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# **Alaska Board of Game**

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## **On Time Advisory Committee Comments**

**Southeast Region Meeting**

**Juneau, Alaska**

January 9-13, 2015

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**Anchorage Advisory Committee  
December 2, 2014  
Martin Luther King Career Center**

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:40PM, by Chair Joel Donner
- II. **Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Joel Doner, Chair, George Jacoby, Vice-Chair, Gary Brell Secretary, Neil Dewitt, Phil Calhoun, Mark Campbell, Michael Klehr, Robert Peck, Robert Caywood, Frank Neumann, Brian Nelson Alt, Steve Flory Alt, Dwight Johnson, and Efren Strhan.

**Members Absent:** Kevin Taylor, Jim Bolgiano and Sam Albanese were excuse

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** A quorum was established with 14 members present.

**List of User Groups Present:** The Chair made an opening comment on the size of the audience and guest speakers' list; noting it was one of the largest groups to be seen at an Advisory Committee meeting. The Chair also advised people that a sign-up sheet was available for public comments.
- III. **Approval of Agenda:** The chair asked for and received by unanimous consent for the proposed Agenda.
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting** The minutes of the meeting from the November 18 meeting was approved by unanimous consent.
- V. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Doug Vincent-Lang, Director of Wildlife Conservation, David Battle, David Saalfled, Ken Marsh, and Gino DelFrate
- VI. **Guests Present: Public Testimony:** The Chair then opened the meeting to public comments.
- VII. Chris Garner, a biologist at JBER, stated that he opposed the action taken by the Committee on Proposal 148, the Reauthorization of 14C Moose Hunts. Mr. Garner stated the hunts are an outlet for both recreational opportunities for disabled veterans, military personal and also voiced public safety concerns with the amount of moose present. Stated the he believes that the biologist should be the primary voice of controlling wildlife population. He was asked if he had a count of the moose population but he deferred to the ADFG but did say that the moose population was healthy.
- VIII. Lex Patton, an Anchorage Firefighter, voiced concerns over the public safety issue that would occur if these antlerless moose hunts were not allowed. He was asked by the committee if the new fencing and lights have helped cut down moose accident in those areas where they were installed. He stated yes in the affirmative.
- IX. Warren Olsen made comments that a way should be found to move excess moose that are a public safety concern by means of capture and relocation. He also discussed enhanced habitat



around roadways and public facilities should not be planted with vegetation that encourages moose to browse. Mr. Olsen stated that he was against antlerless moose hunts.

- X. Brett Barringer spoke on behalf of antlerless moose hunts stating that the biologist should control the population and that they have the most information needed to establish the amount of moose in the Anchorage Bowl.
- XI. Stacey Frost, an area hunter, stated that she wanted to be able to hunt in 14C and had applied for permits. Ms. Frost told of hunting on JBER and would like to continue that opportunity if successful in drawing a permit.
- XII. Bethany Marcun spoke in favor of the antlerless hunts and asked the committee to reconsider.
- XIII. Heidi Hatcher gave testimony of behalf of having the hunts citing that the biologist have the knowledge to control moose populations.
- XIV. Linda Nelson spoke on being at this meeting to show how the process works for her son in attendance.
- XV. Ira Edwards spoke of public safety concerns and requested that the Committee overturn the vote on the antlerless moose hunts being proposed. Mr. Edwards also spoke on proposal 150 regarding hunts at Kincaid Park. Mr. Edwards, a former biologist and wildlife officer stated that he had done some informal polling of user groups at Kincaid and that most had concerns with the public safety aspect of moose in the park. The results of the survey recommended that bull moose should not be taken as it is viewed by the responders as a positive thing for the Anchorage area. He stated that most people enjoy seeing and being able to bring visitors to Kincaid to see these animals.
- XVI. Phil Cannon spoke in favor of the antlerless moose hunts.
- XVII. Boyd McFail talked about the public safety concerns with moose collisions in the bowl area. Mr. McMcFail wanted to see if the board could support a proposal to get governing agencies to stop planting moose browse in public right ways and around public buildings as this brings moose into confrontation with cars and humans.
- XVIII. Kurt Norby spoke in favor of the antlerless hunts.
- XIX. Ken Thompson spoke in favor of the hunts as this would give him an opportunity to take part.
- XX. Ron Jordan, a past member of the Committee, spoke on the number of car incidents in the Anchorage bowl area. Mr. Jordan present numbers of incidents going back to 2009. Mr. Jordan stated road kill numbers up to include the year 2013 showed a decrease in the number of moose fatalities Numbers were provide by DOT and the other law agencies. Mr. Jordan was asked if he supported antlerless hunts and responded in the negative.
- XXI. Bryan Thornton spoke in favor of the antlerless hunts.
- XXII. It should be noted that several people in their public statements stated that they believed that the committee's action on this proposal could have been the result of hard feelings between the area biologist and the committee. The Chair and other members of the committee stated they believe that this was not the case in determining their vote on the subject.
- XXIII. A break in the proceedings called for by the Chair.
- XXIV. The Department of Fish and Game came forward to present their view on the antlerless hunt. Speaking for the agency was David Battle and David Saalfeld. The Department distributed a handout showing counts in the 14C area and gave an overview as to the condition of the moose population in the bowl area. It was stated that the moose population was in fairly good shape and was being maintained at the lower end of sustainable range by design. The goal range was stated to be between 1800and 1500 animals with a 25 bull to 100 cow ratio. These numbers have been steady for the last three years according to the handout. It was pointed out by the committee that if the ratio is 35 bulls to 100 cows now and the standard is 25 to a 100 than



there are 150 extra bulls in the area that could be hunted; thus strengthening the public safety concerns being expressed at the meeting and enhancing hunting opportunities for all.

- XXV. Several members of the committee including Steve Flory, Robert Peck, Robert Caywood and others questioned the biologists on the accuracy of their counts since they had stated that no total count had been taken in 2013 especially in the JBER area. Mr. Battle stated that wasn't the case as only two sections of the subsections were not represented due to circumstances beyond their control. Lack of snow and JBER permission to do an aerial survey was given as the reasons. Mr. Peck questioned why the aerial survey hadn't taken place since times are available to fly the area in question.
- XXVI. Mr. Brell and DeWitt asked why this information had not been provided to the committee before they asked to comment on the proposals. Mr. Battle stated that the committee hadn't asked for any numbers and thus no flow of information was provided.
- XXVII. Question was raised by the committee as to what the statistical means were used to get to the composite number in the 14C. Mr. Saalfeld stated that past historical information to include field counts, aerial, and hunter provided information were used to provide an estimate of the current count following accepted past measures.
- XXVIII. Mr. Flory then asked why the numbers in the Board Proposal Book did not match the number in the handout provided for the years 2010-2013. Mr. Battle and Saalfeld stated that it may have been a computer generated error or bad input. The both stated that they would look into it and get back to the committee with that information at the next Game sub-committee meeting.
- XXIX. Mr. Campbell asked which sub units has the most bulls in it. Mr. Battle stated that it was the Thunderbird Falls area. High concentration is due to no real hunting because of limited accessibility.
- The Chair thanked the Department for their presentation and the work that they do.
- XXX.
- XXXI. A recess was called.

**XXXII. Old Business:**

XXXII. The meeting was brought back into session and a motion made by Mr. Flory to bring up Proposal 148 for reconsideration. The motion was seconded and discussion took place as to the requirements of the 2/3 affirmative vote needed to bring the proposal back to the floor. A motion to table this proposal was made by Mr. Brell and seconded. Discussion was held. Mr. Neumann stated that it be in the public interest to take a vote of the measure tonight. Mr. Strahn, Mr. DeWitt, Mr. Peck also voice that opinion. Mr. Brell asked that his motion to table the proposal be withdrawn and the motion to bring up 148 was brought up.

XXXIII. Committee member gave their opinions on the subject. Most of the opinions voiced by the committee were that the public had come out to support this hunt and therefore we should vote in the affirmative. Some committee members did so with reservations but will support the reconsideration. The vote was taken and passed by a vote 11-3. After a brief recess, during which almost all public and Department representatives left the room, a motion to reconsider the previous reconsideration was then offered by Mark Campbell and seconded. After a short, lively discussion, that motion was tabled for discussion at the next meeting of the Committee on January 6.



