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Minutes of the Ruby Advisory Committee, Jan. 31, 2014

The meeting started at 6:00 pm in the Ruby Tribal Office. Members present were Ed Sarten, Billy McCarty Sr., Don Honea Jr., Scotty Star, John Stam and Tim Gervais (via teleconference).

Others present were Glenn Stout, Dept Fish and Game and Darryl Hildebrand, Dept of Public Safety.

Old minutes were destroyed in the Galena flood. Motion carried to proceed. Glenn Stout gave his report. In summary, for the western Koyukuk there was a drop in cow population signifying a productivity issue. For 2014 season, the number of drawing permits would be dropped from 148 to 52. The 2013 harvest was about normal with a slight increase of hunters. An increase in the number of Kenai hunters was noticed. In the emergency hunt for Galena area hunters, nine moose were harvested. For the upper Koyukuk, there is a gradual decline in total moose number, partly as a result of high illegal harvest and potlatches. For the Kaiyuh there was a total moose increase, partly as a result of fire. Also the fall hunt was good for villagers which results in saving winter cows. Glenn stated that the Galena flood probably had little effect on the calf production as the major calving areas were not affected. Habitat improvement was discussed and Glenn stated it was good but only productive if done on a large scale. Fire was of greater importance.

The upcoming BOG proposals were dealt next.

Proposal # 10 TNA unanimous This proposal has little or no effect on Ruby area.

11 Opposed unanimous .223 amunition is not 22 caliber, it is .223 caliber and the RAC felt it was adequete for big game.

#39 Opposed unanimous Many of the permit hunts are underutilized and this proposal would actually decrease the number of permits for Region III hunters.

#51 Adopted unanimous Proposal would have little effect on wolf population and the effect would be beneficial for moose population.

#52 Adopted unanimous Fee exemption for brown bear is convenient and beneficial for moose.

#55 Opposed unanimous Snares are effective method for controlling bear numbers.

#58 Adopted unanimous This proposal would make salvage requirements the same for both black and brown bears.

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| #67 | TNA | unanimous | Proposal has no effect on Ruby area |
| #68 | Opposed | unanimous | Opposed by department. |
| #69 | Opposed | unanimous | Transferring of permit is illegal under state law. |
| #72 | Adopted | unanimous | Adopted as ammended to include Unit 21.
Proposal would help moose population and give hunters more oppportunity. |
| #73 | Adopted | unanimous | Lynx are taken in wolverine sets in March and the skins are still in good condition. |
| #135 | Adopted | unanimous | Taking of big game for religeous ceremonies should be restricted for in state only. |
| #137 | Opposed | unanimous | This proposal is vague and not understandable. |
| #138 | Opposed | 5 to 1 | Allowable moose harvest already allocated.
Emergency moose harvest already legal. Avenues already open (state, federal, Red Cross) for emergency food dispersal. |

Fishery Proposals

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| Proposal #371 | Opposed | unanimous | Dipnets already highly effective. This proposal allows unrestricted size for dipnets. |
| #372 | Opposed | unanimous | Leads are part of the fishwheel, just like spar log and cable. Leads are already legal for many years. |
| #373 | Adopted | unanimous | Proposal would stop practice of fishermen killing chinook and claiming they were killed during capture. |
| #377 | Opposed | unanimous | Beach seining already legal and highly effective. No need for purse seining, would injure or kill some chinook especially if monofilament was used. |

After game and fish proposal were discussed and voted on, Ed Sarten was voted to attend BOG meeting. Ed mentioned the risk of contaminated fish from Japan nuclear disaster. Committee acknowledged the need for continued monitoring of anadromous fish.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Minutes subitted by John Stam secretary RAC.