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Subject: Yakutat Advisory Committee meeting minutes - 12/12/12

Meeting minutes for Yakutat Advisory December 12, 2012

- 1) Meeting called to order at 07:05 PM
- 2) Roll call. L. Bemis, H. Holcomb, C. Mapes, S. Chadwick, S. Nelson, L Clark, J. Pavlik, Jon Pavlik, Jesse Palik, R Kerkovich, D. Stone, B. Fraker, J Fraker. - Present.

M Inderland- absent.

Also in attendance were. Gordon woods, Brian Marston, and Nicole Zieser representing the ADFG.

- 3) Motion made by H. Holcolm to support proposal #2- a youth only deer hunt (18 and under) in unit 5, seconded by B. Fraker.

Discussion- Chaiman Mapes pointed out that it appears there would be no negative response from the Department on this proposal, they would only ask for a fairly general set of stipulations. Mapes stated that most of these stipulations appeared to be good ideas, but he did have one concern. One of the stipulations was that a youth hunter would have to complete a certified hunting education course. While we appreciate the concept, we don't have readily accessible course training personnel available out here in Yakutat, and it very well could render the whole proposal useless. If a youth hunter would have to complete a course that simply wouldn't be available in Yakutat, there would be no youth only deer hunt. Mapes stated that he had made this concern known to the area biologist, and that it was felt we should make our concerns know in record. Other advisory members concurred with this concern. Question called by- H. Holcolm. 13 ayes, 0- neys.

Motion made by C. Mapes, seconded by R. Kerkovich, to support the Department's stipulations on proposal #2 , with language added - "Over the years, the Board has created several youth hunts, and all the current youth hunts require participants to have taken a hunter education course. Generally this is required through a discretionary permit condition. However, since this hunt is managed by general season harvest ticket for deer, rather than a permit, these discretionary conditions don't apply. In Kodiak, the Board extended the restricted weapons season for deer and created a special management area which requires hunter education and additional requirements for a youth hunt. If the Board chooses to adopt this proposal, the department would recommend a similar amendment to create a special management area as that used to manage the Kodiak hunt." (provided that an approved hunter education course can be made available in Yakutat, otherwise, the youth hunt will

proceed without this stipulation.) Question called by H. Holcolm, 13 ayes, 0 neys.

M. Inderland arrives at the meeting. ( 7:50 PM)

4) Motion made by B. Fraker to support proposal #5 to change regulation in unit 5 as follows; 1 brown bear every 4 regulatory years, to 1 brown bear every 2 years. Seconded by S. Chadwick. Comments were made that given the statistical number of brown bears harvested by Alaska resident hunters, it was felt that the potential for increase was nominal, and would provide an increased opportunity for Alaska resident hunters to harvest brown bears. Question is called for by S. Chadwick, 14 Ayes, 0 neys.

5) C. Mapes makes motion to support proposal #10- the reauthorization of the antlerless moosehunt on the Nunatak bench, seconded by B. Fraker. Discussion- Mapes pointed out that this is a form of house keeping, the hunt has been closed by emergency order for some time, but reauthorization will maintain the historical way the hunt is conducted, should it be opened again. Question is called by B. Fraker, 14 ayes, 0 neys.

6) Motion made by B. Fraker to oppose proposal #20 , seconded by J. Pavlik, This proposal seeks to shorten the allowable trapping season for wolves in some parts of S.E. Alaska. We feel that the current structure is working, and maintaining a healthy population, leave it alone. Question called by H. Holcolm, 14 ayes, 0 neys.

7) Motion made by B. Fraker to support Department proposal #22, seconded by H. Holcolm, This proposal would lengthen the coyote trapping season on both ends. The department feels that stocks are healthy enough for this to take place, we concur. It goes hand in hand with the current wolf trapping season, and would be hard to separate the two species. we would not like to see the wolf season shortened. Question called by J. Pavlik, 14 ayes, 0 neys.

8) Motion to adjourn by H. Holcolm, seconded by S. Chadwick, 14 ayes, meeting adjourned @ 8:15 PM.

C Mapes- Chairman

Minutes prepared by C. Mapes