- XXXIII. **New Business:** Under New Business the Southeast BOG Proposals were discussed. The sub-committee report was brought on the table. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the sub-committee report. By unanimous consent the committee provided the results. Under reconsideration two proposals were brought for discussion by the whole board.
- XXXIV. Proposal 9 to Increase bag limit on deer from 4-6 with the last two being bucks only. Brief discussion on merits of raising limit was held with very few comments except that FG could limit the bag limit by emergency order if need be. The vote was 8 for the proposal and 6 against.
- XXXV. Proposal 35 Cross bow hunting and requirement to have certification of proficiency. Discussion varied from more undue regulation to bow hunters need to be certified what make this different. The motion to vote on the issue was brought forwarded and seconded. The vote was 7 for and 7 against.
- XXXVI. The committee then passed the sub committees report as amended by a 14-0 vote.
- XXXVII. Two meeting were scheduled in the near future. The Game Sub-Committee on Dec 11 at 7:00 pm at the CMM Office 18743 Old Glenn Highway to discuss BOG proposals. Contact Frank Neumann.
- XXXVIII. The Legislative Sub-Committee will meet on Dec 16 at 7:00 pm at the CMM Office 18743 Old Glenn Highway to finalize comment to BOG on meeting cycle. Contact Steve Flory.
- XXXIX. Next scheduled meeting for the full committee was set for January 6, 2015. Location TBA

*This space may be used to record minutes.*

<b>Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form</b>			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	1		Open a fall brown bear season for residents in Unit 3.
	14	0	<b>Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.</b>
BOG	2		Open a fall brown bear season for residents in Unit 3, Mitkof Island.
			<b>TNA, due to action taken on Proposal #1.</b>
BOG	3		Open a fall brown bear season for residents in Unit 3.
			<b>TNA, due to action taken on Proposal #1.</b>
BOG	4		Clarify the boundaries of the Petersburg Closed Area and the Petersburg Management Area due to changing city boundaries.
	14	0	<b>Department housekeeping issue.</b>
BOG	5		Clarify the boundaries of the Wrangell Road System Closed Area.
	14	0	<b>Department housekeeping issue.</b>
BOG	6		Redefine "broken antler" for Units 1 and 3.
	14	0	<b>Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.</b>
BOG	7		Define "points" for forked moose antlers for the RM038 registration hunt in Unit 1C.
	0	14	<b>Didn't like using the ear as a benchmark for antler length.</b>
BOG	8		Establish a resident drawing hunt for goats in Unit 4, Sitka area.
	4	10	<b>Supported for reason stated in proposal. Opposed because they favored the current system as is.</b>
BOG	9		Increase the resident bag limit for deer in Unit 4 Remainder to six deer, of which the last two must be bucks.



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	8	6	Supported for reason stated in proposal Opposed favored the current limit on Deer, and not enough biological data.
BOG	10	Change "any deer" resident season to October 15 - December 31 for portions of Unit 1C and all of Unit 4.	
	14	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
BOG	11	Establish separate brown bear registration hunts for nonresident relatives within second-degree of kindred in Unit 4.	
	0	14	Opposed because we favored the current system as is.
BOG	12	Reduce the bag limit for trapping and hunting wolves in Unit 2, require locking tags and implement registration requirements.	
	0	14	Opposed because they favored the current system as is, why limit the successful hard working trappers.
BOG	13	Change the management level for wolves in Unit 2 to include all causes of mortality for wolves.	
	0	14	Opposed because we favored the current system as is, and the current wolf population is not endangered.
BOG	14	Establish regulations in Unit 2 to allow for appropriate harvest levels and account for unrecovered harvest.	
	0	7	Opposed because we favored the current system as is, and the current wolf population is not endangered.
BOG	15	Allow trappers to take beaver in Unit 2 with a firearm.	
	14	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
BOG	16	Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence uses for deer in Unit 5.	
		13-Opp 1-Abstain	Opposed because the members believed that the deer of Southeast Alaska are an introduced species, and didn't see a need for C & T on a non-native species. The one Abstained vote, voted this way because he didn't have enough information on the fact of deer being an introduced species.
BOG	17	Increase the resident bag limit for deer in Unit 1C (Lincoln, Shelter & Sullivan Islands) to six deer, of which the last two must be bucks..	
			TNA
BOG	18	Establish a resident, archery drawing hunt for goats in Unit 1C, Juneau area.	
	13	1	Opposed, because the proposal was not clear on the exact area of the intended hunt area. Abstained, because he didn't know anything about the area.
BOG	19	Create a resident youth hunt for goats in Unit 1D, Tugahgo Mountain area.	
	1	12-Opp. 1-Absta.	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal. Opposed to the taking away of an area that others are currently using for general hunting. Would of favored a time period set aside for a youth hunt. 1 said that a goat hunt s not the type of hunt that you would use it introduce

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			youth to hunting with youth to hunting with. Abstained because he didn't know anything about the area in the proposal.
BOG	20		Expand the resident goat season dates for registration permit hunts RGO23 and RGO24 in Unit 1D.
	14	0	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal.
BOG	21		Delay the use of black bear bait stations in Unit 1D until after the brown bear season is closed.
	0	14	Opposed to changing the season. Didn't want to see the lost opportunity for Black Bear hunters.
BOG	22		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 26A.
	0	12-Opp. 1-Absta.	Opposed because we favored the current season as is. Abstained, voted this way because he didn't have enough information.
BOG	23		Review the customary and traditional use worksheet for the Teshekpuk Lake caribou herd; establish amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence.
	0	14	Oppose the taking of cows.
BOG	24		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench.
	0	14	Oppose the taking of cows.
BOG	25		Move the resident duck season two weeks earlier in Unit 5.
	1	13	Supported for reason stated in proposal. Opposed because we favored the current season as is.
BOG	26		Modify deer population and harvest objectives, or exempt the Southeast Region from objectives.
	0	14	Opposed, like the current system.
BOG	27		Establish deer hunting seasons for elder hunters and individuals with disabilities in Units 1 - 5.
	0	14	The proposal was worded very vaguely on the handicap issue. Opposed to the early season dates.
BOG	28		Extend the wolverine trapping season in Units 1 - 5.
	12	2	Supported for reason stated in the Proposal, increased opportunity. Opposed to extending the trapping season on Wolverines.
BOG	29		Require a time limit for checking traps in Units 1 - 5.
	0	14	Trying to check trap lines every 3 to 5 days in not a practical practices in a lot of situation.
BOG	30		Remove the reporting requirement for GPS coordinates for bear bait stations in Units 1 - 5.
	14	0	Supported for reason stated in proposal.
BOG	31		Change the bag limit restriction for black and brown bear in Units 1 - 5.
	14	0	Amended to use part 1 of proposal. 1) Simply eliminate the regulation that states in Unit 1-5, bear wounded by a hunter must count as the bag limit for the year.





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BOG	32	Allow the transfer of resident harvest tickets to a relative within second-degree of kindred.	
	0	14	<b>Opposed because we favored the current system as is. That a resident hunter should be able to take a non-resident, second degree kin member hunting, it's family.</b>
BOG	33	Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Southeast Region Units.	
	14	0	<b>Supported for reason stated in proposal.</b>
BOG	34	Require harvest reporting of migratory birds by species in Southeast Region Units.	
	0	14	<b>This is not a necessary proposal.</b>
BOG	35	Require certification for big game hunters using crossbows	
	7	7	<b>Support for the reason that a Crossbow has limitations just like a bow, shot placement is critical, as well as other important issues that need to be taken into consideration when using such a weapon. Opposed Because the Bow Hunter just don't want to see Crossbows used in Bow only hunt areas.</b>
BOG	36	Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations for Southeast Region Units.	
	14	0	<b>Supported for reason stated in proposal.</b>
BOG	37	Add five days to all resident hunting seasons and allocate 75% of the drawing permits to residents in the Southeast Region.	
			<b>TNA</b>
BOG	38	Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Southeast Region Units.	
	14	0	<b>Supported for reason stated in proposal.</b>

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned At 11:55PM.

