to support amended proposal passed 7-0.

Proposal 15. 5 AAC96.060 Uniform rules of operation. Clarify the Uniform rules of operation to accurately reject the current procedures by the Advisory Committee and Board Support Section as follows: Motion to Support Goodfellow, seconded by Mahoney

Discussion: ADFG spoke to the proposal that it was basically housekeeping in nature, and does away with joint board approval of a replacement member. ADFG proposal, which they supported. The motion to support was passed 7-0



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Proposal 16. 5 AAC96.060 Uniform rules of operation. Establish a standard for advisory committee minutes as follows: Motion to support, by Goodfellow, seconded by Laxfoss.

Discussion: ADFG staff explained the proposal the department was neutral on this proposal. The Unalaska AC already does a good job with the minutes of our meetings the committee had no problem supporting the proposal. Motion to support passed 7-0

Proposal 17. 5 AAC96.060 Uniform rules of operation. Clarify the procedures for removal for cause of advisory committee members implementing disciplinary, measures under Robert Rules of Order during advisory committee meetings, and submission of Advisory Committee minutes. Motion to support, by Goodfellow, seconded Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG explained proposal and would give the AC more clout on the removal of and AC member for cause under Robert Rules of order. This Joint Board Proposal was supported by the department. Committee members were in supported of this proposal, which passed 7-0

Proposal 18. 5 AAC96.060 Uniform rules of operation modify the definition for removal for cause as follows: Motion to support proposal by, Goodfellow seconded by Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG staff explained the proposal which was opposed by the department the proposal really went too far with expanded language for removal of and AC member for cause. The Unalaska committee was opposed to this proposal. The Motion to support failed 7-0

Proposal 19 -5ACC96.060 Uniform rules of operation. Expand the qualifications for advisory committee officers as follows: Motion to support by Goodfellow, seconded by Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG staff explained the proposal which was opposed by the department. This proposal would make it much more difficult to qualify to be and officer of and AC this proposal could disqualify some good candidates the committee had problems with it. The motion to support failed 7-0

Proposal 20-21 -5ACC96.060 Uniform rules of operation. Change the qualifications of Chairman and modify the removal for cause of AC committee



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members as follow: Proposal 21 would Expand the list of qualifications for AC members as follows: Motion, to support by Goodfellow, seconded by Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG staff outlined both proposals the department opposed both 20-21. The Unalaska AC thought that these went too far in our estimation for making it tougher to be a chairman and expanded the qualifications to be and AC member. This could make it harder to get members appointed to AC's in rural areas of Alaska. Motion to support proposals 20-21 failed 7-0

Proposal 22 -5ACC96.450. Committee status and change status. Reduce the number of meetings required for Advisory Committee to remain in active status and add clarify the process for merging Advisory Committees as Follows: Motion to support by Goodfellow, seconded by Dickerson.

Discussion: ADFG staff explained proposal that was supported by the department. It was explained about that it can be difficult to have two meeting a in a cycle and the proposal would AC's to merge if they so choose. The committee was in favor and saw the benefits to of supporting. The motion to support passed 6-1.

Proposals 23 -5AAC 96.050 Functions of local fish and game advisory committees. Clarify the functions of local fish and game advisory and add the applicable regional council functions as follows. Motion to support by Goodfellow, seconded by Holman.

Discussion: ADFG staff explained the proposal that was not supported by the department. It really wanted to expand the roles of AC's included sitting in on decision making on proposals with the BOF/BOG and had a host of other recommendations that didn't make sense to the Unalaska AC. The motion to support Proposal 23 failed 7-0

Proposal 24 -5AAC 96.510 Staff assistance. Replace Council with committee in the regulation assigning staff assistance as follows: Motion to support Goodfellow seconded by Laxfoss.

Discussion: ADFG explained that this proposal would allow the Commissioner to assign staff to assist committees and is encourage utilizing the AC's in development management strategies. The department opposed this proposal



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which is unrealistic with the budget issues ADFG faces. The committee did not support this proposal that was unrealistic. Motion to support failed 7-0

Proposal 25 -5AAC 96.610 procedure for developing fish and game regulations. Clarify the proposals for accepting proposals for each board. Motion to support Goodfellow, seconded by Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG explained that this proposal had to do with accepting proposal if the it was postmarked within the acceptable deadline date. Housekeeping issue and was supported by the department. The committee had no problem with this proposal and supported the motion 7-0

Proposal 26 -5AAC 96.600 Meetings. Require the joint board to meet every year; establish a standing committee of the joint board; and remove the reference to Council as follows: Committee took no action on proposal 26.