Minutes Recorded By: Gary Brell

Minutes Approved By: Frank Neumann for BOG comments

Date: 12-23-2014



## Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, December 9, 2014, 6:30 pm**

For info contact Holly Carroll at 543-1677, [holly.carroll@alaska.gov](mailto:holly.carroll@alaska.gov)

CALL TO ORDER TIME: **6:32** by Chair: **Henry Hunter**

INVOCATION:

ROLL CALL/ MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Robert Lekander, Thad Tikiun, Henry Hunter, Greg Roczicka, Kevin Carter, Jon LaValle, Henry Kohl, Ross Boring, Rafe Johnson, Louie Andrew. Glen Watson, Sr. was absent (excused).**

NUMBER NEEDED FOR QUORUM: 6 QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Agenda approved with no amendments**

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: **provided in packet, already approved**

FISH AND GAME STAFF PRESENT: Aaron Poetter, Kuskokwim Area Manager, Comm. Fish Division, Hiroko Ikuta, Subsistence Division, **Boards Support Western Regional Coordinator, Holly Carroll, Wildlife biologists (Bethel office) Patrick Jones and Phillip Perry**

GUESTS PRESENT: **James Charles, Garris Kinegak,**

OLD BUSINESS: **none**

PEOPLE TO BE HEARD: Questions/Concerns of the AC members and public- **none**

NEW BUSINESS:

- Update from new Regional Coordinator Holly Carroll (took over from Alissa Joseph in October)
  - Meeting minutes format and Secretary duties, recommendations to Boards
  - Clarify officer terms, member term expirations, and alternates
    - **It was decided by the seated members to give Robert Lekander a 2-year term, Louie Andrew a 1-year term and Kevin Carter a 3-year term effective when they were made members in 2013 so their expiration dates align with the other members.**
  - Brief discussion on AC member duties- handbook available
  - Members should have received a meeting packet, if not please tell Holly. Please bring to all meetings this season.
  - Review Deadlines: BOF proposals due April 10,2015, BOG proposals due May 1, 2015
- **Get AC recommendations and/or comments on the following: SEE TABLE BELOW FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD**
- Board of Fisheries Issues: (On time comment deadline March 3, 2015)
- Formerly ACR 8- Kuskokwim River: Consider providing the commissioner of ADF&G emergency order authority to restrict gillnet gear in the Kuskokwim River drainage (new proposal 272)
  - Greg gave some background about the ACR that became the above proposal. Aaron Poetter- Chinook harvest data not yet available.**
  - Motion to table 272 until next meeting passed**



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- Choose member to send to Kuskokwim Subsistence Salmon Panel-before January 15th  
**Kevin Carter wants a meeting discussing 4" mesh before fisheries Board meets with Fish Biologist Would both committees recommendations carry more weight? Yes Henry H/ Greg R. Holly- clarified Kuskokwim Subsistence Salmon Panel will include a ½ day public comment period. Day 2, January 16, the panel will meet in an all-day meeting. Members are sent from area Advisory Committees, Kuskokwim Salmon Management Working Group, and Federal RACs. Anyone not selected for the panel can testify first day on their own opinion, Day 2 Strictly give the Advisory Committee's opinion. It is posted on line which panel members have been selected from other AC's and there are -nominations on line thru December 15 for at-large representative.**  
**James Charles (Lower Kuskokwim chair) discussed that his AC commented about 4" mesh shortages and decided to recommend 4" to 4.5".**  
**Kevin Carter- Important to think about the mortality of kings in the 4" or to use the subsistence 4" after the main chinook run is passed.**

**Committee delayed selecting member to send to Panel until next meeting.**

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- appoint standing committee or Chair to approve minutes for quick submittal to Board  
**Greg Roczicka-how to approve meeting meetings-Done by the Chair in the past up to the current committee. Holly (Regional Coordinator): will get draft minutes from Ross (Secretary) - she updates/cleans them up, then back to Ross and the Chair for approval, then out to the advisory committee for review. By allowing the Chair or a standing committee to approve minutes, it will be quicker to meet deadlines for submittal as recommendations to the Boards.**

**Motion to allow Chair to approve Minutes unanimously approved.**

#### **BOG Proposal 39 Discussion:**

**Phillip Perry fish and game-Remainder of unit 18-took 2 areas and combined (Remainder of unit 18). Single hunt bag limit 2 moose, 12,000 to 13,000 moose in area More moose than survey shows, twinning rates 50%, continued growth. Bethel ADFG staff supports proposal.**

**Greg- Legislature requires these be re-authorized every year.**

**Rafe asked if the March 15 date is chosen for a biological or other reason. Phillip Perry responded that it was to align Caribou and Moose closing on same date**

**Rafe asked if enforcement would be easier. Jon commented that with state and federal seasons not aligned, you basically need to know your GPS Coordinates to prove you're not in violation.**

#### **BOG 3 year cycle**

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Greg unit 18 and unit 19 would be discussed at different cycles. Phillip 2 year cycle does not give biologists enough time to evaluate population data before having to make decisions about changing. It also conflicts with collecting data because every other year they have to prepare for board of game in January when research needs to be done. Holly also pointed out that when the BOF and BOG cycles overlap, the AC's have to review all proposals for both which is time consuming.

Greg explained that things can be done out of cycle: thru Agenda Change requests and emergency regulations. Greg says the main criticism is people like a shot at the board every two years

- The chairman (Henry Hunter) requests selection of new Chair  
**Kevin Carter selected as chair, effective immediately, motion passed unanimously.**
- Decide date and time for next meeting  
**Chair suggested January 13 (or some date before KSSP meeting January 15) and will communicate with members.**

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description- ON-TIME DEADLINE FOR THESE DECEMBER 26TH	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	39		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.
Supports w/ amend.	10	0	Support <b>with amendment to change the Resident Open season dates to match the Federal season from Dec 1- March 31.</b> Motion passed unanimous.
BOG	43		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
Support	10	0	Support unanimous
BOG	201		Clarify the language regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game.
Oppose	0	10	Unanimously opposed, very little discussion other than it seemed really unclear what "lawful" means?
BOG	Cycle		Change BOG to a 3-yr cycle
support	9	1	Motion to support carried, but the dissenting vote was because of concern of a lack of control by the board, it was felt that they may have better control at 2 years than three.  <b>This AC wants the State wide A &amp; B list to be taken up every 3 years <u>not</u> a 6 year cycle.</b>
BOF	271		Require 4" mesh gillnets to be operated only as set gillnets in the Kuskokwim River during times of King Salmon Conservation



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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
support	9	0	

Adjourn Time: 8:45pm

Minutes Recorded By: *Ross Boring*\_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_Chair Kevin Carter\_\_\_(signature unavailable)\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_12/21/14\_\_\_\_\_



## Craig Advisory Council meeting December 2, 2014 Draft Minutes

**Quorum:**

Mike Douville  
 Chuck Haydu  
 Ellen Hannan  
 Steve Merritt  
 Steve Stumpf  
 Fred Hamilton  
 Stu Merchant  
 Bill Farmer

**Public in Attendance:**

Jeff Reeves  
 Steve Berthume  
 Jim Dennis  
 Skip Fabrey  
 Rafael Ramirez  
 Craig Schwanke

Meeting called to order @ 7:10PM

Minutes Approved from last meeting, March 25, 2014

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support or Oppose	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussions, Amendments to proposal
BOG	12	Reduce bag limit for hunting and trapping wolves in unit 2.	
Oppose	0	8	We do not think it is necessary to have GPS locations on traps or snares. Since a small number of trappers harvest the majority of the quota limiting the harvest to 5 per person annually does not make sense. It will not fill the quota.
BOG	13	Change management levels for unit 2 to include all causes of mortality.	
Oppose	0	8	What constitutes harvest? How wounded does a wolf have to be to be considered in the math?
BOG	14	Reduce the wolf harvest to 20% of the preseason population and account for wounded animals.	
Support	8	0	The 30% quota has been reached twice in the last 15 years, (1999 & 2013). Discussion started along



			the lines of keeping the current quota in place but drop down if necessary. ADF&G says wolves can sustain a 38% overall mortality. There was concern locally at a meeting last November that the wolf harvest is too high and that lowering the harvest from 30% would sit better within the community. We support this proposal but our one concern with it is that the illegal harvest should not be considered since there is no proof.
BOG	15	Allow trappers to take beavers with a firearm.	
Support	8	0	No reason Beavers cannot be taken with a firearm
BOG	27	Open deer season early for elders and physically limited.	
Oppose	0	8	Deer season is plenty long enough as it is.
BOG	29	Require traps are checked at frequent intervals.	
Oppose	0	8	Weather and other factors could be an issue if a specific timeframe is imposed.
BOG	30	Repeal the need for GPS coordinates on a bear bait station.	
Oppose	0	8	Hunters need to be responsible for their bait stations and this is a tool enforce it.
BOG	32	Allow the transfer of resident harvest tickets to a relative within the second degree in kindred.	
Support	6	0	We feel that that this is an opportunity for a family member to be able to hunt bear that may have been denied a tag by the drawing process. 1 member abstained
		The following is a general discussion on why the Craig AC voted the way we did on the Shrimp Fishery proposals below (96, 97, 98, 99). At last BOF there were concerns about the way fishery is being managed. Numbers released this year showed that the majority of the districts suffered a reduction in harvest. There are concerns due to large concentration of effort in small areas. We would like to see districts split to spread the fleet out and fish broader areas. There are also concerns of selling an inferior product (small shrimp) that sell for less. Upwards of 30% of the product from our local area is small shrimp. Our objective is to have guidelines similar to Canada where small shrimp are not sold but released to grow. This will promote a healthier fishery and bring higher prices for our product.	
BOF	96	Allow pot shrimp fishery management flexibility in specific fishing locales.	
Support	8	0	
BOF	97	Divide District 1 into three distinct commercial pot shrimp fishing areas.	
Support	8	0	



BOF	98	Modify Commercial shrimp pot Fishery reporting requirements.	
Support	8	0	
BOF	99	Standardize, reduce, and limit commercial shrimp pot gear.	
Oppose	0	8	
BOF	110	Allow increased trip limit and permit stacking in sea cucumber fishery.	
Oppose	0	8	This will benefit people that want to get in and out quick.
BOF	111	Allow department to set trip limits on Geoducks based on market conditions	
Support	8	0	This will bring in a higher value for the product. Supply/Demand

There was a discussion regarding a 3 year board cycle for game. All Members were in agreement for a 3 year cycle.