Proposal 27 -5AAC 96.600 Meetings. Modify the regulations to reflect the need to schedule meetings for the Joint board as follows: Motion to support by Dickerson, seconded by Goodfellow.

Discussion: ADFG staff explains the proposal; the department supported it as well. Basically a housekeeping proposal, the Unalaska AC supported the motion 7-0

Proposal 28-29 -5AAC 96.XXX New Section. Incorporate Advisory Committee participation into board deliberation: Motion to support by Dickerson, seconded by Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG staff explains the proposal; the department opposed it, as unworkable how would 82 AC chairman be able to participate in BOF/BOG deliberations. The Unalaska AC committee agreed, and the motion to support proposals 28-29 failed 7-0

Proposal 30-31 -5AAC 96.910. and 5AAC Chapter 96 Article 2. Remove the definition for the word council from the regulation. The repeal the regional Council language as follows: Motion to support by Dickerson, seconded by Mahoney.



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Discussion: ADFG staff explains the proposals; the department supported the language in both proposals to remove the reference to the RAC's. The Unalaska AC committee agreed, and the motion to support proposals 30-31 passed 7-0

Proposal 32 -5AAC 96.080. Interaction of local advisory committees with regional fish and game councils. Repeal the regulation and incorporate the functions in the advisory committee regulations (as provided in proposal 23) as follows: The committee took no action on Proposal 32 based on the action they took on Proposal 23.

Proposal 33-34 -5AAC Chapter 99Subsistence Uses. Modify the process for determining the Amount necessary for subsistence finding as follows: and **Proposal 34 5 AAC99.010. Board of Fisheries subsistence procedures.** Modify the subsistence procedures for determining Amounts Reasonably necessary for Subsistence users as follows: Motion to support by Goodfellow seconded by Mahoney.

Discussion: ADFG staff provided and over of both proposals which the department opposed the Unalaska AC did not feel comfortable on trying to set limits for individual families subsistence needs, it would be very difficult. The committee motion to support the proposals 33-34 failed 7-0

Proposal 35. 5 AAC 99.021 Definition. Create a definition for non-subsistence harvest as follows: Motion to support Goodfellow seconded by Mahoney

Discussion: ADFG discussed the proposal; the department opposed it and thought it would be difficult to come up with a definition. The Unalaska AC concurred and the motion to support proposal 35 failed 7-0

Proposal 36-37. 5 AAC 99.010 Board of Fisheries and game subsistence procedures. Delete the reference to the proximity of users domicile to the stock or population under the subsistence procedures regulation as follows: **37 5 AAC 99.021. Definition** Add a statewide definition of noncommercial as it applies to the barter of fish and game taken in subsistence fisheries, hunts and trapping as follows: Motion to support 36 and 37 by Goodfellow seconded by Laxfoss.

Discussion: ADFG explained the proposals, the department supported both proposals these proposal would mirror existing language. The Alaska State



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Troopers proposed proposal 37 the Unalaska AC concurred with their proposal. The motion to support proposals 36-37 was supported 7-0

Proposals 38-41 the Unalaska AC took no action as these proposals did not impact the Unalaska area.

This concludes the Unalaska/Dutch Harbor AC comments, on the Joint Board of Fisheries and Game meeting proposals, to be heard at the joint meeting October 12-16, 2013 meeting in Anchorage, Alaska.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Kelty", written over a horizontal line.

Date 9-25-13

Frank Kelty, Unalaska / Dutch Harbor AC Chairman



ACTIONS OF THE WRANGELL FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AT IT'S MEETING OF MAY 16, 2013

Members Present: (13)	Chris Guggenbickler Winston Davies Robert Rooney Janice Churchill Bill Knecht	Brennon Eagle Jason Rooney Alan Reeves Tom Sims	David Rak Brian Merritt Otto Florschutz John Yeager
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The meeting was called to order by Chris Guggenbickler, Committee Chair at about 7 PM. Reports on various topics by members and business on a proposal to the Federal Subsistence Board occurred. John Yeager left the meeting prior to consideration of the following proposals.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

Following are the results of the Wrangell Advisory Committee's actions on the proposals presented in the **Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries and Game** 2013 proposal book.