Stu Merchant will be the Craig AC member attending the Board of Game meeting

Bill Farmer will be the Craig AC member attending the Southeast Shellfish meeting

Next meeting set for Thursday Jan. 29, 2015 If we have unfinished business this meeting will continue on Feb. 3

Meeting Adjourned At 9:10pm





## Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee: Proposal Comments for the Southeast Region Board of Game Meeting, January 2015

The following are the votes of support, opposition, proposed amendments, and comments of the Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee (FAC) to the proposals under consideration at the January 9-13, 2015, Board of Game meeting in Juneau. It is to be noted that the full FAC considered and discussed a subset of these proposals at their meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014, while the Game Subcommittee reviewed all of the proposals and drafted comments at their meeting on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The full FAC took up and considered Proposals 14, 201, and 206. The rest of the proposals were considered by the Game Subcommittee and the FAC voted to support and accept the recommendations of the subcommittee.

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BOG	6		Redefine "broken antler" for Units 1 and 3.
Support as Amended	9	0	On proposal 6, we want to amend this to simply repeal the pertinent language in 5AAC92.150: [In Unit 1(B), that portion of Unit 1(C) south of Port Hobart, including all Port Houghton drainages, and Unit 3, a damaged, broken, or altered antler is not considered a spike-fork antler as defined in 5AAC92.990] Unanimous vote in support of #6 as amended. Our amendment is a simpler cleaner way to accomplish the objective of the proposal.
BOG	7		Define "points" for forked moose antlers for the RM038 registration hunt in Unit 1C.
Support	0	9	We support the current definition that all points count for consideration.
BOG	12		Reduce the bag limit for trapping and hunting wolves in Unit 2, require locking tags and implement registration requirements.
Oppose	0	9	We oppose this proposal because we feel that these restrictions are not necessary.
BOG	13		Change the management level for wolves in Unit 2 to include all causes of mortality for wolves.
Oppose	0	9	We oppose this proposal because there is no way to determine or track, "natural mortality," and it is hard to determine what the illegal take and wounding losses are too.
BOG	14		Establish regulations in Unit 2 to allow for appropriate harvest levels and account for unrecovered harvest.
Oppose	0	9	We oppose this proposal because ADF&G has Emergency Order authority and can close the hunt when necessary. Also disappointed that the proposal has no population harvest information and no ANS for wolves, and presents no support data for its assumption of 1/3 of harvest is unreported.
BOG	15		Allow trappers to take beaver in Unit 2 with a firearm.
Support	9	0	We support this proposal because it is consistent current regulations in other parts of the state.



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BOG	27	Establish deer hunting seasons for elder hunters and individuals with disabilities in Units 1 - 5.	
Oppose	0	9	We oppose this proposal for several reasons. 1-There is ample opportunity for harvest during the regular season dates. 2- This is why we already have proxy hunting. 3-We do not want a precedent set for these types of hunts statewide. 4- The criteria for disability listed in the proposal are too vague.
BOG	28	Extend the wolverine trapping season in Units 1 - 5.	
Support	9	0	We support this proposal because it aligns the seasons and seeks to avoid illegal take.
BOG	29	Require a time limit for checking traps in Units 1 - 5.	
Oppose	0	9	We oppose this proposal for several reasons. 1-Trap check timelines do not allow or account for bad or dangerous weather and other unforeseeable environmental issues. 2- We not want a precedent set for these kinds of regulations. 3-It is always in the best interest of the trapper to check their sets regularly to avoid loss or damage to fur.
BOG	30	Remove the reporting requirement for GPS coordinates for bear bait stations in Units 1 - 5.	
Support	9	0	We support this proposal because requiring the use of GPS units is unnecessarily burdensome and expensive for hunters.
BOG	31	Change the bag limit restriction for black and brown bear in Units 1 - 5.	
Support as Amended	9	0	We support #1 option of this proposal and oppose #2. We support 1 because the basic definition of "take," already covers this issue. We oppose #2 because of the difficulty involved with knowing when an animal is "mortally," wounded. We then support this proposal as amended, with option #2 deleted.
BOG	32	Allow the transfer of resident harvest tickets to a relative within second-degree of kindred.	
Oppose	0	9	Four members of the subcommittee opposed this proposal and one supported it. The opposition believed that this proposal would essentially allow "party," hunting and would set a bad precedent statewide. Also unclear whether or not a locking tag would still be required or not. The one supporter felt that this proposal would fix an unforeseen complication that came from passing the original regulation. The whole AC supported the subcommittee overall opposition.
BOG	34	Require harvest reporting of migratory birds by species in Southeast Region Units.	
Oppose	0	9	We oppose this proposal because it is an increased cost to ADF&G, HIP already records this data, and there is already the Federal Migratory Bird harvest survey sent to waterfowl hunters.
BOG	35	Require certification for big game hunters using crossbows	
Oppose	0	9	In the subcommittee meeting, four members were in opposition to this proposal with one member supporting it. Those in opposition felt that it was too much of a financial cost to establish this class and it was unnecessary. Requiring classes does not guarantee that an individual will remain proficient and it is burdensome to require the possession of safety cards. The member in support of the



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			proposal thinks that the potential safety benefits outweigh the concerns listed above and that requiring this may make crossbow hunting more acceptable to the public at large. The AC voted in favor of the subcommittee overall opposition.
BOG	36	Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations for Southeast Region Units.	
Support	9	0	We support this proposal, the requirement of removing soil is an unnecessary burden on hunters and it is hard to determine how much removal is enough.
BOG	37	Add five days to all resident hunting seasons and allocate 75% of the drawing permits to residents in the Southeast Region.	
No Action			Not considered due to final resolution of these issues TBD at February BOG meeting.
BOG	38	Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Southeast Region Units.	
No Action			Not considered due to final resolution of these issues TBD at February BOG meeting.
BOG	201	Clarify the language regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game.	
Oppose	0	9	We oppose this proposal because the term "lawful," may result in more citation issues for hunters. Example would be if a hunter shoots and wounds a caribou on the open day of a one day hunt, is he/she allowed to continue pursuit of the animal the following day (40 Mile Caribou hunt)? Or if a wounded animal crosses from a legal area to a non-legal area? The "lawful," term may be too restrictive to allow for the retrieval of wounded animals.



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
12/10/14 Meeting Minutes  
Alpine Lodge, Fairbanks, AK

- I. Call to Order: Mike Kramer 1845
- II. Roll Call – Quorum Present

	<u>CHAIR</u> Virgil Umphenour	<u>VICE-CHAIR</u> Mike Kramer	<u>SECRETARY</u> Valerie Baxter	Al Barrette	Chuck Derrick	Andrew Glasgow	Warren Giuchici	Emma Lee Grennan
Present		x		x	x	x	x	x
Absent								
Abs/Excused	x		x					
	Lee Hazen	Bill Larry	Jeff Lucas	Dave Machacek	Bob Moloney	Skip Olsen	Michael Volsky	
Present	x		x		x			
Absent								
Abs/Excused		x		x		x	x	

- III. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (November 12, 2014): unanimous, no amendments
- V. Correspondence: none
- VI. Fish & Game Staff Present:  
Don Young, Tony Hollis, Natalie Weber DWS, Tom Taube DSF, Jennifer Yuhas, Nissa Pilcher BDS, Natalie Weber DWS
- VII. Guests:  
Reed Morisky BOF, Sargent Justin Rodgers DWT, Mike Tinker, Larry Morris
- VIII. Chair and AC Member Comments:  
Mike Kramer-- results of PWS BOF meeting later in meeting  
Al Barrette-- no trapping sub-committee comments  
Emma Lee-- game sub-committee review and votes of S.E. Alaska game proposals later in meeting.
- IX. F&G Staff Reports:  
Don Young-- no moose population surveys flown in 20A or 20B prior to Thanksgiving due to a lack of snow, but were by air able to calculate moose ratios yearling to cow (14/100), bull to cow (34/100), calves to cow (31/100). Yearling to cow was a bit low normally 21-22/100.



Tony Hollis-- Minto winter cow moose hunt ( open) harvest stands at 16 with a quota of 40. Slow harvest due to lack of early snow. 20A & 20B fall moose harvest totals not in yet.

X. Old Business: none

XI. New Business:

Mike Kramer-- The winter bull moose hunt in Unit 13B & 13C saw the issue of 1600 registration and subsistence permits for a quota of 37 bulls. After being open for one day, the season was closed due to the fear of over harvest.

Would like to have a fisheries sub-committee meeting in January 2015 to discuss AYAK finfish.

Results of December 2014 PWS/Upper Copper River Finfish BOF meeting in Cordova--

Mike Kramer (first 3 days) & Andrew Glasgow (final 2 days) represented the FAC.

Chuck Derrick, Paul Harrell, Paul Holland represented Chitina Dipnetters Association.

Copies of BOF proposal votes were part of the FAC member packet.

Highlights of BOF meeting of interest to FAC

Proposal 39 passed by 4-3 vote raising the Chitina Personal Use Dip Net Fishery bag limit to 25/ permit plus 10 salmon for each additional household member.

Prop. 18 prohibit rolling up king salmon in drift gill nets-- failed

Prop. 33 establish OEG 28,000 king salmon escapement in the Copper River--failed

Prop. 34 additional king salmon management tools in Glennallen subsistence fishery--passed

Prop. 35 no mono-filament in dip nets—failed

Prop. 36 dip net and subsistence fisheries not remove king from water if to be released--failed

Prop. 37 Chitina dip net and subsistence check station—failed

Prop. 38 re-establish June 1 as earliest opener for Chitina PU dip net fishery—failed

Prop. 40 PU dip net charter log book—failed

Prop. 41 repeal PU dip net allocation reduction—failed

Prop. 42 reduce PU dip net allocation to 100,000 salmon—failed

Prop. 43 establish 3,000 king allocation for PU dip net fishery—failed

Prop. 44 prohibit commercial fishing till 1 salmon has passed sonar counter—failed

Prop. 45 repeal commercial fishing mandatory inside water closures—failed

Prop. 46 restrict commercial king home pack to mirror sport fish bag limit—failed

Prop. 47 allow commercial fishery dip net use during emergency order closings—failed

All proposals concerning the king salmon sport fishery failed.

Andrew Glasgow—Prop.8 reduce PWS ling cod bag to 1/day 2 in possession—failed

much discussion by BOF and public about methods to limit fish wheel king harvest.

Reed Morisky—discussed Ahtna objections to the passage of proposal 34, the failed vote to reconsider the passage of proposal 39, his perspective on the BOF meeting as a whole

Chuck Derrick—felt without the requirement of a live box on fish wheels proposal 34 will only restrict dip net king harvest. Tom Taube, in answer, said fish wheel operators could be required to man their fish wheel while it operates and release any kings over their new established bag limit.

Mike Kramer discussed the importance of sending FAC representatives, who can attend the entirety, of state board meetings instead of splitting the meeting between reps. As he and Andrew did.

South East Board of Game Proposals

Al Barrette-- presented FAC game sub-committee comments on S.E. game proposals. Stated



that concerning proposal 14, the Dept. F&G is required to restrict other users before restricting subsistence harvest of a subsistence wolf population.

Emma Lee Grennan—In proposal 14 the Dept. F&G does not supply any biological or harvest reasons for the reduction.

Al B.--prop. 14 gives no population estimate and the assertion that there is a substantial unreported harvest of wolves.

Mike Tinker—no ANS for the wolf population in prop.14

Andrew G.--question the departments assertion in prop.14 that up to 1/3 of the population harvest is unreported.

Trooper Rodgers-- commented on SE proposal 201 which addresses language regarding retrieval of wounded game. Change from every “reasonable effort” to every “lawful” effort.

Stated that reasonable is subjective and infers more discretion, what is reasonable? Lawful language provides more concrete determination. Troopers have some discretion such as when using an artificial light, or flying same day to locate wounded game.

Mike Tinker--discuss merits of language change in 201, Comes more into play with retrieval of dangerous game animals.

Emma G.--move to adopt 201, Al B. 2<sup>nd</sup>, failed 0-9

Al B.--discuss prop. 206 ANS for deer population in game management unit 1A, move to adopt, Emma 2<sup>nd</sup>, No Action Taken

Al B.--report on wood bison transplant to lower Innoko River meeting. 80-100 bison to be released, when a hunt-able surplus occurs 20% goes to 4 local villages in first come first served permit registration hunt, 70% resident draw permit, 10% non-resident draw permit. 4 local villages own much of area land and suggested trespass fee for non-locals. Al argued since 20% take goes to villages they should not charge others. Doyon Native Corp., which also owns land there has a non-shareholder ban on trespass, 4 local villages agreed to petition Doyon to allow non-shareholder opportunity to hunt on their lands.

XII. Adjourn 2145

Minutes Recorded by Chuck Derrick



**Juneau-Douglas Advisory Committee  
12/19/2014**

**ADFG Headquarters 1255 W 8th ST. Juneau, AK Caribou Conference Room**

- I. Call to Order: 6:30 p.m. by Ed Buyarski, Chairman
  
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present:  
Mike Peterson-Alternate  
Henry Webb-Commercial Fishing  
Jason Kohlhase-Processor  
Jesse Ross-Trapping (Secretary)  
Richard Yamada - Charter Fishing-saltwater  
Michael Bethers-sportfishing/hunting/personal use  
Ed Buyarski-sportfishing/hunting/personal use(Chair)  
Chris Miller-Commercial Fishing  
Atlin Daugherty- Hunting Guide (Vice Chair)  
Thatcher Brouwer- Commercial Fishing  
  
Members Absent:  
Kevin Maier-Charter Fishing-fresh water  
Kristine Trott-non consumptive personal use  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
List of User Groups Present: See above
  
- III. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous
  
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: N/A
  
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:  
Adam Messmer- ADFG Fisheries Biologist  
Stephanie Sell- ADFG Area Wildlife Biologist  
Dave Love- ADFG Fisheries Biologist  
Dave Harris- ADFG Fisheries Biologist  
Frances Leach- ADFG Boards Support
  
- VI. Guests Present: Jake Abbott (member of the public)
  
- VII. Old Business:



## VIII. New Business:

Terry White was nominated unanimously to fill Chris Conder's resignation as the Charter Fishing, Saltwater seat. Atlin Daugherty was unanimously nominated to fill the Vice Chair position vacated by Mr. Conder's resignation.

Richard Yamada was designated to represent the JDAC at Sitka Finfish

Mike Peterson was designated to represent the JDAC at Wrangell Shellfish.

Motion made to table the issue of BOG moving from a 2 year cycle to a three year cycle until next meeting.