Proposals # 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8 NO ACTION

Proposal #9 FAILED
 Motion to adopt by: Tom Second by: Bill
 Number in favor: 0
 Number opposed: 12
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: The Wrangell AC feels that advisory committee members in southeast Alaska should not meet in the summer due to members being away working on various fisheries. Proposal number 15 below from the Department is more flexible. See comments for #15 below.

Proposal #10 Considered but NO ACTION was taken
 Comments: The Wrangell AC feels that advisory committees that have a need should have designated seats. This is not an issue in Wrangell.

Proposals # 11, 12, 13, & 14 NO ACTION

Proposal #15 SUPPORTED
 Motion to adopt by: Brennon Second by: Tom
 Number in favor: 12
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: The AC understands the proposal allows flexibility for meeting schedules and elections, and would not require assigned seats. There is a concern for meetings during the summer that some current members would be able to attend. The proposal also includes two and one half or three and one half year terms as dictated by the Department. It should be OK not to have elections mid-proposal cycle, and OK to put AC members on the same cycle as the Board members.

Proposal #16 NO ACTION



Proposal #17 SUPPORTED
 Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Tom
 Number in favor: 12
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: The AC supports the Committee of Joint Boards, and feels the establishment of rules the Board operates under is a good thing. The Wrangell AC would not have any problem complying. The proposal includes direction for “serious and substantial disregard “, and the person be a community member in good standing. The Wrangell AC understands this would not include minor fish and game violations.

Proposal #18 NO ACTION

Proposal #19 FAILED
 Motion to adopt by: Tom Second by: Bill
 Number in favor: 0
 Number opposed: 12
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: The Wrangell AC feels all persons have a level of knowledge, and it would be near impossible to determine who has a greater level of knowledge.

Proposals # 20, 21, 22, 23, & 24 NO ACTION

Proposal #25 SUPPORTED
 Motion to adopt by: Tom Second by: Brennon
 Number in favor: 12
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: The AC feels Board support needs to close the loophole for proposals submitted after the deadline. It would make for a better public process.

Proposals # 26 & 27 NO ACTION

Proposal #28 FAILED
 Motion to adopt by: Tom Second by: Brian
 Number in favor: 0
 Number opposed: 12
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: The Wrangell AC feels that any designated representative needs to be a duly elected member of that AC. A non-member lawyer should not be allowed to be the representative. It is not clearly understood would all the designated representatives deliberate with the Board? This could result in a Board chairman issue. The current system works well with a good Board Chair. The Wrangell AC would like the Boards to better utilize the AC members during the deliberation process. (It is understood that deliberation is different than voting.) The process would not work well if two AC representatives disagree during the Board deliberation. This would be best handled during testimony.

Proposal # 29 NO ACTION

Proposal s#30 & 31 SUPPORTED
 Motion to adopt by: Tony Second by: Tom
 Number in favor: 12
 Number opposed: 0
 Number abstaining: 0

Comments: The AC feels the Regional Council (RC) has not been used well in 20 to 25 years. If the RC was active it would take funding away from Boards Support. The RC is an unused and unneeded layer of bureaucracy.



Proposals # 32, 33 & 34 NO ACTION

Proposal #35 NO ACTION

Motion to adopt by: Tom Second by: Brain BOTH LATER WITHDRAWN

Comments: The AC feels non residents should not have the same privileges as Alaska residents. Could this proposal result in urban residents being found eligible for subsistence harvest? Non-residents and aliens should not have the same rights as residents. There is a concern that adoption of the proposal would liberalize subsistence opportunities in Alaska for non-residents.

Proposals #36, 37, 38, 39, 40, & 41 NO ACTION

Comments: Many proposals in the book attempt to tear apart the advisory committee process. The Wrangell AC finds that the current Alaska advisory committee process is the finest in all the United States. Some of the proposal in the book are absolutely ridiculous.

The meeting ended at about 9:35 PM.

DAVID RAK
Secretary