## IX. New Business: Discuss BOG and BOF Proposals

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BOG	15	Allow trappers to take beaver in Unit 2 with a firearm.	
Support	9	0	2 abstained Committee saw need to align with rest of state, give other means of harvesting beaver as the intent of the author seems to want/Ed B. stated the concern for safety of shooting on water.
BOG	16	Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence uses for deer in Unit 5.	
No Action			No action taken, Juneau is not a subsistence area
BOG	17	Increase the resident bag limit for deer in Unit 1C (Lincoln, Shelter & Sullivan Islands) to six deer, of which the last two must be bucks..	
Oppose	0	11	JDAC does not support on the basis of consistency in keeping with four deer limit.
BOG	18	Establish a resident, archery drawing hunt for goats in Unit 1C, Juneau area.	
Support as Amended	11	0	Fully support As amended ...to expand current registration, not draw only, to include areas near Juneau at the discretion of ADFG.
BOG	23	Hunting Seasons and Bag limits for moose.	
Support	11	0	Fully support as proposed
BOG	26	Modify deer population and harvest objectives, or exempt the Southeast Region from objectives.	
Oppose	0	11	JDAC does not support the author's intent of this proposal. offered no solution to the problem
BOG	27	Establish deer hunting seasons for elder hunters and individuals with disabilities in Units 1 - 5.	
Oppose	0	10	1 Abstain Already have proxy system in place, good chance of spoiling meat with such an early season.
BOG	28	Extend the wolverine trapping season in Units 1 - 5.	
Oppose	0	7	4 Abstain Season was shortened in 2008, see need to protect females in spring, although other areas of state have lengthier seasons. Only 5 wolverines are





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			harvested in Juneau area per area biologist, Biologist was unsure of how many were taken as incidentals to wolf trapping.
BOG	29	Require a time limit for checking traps in Units 1 - 5.	
Support as Amended	7	4	Motion made by Jason K. to amend so as to promote responsible gear management, trappers need to check traps at least every 21 days. Discussed importance of responsible pet owners and need for trappers to be responsible.
BOG	31	Change the bag limit restriction for black and brown bear in Units 1 - 5.	
Oppose	0	11	Proposal had no substance and there are laws addressing this already, Hunters and guides are expected to be honest and ethical. Changing wording doesn't accomplish this.
BOG	35	Require certification for big game hunters using crossbows	
Support as Amended	11	0	Support as amended to not only include southeast but STATEWIDE, just as the Bow hunter certification is required for big game.
BOG	38	Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Southeast Region Units.	
Oppose	0	11	Not really an issue in Southeast per ADFG stats. We opposed because this would really hurt the guides.

Adjournment: 9:55 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Jesse Ross  
 Minutes Approved By: Ed Buyarski  
 Date: 12/24/14



Sitka Advisory Committee  
11/18/2014  
Sitka Sound Science Center, 834 Lincoln Street

- I. Call to Order: 6:30PM by John Murray
- II. Roll Call:
  - Members Present: Tad Fujioka (Trapping), Brian Massey (Resident Sport Fish; Vice Chair), Bradley Shaffer (At Large), Jerry Barber (Hand Troll), Kim Elliot (Subsistence), Jeff Feldpausch (Alternate), Randy Gluth (Hunting), Moe Johnson (Seine), Karen Johnson (At Large), Dick Curran (Longline), Jessica Gill (Alternate; Secretary), John Murray (Power Troll; Chairman), Peter Roddy (Shellfish), Floyd Tomkins (Conservation)
  - Members Absent: Cody Loomis (Guide)
  - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
  - List of User Groups Present: Trapping, Resident Sport Fish, At Large, Hand Troll, Subsistence, Alternate, Hunting, Seine, At Large, Longline, Alternate, Power Troll, Shellfish, Conservation
- III. Approval of Agenda:
  - No formal agenda was created, but Chairman Murray discussed proposals the AC will review.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: February 17
  - Minute approval did not occur.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
  - No Fish and Game staff was present at this meeting.
- VI. Guests Present:
  - Larry Edwards, Joel (The Boat Company), Matt Donahue, Brad Dennison
- VII. Old Business:
  - No old business was discussed.
- VIII. New Business:
  - Elections need to happen in the near future. Tad asked if the terms went from a two year cycle to a three year cycle. It was mentioned that not everyone on the AC received a proposal book. John will make sure everyone gets paperwork. Bradley asked if we can have elections now, with terms starting in June. Either way, we need to pass out methods. Brian asked for elections at the next meeting. It was decided that elections will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, to give the AC time to advertize for the available positions, which John will check for open seats. It was agreed that we shouldn't be hosting elections in June, and that continuity of terms (June throughout Board season) was more applicable for AC elections. It was also discussed that elections can be held in the spring, and can overlap. Two and a half year terms instead of the usual three years.
  - Jeff gave an update on Didemnum vexillum work going on in Whiting Harbor.



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BOG	8		Establish a resident drawing hunt for goats in Unit 4, Sitka area.
OPPOSES	0	14	Brian motioned, Jerry seconded to discuss this proposal. Brian—sees logic, because we can cause overharvest. One or two permits. Jeff—That area only has one goat out of that area. Brian—it's behind Sitka, so good assumption. One goat limit out of that area to begin with. John— is this one to save for Phil Mooney or can we vote now? Tad—areas around Sitka are closed. Peter—one goat ensures hunt. Brian—proposal for locals? Kim—residents only. Brian—will not support if open statewide. John—care to amend? Brian—just making a comment. Bradley—Phil Mooney can't answer why population crashed in recent year. Goats were being studied for the hydropower project. If we go to a drawing hunt, it'll open to all residents, but right now it's a local hunt. Going to a draw, it's not drainage by drainage. Voting against. If it's not broke don't fix it. Mike (Public)—the goats on Baranof Island might be genetically unique goats after last ice age. Rob—establishing a draw brings in more interest, to people who might not have been interested in past. Jerry called the question.
BOG	9		Increase the resident bag limit for deer in Unit 4 Remainder to six deer, of which the last two must be bucks.
OPPOSES	0	14	Jerry moved to adopt, Brian seconded. John—didn't think it was our area (Hoonah). Brain—isn't ADF&G in charge of bag limits? Tad—state limit is 4, so this proposal would allow Juneau folks hunting admiralty to get six deer. Jerry—4 deer on state, 2 on federal lands. Doesn't like, because Juneau residents can get these deer. Floyd—most of the pressure will be on east Chichagof, which has pressure. Might not be able to tell if it's a buck or not because they drop antlers. Jerry called the question.
BOG	10		Change "any deer" resident season to October 15 - December 31 for portions of Unit 1C and all of Unit 4.
OPPOSES	0	13,1 abstain	Kim moved to adopt, Tad seconded. Tad—questions if this is biologically appropriate to reduce doe harvest, but believes it might be too restrictive. Jerry—no conservation concern, too restrictive. Kim—doesn't believe people intentionally take fawn, only by accident or mercy kills. Tad—talked to a longtime Port Alexander resident who said does will typically leave their fawns in early September, so the doe-fawn pairs seen together later might not be their fawns (role models). Brian called the question.
BOG	11		Establish separate brown bear registration hunts for nonresident relatives within second-degree of kindred in Unit 4.
TABLED	12	2	Bradley moved to adopt, Randy seconded. Brad Dennison (Public)—break out session at BOG meeting two years ago. 14 year old management plan, needed changes for plan, recommended to change as situations developed. One regulation changed for guides hunting certain sow skull sizes. As more current bear population densities were understood, they would update harvest guidelines. Lots of other ideas, 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree kindred non-res hunting. 2 <sup>nd</sup> degree kindred hunts are in plan at 4 bears, but have ranged between 16-31 hunters,



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			<p>harvesting 61 bears in 8 years. 1/3 of hunt is sows, and a lot are juvenile boars. High harvest with wrong type of bears. No way to control non-res kindred hunters, but there is for guides. Proposal gives ADF&amp;G a way to control the number of bears harvested. The number hunting on Chichagof 10 years ago was 0, now it's quite high. He believes 7 is appropriate number of bears, broken up by season. Each hunt only has a few non-residents, not a drawing, but could be by BOG action. Last few years harvest has been low, but we can reach harvest level. Background on why proposal was written. Tad—the proposal would result in a substantial decrease in number of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree kindred hunters. Floyd—61 bears over 8 years? Establish that as harvest pressure? Would there still be a 4 bear harvest limit? Brad Dennison—no, it would limit number of hunters, with still 4 bears per person. Floyd—you're hoping that'll bring down from 7 bear average to 4 bear per person. Randy—how is there so many hunters? Bradley—there's not ADF&amp;G control of 2<sup>nd</sup> degree hunters. They can establish season and bag limit, but it's a registration hunt here, and it's closed through emergency order. Brian—because it's registration, you can be out of luck if it gets closed but you already have a permit? Jerry—Likes idea of capping hunters, but not sure if numbers are correct. That they're shooting small bears, everyone is shooting small bears too. Unsure about the numbers. Because of lack of guiding (hunt numbers down there), we can accommodate more bears harvested. Jeff—more comfortable with capping harvest levels, 7 bears harvested instead of hunters. Unsure of legality. Floyd—would really like to hear from F&amp;G, moved to table. Jerry seconded the Table request. Proposal was picked up again at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.</p>
BOG	13		Change the management level for wolves in Unit 2 to include all causes of mortality for wolves.
OPPOSES	4	10	<p>Brian moved to adopt, Kim seconded. John—Not our area but important. Brian—What's the management plan now? Larry (Public) read regulation. Was surprised that natural mortality and illegal take of wolves wasn't included in management plan. Between 2012 and 2013, there was an estimated 80% wolf mortality. Annual harvest keeps tabs on legal harvest, and didn't consider illegal harvest at all. Based on 200 wolves, harvest of 60. Discussed with Bob Larsen, and area biologist for Unit 2, and illegal harvest isn't on radar at all. Read the revised regulation if passed. No accurate estimate of wolves on POW, and should take low estimate. Brian—how are they going to extrapolate for illegal takes? Larry—based on radio collar tag info. Bradley—can't regulate for an illegal hunt, because hunting ethics are different in the villages as well as regionally and it's there is no credible means to measure or estimate illegal activities. Larry—population's going down, and another option is to close the hunt. Bradley—deal with the illegal hunt if it's a problem. Floyd—rational stats based management, you have to acknowledge illegal hunt. Thinks proposal requires ADF&amp;G to take a look at illegal hunt until census of wolves or accurate</p>



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			population estimate occurs. Possibly an intermediate step until management steps up. Tad—brown bear management plan takes into account illegal take based on actual dead bears, not extrapolating. Trying to extrapolate on a handful of radio tags is difficult and inaccurate. Has a hard time using extrapolation as a proxy for illegal take. Brian—ADF&G will drop harvest rate from 30 to 20%, and they can drop it lower than that. It's subjective data. Brad Dennison—discussed observing some illegal hunting (wounding, no actual kills), he knows it's exists. Can't convince hunters to stop illegal hunting, it's an enforcement issue. Brian—How do you estimate the unknown? Peter—can extrapolate some good numbers off of radio tags and maybe Larry's proposal takes these stats into account. Larry—relying on minimum population estimate, but maybe amend proposal to include 20% harvest rate from proposal 14. Tad—rational no different here than anywhere else to illegal takes. Jerry—it's time ADF&G wakes up to all illegal fishing and hunting. Floyd—3 <sup>rd</sup> paragraph mentions ADF&G hasn't looked at human caused mortality, and they think they can use different data. The timing is necessary. Jerry called the question.
BOG	14		Establish regulations in Unit 2 to allow for appropriate harvest levels and account for unrecovered harvest.
APPROVES	14	0	Randy moved to adopt, Brian seconded. John—Not our area but important. Brian—Seek to evaluate human caused mortality immediately. If there's data out there, maybe that's their starting point. Bradley—people who think wolf is the villain and others look as big game animal, thinks this is a pragmatic approach. Floyd—instead of urging ADF&G to come up with good numbers, how about a population estimate. Tad—there was a onetime provision for wounded bears? There's a difference between wounded and mortality wounded bears. Bradley—ADF&G doesn't distinguish, but now it does, and it's not a human caused mortality. Kim—can't you tell if they've been wounded before? Bradley—ADF&G can sometimes, but they don't do that. Kim – seems like a good number to have. Will support this change. Think it's important to protect the resources. Larry—a wolf wounded comes off a persons' bag limit, but not of the quota. But none of its enforceable anyway. Peter—relies on good faith of hunters to report wounded wolves.
BOG	23		Reauthorize antlerless moose hunts in Unit 1C.
APPROVES	11	0, 3 abstain	Tad moved to adopt, Floyd seconded. Brian asks why we're talking about Caribou. Discussion ensued. Controls, population exploded in Gustavus, moose eating themselves out of house and home. Jerry called the question.
BOG	26		Modify deer population and harvest objectives, or exempt the Southeast Region from objectives.
APPROVES	10	3, 1 abstain	Floyd moved to adopt, Bradley seconded. Larry (Public)—big game harvest objectives and population estimates established in 2000. At the time, they set the harvest as an average over the last 5 years in GMU 3, 2 and 1A, but high harvests those five previous years. Difficulty in obtaining objectives and the



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			management plan hasn't been looked at in 15 years. Timber practices have changed, and it's time to look at the objectives again, because they're out of line right now. Area management biologists aren't prepared to set objectives. SE shouldn't have this law for objectives (a whole different proposal). TAD—what practical consequence does that have for GMU 4? Larry—mostly for bear because no wolves in GMU 4. Floyd—if in GMU that has high harvest objective, does ADF&G lower harvest? Larry—BOG did decrease harvest rates for certain area, and these objectives trigger intense management decisions. Jerry called the question.
BOG	29		Require a time limit for checking traps in Units 1 - 5.
OPPOSE	0	14	Tad moved to adopt, Randy seconded. Tad—opposes as trapping rep on the AC. Tries to check traps reasonably quickly, but sometimes can only go on weekends, which really just hurts his catch and nothing else. Sometimes weather gets in way. Brian—agrees with Tad. Weather can prevent you from checking your traps. Floyd—how would it be enforced? Brian called the question.
BOG	31		Change the bag limit restriction for black and brown bear in Units 1 - 5.
OPPOSE	0	14	Bradley moved to adopt, Randy seconded. Brian—would like to hear Brad Dennison's info. Brad Dennison (Public)—existing regulation proposed by guiding assoc. Wound a black bear, it counts against bag limit for the year. Makes you responsible for your shot before you take it. Wounding loss has gone way down. This is the third time to get the proposer is trying to get the proposal passed. Guides in favor of existing regulations, against this proposal. Brian called the question.
BOG	33		Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Southeast Region Units.
OPPOSE	2	10	Brain moved to adopt, Floyd seconded. Brian—felt soles deliver whirling disease to trout in the lower 48. Kim—are felt soles legal in saltwater? She believes it is. John—ADF&G sees as consistency issue. Peter—rock snot has been in AK for millennium, but manifesting because of climate change. Showing up early in springtime. Spores have been found in lake sediment cores. Floyd—alternative footing—yak-traks work great for traction. Kim—not just rock snot, other things can attach to felt soles. Midwestern folks can track in invasive species. Not going to support. Tad—was at BOF meeting when they banned felt soles, but didn't involve hunting. Afterwards, discussion evolved into banning for hunting for ducks. Didn't have a good reason then. Don't have one now. Brian called the question.
BOG	37		Add five days to all resident hunting seasons and allocate 75% of the drawing permits to residents in the Southeast Region.
NC			Did not discuss, Bradley—3 years ago, dalls sheep up north only place in world without drawing, and New Mexico did state preference and it upset a lot of people. There has to be an equitable share of the public resource. Floyd—how we stack it in our favor (residents vs non-residents). Bradley—it's in every



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			meeting to discuss all the time. Yes it's about sheep, but it could be used for moose, etc etc, eventually. Kim—Can they actually do that? She doesn't think it's legal. Bradley—Kuiu model- AK residents have # to hunt every year. Would like to see this type of model in dalls sheep. Tad—if the resource is so limited they need to go to a drawing permit, maybe it should only be for residents? Or have priority for residents.

Next Meeting Date:

Need to meet on December 2<sup>nd</sup> if we can't have elections, as proposals meeting. Next meeting for elections will be on 10<sup>th</sup>. So we can advertise for elections for the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Adjournment: Brian moved to adjourn. 9:15pm

Minutes Recorded By: Jessica Gil, Secretary  
 Minutes Approved By: John Murray, Chairman  
 Date: Dec. 18, 2014



Sitka Advisory Committee  
December 2, 2014  
Legislative Information Office, 201 Katlian Street, Suite 103

- I. Call to Order: 6:32PM by John Murray, Chairman
- II. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Brian Massey, Bradley Shaffer, Jerry Barber, Kim Elliot, Randy Gluth, Moe Johnson, Dick Curran, Jessica Gill, John Murray, Peter Roddy (via telephone)  
Members Absent: Tad Fujioka, Jeff Feldpausch, Karen Johnson, Cody Loomis, Floyd Tomkins  
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8  
List of User Groups Present: Resident Sport Fish, At Large, Hand Troll, Hunting, Seine, Longline, Subsistence, Alternative 1, Power Troll, Shellfish (via phone)
- III. Approval of Agenda:  
No agenda was published, but the Chairman overviewed proposals to discuss this evening.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Meeting minutes were not available at this time.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:  
Eric Coonrandt; Troy Tydingco; Phil Mooney; Joe Stratton via phone in Petersburg
- VI. Guests Present:  
Harvey Kitka, Richie Davis, Mike Svenson, Roger Ingman
- VII. Old Business:  
BOG proposal #11, BOF proposal #65
- VIII. New Business:  
No new business was discussed.
- IX. Minute Recording  
John discussed D. Vex comments. Discussion regarding herring proposals ensued. John reminded everyone about five open seats; elections on December 10. Phil Mooney distributed ADF&G's analysis and recommendations. After BOF proposal #64 was discussed and voted on, Pete discussed the ability of the alternate members to vote on proposals. It was mentioned that because we have absent members at this meeting, that they are allowed to vote. Pete discussed the November 18 meeting, with a full roster present, the alternates still voted. Jessica looked into the regulations, and noted that the alternates function as a full AC member in the event that other members aren't present. Because the Sitka AC has two empty seats, the alternates are allowed to vote. Brian asked for an overview of shrimp management in Southeast Alaska. Eric (ADF&G) mentioned there are six factors that ADF&G looks at as indicators (carapace length, size at which male to female (L50), catch rates, fishery CPUE, logbook information, size mix), but in areas without a stock assessment survey, they rely on CPUE without soak times. Brad asked about SEFA's alliance/membership. Richie mentioned they were a reputable agency in effect for 12 years. Brian asked if BOF proposal 108 is trying to extend the season. Eric mentioned it was clarifying fishing periods.





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BOG	11		Establish separate brown bear registration hunts for nonresident relatives within second-degree of kindred in Unit 4.
<b>SUPPORT</b> As amended	9	0	<p>Tabled from last meeting (11/18/14). Brian moved to bring proposal off the table, Jerry seconded. Phil Mooney—under brown bear management strategy, BOG commissioned a strategy team for 2 years, which was accepted by BOG in 2000. He was under the impression that because next of kin (NOK) was already sanctioned, and it got tabled until now. Brown bear management strategy has to do with guide use areas, which came from guides to set up boundaries based on historical records. Admiralty and Baranof has next of kin hunts. It's managed by islands, but now separated into Admiralty, Baranof, NE Chichagof (from Tenakee Inlet and Port Frederick north and east, respectively) and remainder Chichagof. But there is no historical record of next of kin hunters, was going to look at two hunts on inside and two on outside. Need to put something in the brown bear management strategy. ADF&amp;G put pressure on Forest Service to manage hunt/hunters. 27 guides to 23 guides, getting to where the strategy needs to be. ADF&amp;G has control over NOK hunts. Mechanism isn't important for him. Brian—any limit on NOK hunts? Phil—Forest Service controls permits, but most permits overharvest, and mortalities are not matching. From 2004-2013, 195 NOK hunters, under management strategy it should have been 40. Hunters took 75 bears, but should have been 20. If you count all other types of mortalities, it's important to level the playing field. BOG doesn't like getting set into numbers, but a range of hunts is also appropriate. Usually it's not the plan that fails, it's the implementation. If the AC has a better idea for the hunt (drawing, limit, etc). Brad—hunts=hunters? Phil- Yes. He can't do much about going to a GUA (Guide Use Area, 16 GUAs in GMU 4), from what info he has. NOK hunters go with relative to public use cabins, taking up some valuable "space". Brian—you mentioned four bears? Phil—four spring hunts, including the three fall hunts. It's better to do when there's some flexibility, having little effect at this point in time. EO is a big hammer, affecting residents and nonresidents. Brian—does it establish drawing hunts? Phil—no, BOG decides that. Resident hunts don't change. Brian—is the number of hunts ok? Phil—it's a good place to start.</p> <p>Jerry—getting some control over this is important, and this is a good way to start. Kim—can we change the language to drawing permit? Phil—we can, but it's not necessary. BOG can do that too. It would only change nonresident next-of-kin hunts (a small number). Brian—motioned to approved, but change registration hunts to and/or drawing permits. Kim seconded.</p>

Adjournment: 9:20PM

Minutes Recorded By:     Jessica Gill, Secretary      
 Minutes Approved By:     John Murray, Chairman      
 Date:     Dec. 18, 2014



Upper Lynn Canal Advisory Committee  
12/08/14  
Haines , Alaska

## Southeast Region BOG Proposals

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BOG	1		Open a fall brown bear season for residents in Unit 3.
No Action	5	0	
BOG	2		Open a fall brown bear season for residents in Unit 3, Mitkof Island.
No Action	5	0	
BOG	3		Open a fall brown bear season for residents in Unit 3.
No Action	5	0	
BOG	4		Clarify the boundaries of the Petersburg Closed Area and the Petersburg Management Area due to changing city boundaries.
No Action	5	0	
BOG	5		Clarify the boundaries of the Wrangell Road System Closed Area.
No Action	5	0	
BOG	6		Redefine "broken antler" for Units 1 and 3.
No Action	5	0	
BOG	7		Define "points" for forked moose antlers for the RM038 registration hunt in Unit 1C.
No Action	5	0	
BOG	8		Establish a resident drawing hunt for goats in Unit 4, Sitka area.
No Action	5	0	
BOG	9		Increase the resident bag limit for deer in Unit 4 Remainder to six deer, of which the last two must be bucks.
No Action	5	0	
BOG	10		Change "any deer" resident season to October 15 - December 31 for portions of Unit 1C and all of Unit 4.
No Action	5	0	
BOG	11		Establish separate brown bear registration hunts for nonresident relatives within second-degree of kindred in Unit 4.
No Action	5	0	
BOG	12		Reduce the bag limit for trapping and hunting wolves in Unit 2, require locking tags and implement registration requirements.
No Action	5	0	
BOG	13		Change the management level for wolves in Unit 2 to include all causes of mortality for wolves.



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No Action	5	0	
BOG	14	Establish regulations in Unit 2 to allow for appropriate harvest levels and account for unrecovered harvest.	
No Action	5	0	
BOG	15	Allow trappers to take beaver in Unit 2 with a firearm.	
No Action	5	0	
BOG	16	Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence uses for deer in Unit 5.	
No Action	5	0	
BOG	17	Increase the resident bag limit for deer in Unit 1C (Lincoln, Shelter & Sullivan Islands) to six deer, of which the last two must be bucks..	
No Action	5	0	
BOG	18	Establish a resident, archery drawing hunt for goats in Unit 1C, Juneau area.	
No Action	5	0	
BOG	19	Create a resident youth hunt for goats in Unit 1D, Tugahgo Mountain area.	
Support	5	0	AC- continues to support this proposal as a positive management action that will relief some of the pressure surrounding this easily accessible area and by creating a youth hunt will expand opportunities to expose younger hunters to goat hunting.
BOG	20	Expand the resident goat season dates for registration permit hunts RGO23 and RGO24 in Unit 1D.	
Support	5	0	AC continues to support this proposal which will allow more harvest opportunities for hunters.
BOG	21	Delay the use of black bear bait stations in Unit 1D until after the brown bear season is closed.	
Oppose	0	4	1- Member of the AC abstained, The AC opposes this proposal largely due to the impact that it would have on the length of bear baiting season. The proposal would eliminate 6 of the 8 weeks currently allowed for bear baiting. Several members of the AC express concern that 2 wks was just not enough time. One Member from Skagway pointed out that this proposal would also greatly impact bear baiting seasons in Skagway and currently there are no issues as described in the proposal in the Skagway area. The AC is greatly concerned with the illegal harvest of brown bear, especially in recent yrs when there have been some conservation concerns with brown bear in the Chilkat valley. Several members expressed a desire to see the



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			regulations changed to eliminate this possible conflict and clarify the seasons and rules concerning brown bear being taken in areas where over bait stations are operating.
BOG	22	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 26A.	
No Action	5	0	
BOG	23	Review the customary and traditional use worksheet for the Teshekpuk Lake caribou herd; establish amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence.	
No Action	5	0	
BOG	24	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench.	
No Action	5	0	
BOG	25	Move the resident duck season two weeks earlier in Unit 5.	
No Action	5	0	
BOG	26	Modify deer population and harvest objectives, or exempt the Southeast Region from objectives.	
No Action	5	0	
BOG	27	Establish deer hunting seasons for elder hunters and individuals with disabilities in Units 1 - 5.	
No Action	5	0	
BOG	28	Extend the wolverine trapping season in Units 1 - 5.	
Oppose	0	5	AC opposes this proposal due to management and population concerns expressed by ADF&G.
BOG	29	Require a time limit for checking traps in Units 1 - 5.	
Support	5	0	Members felt while the actual proposal may be misguided, the heart of regulation should be adopted, which is traps should be checked within reasonable times and 3-5 days is an appropriate time period.
BOG	30	Remove the reporting requirement for GPS coordinates for bear bait stations in Units 1 - 5.	
Oppose	0	5	AC opposes repealing this requirement and felt requiring GPS coordinates is an effective enforcement tool and little burden to the hunter.
BOG	31	Change the bag limit restriction for black and brown bear in Units 1 - 5.	



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Oppose	0	5	Struck and lost brown should continue to count toward harvest tallies, this is a reasonable and responsible regulation.
BOG	32	Allow the transfer of resident harvest tickets to a relative within second-degree of kindred.	
No Action	5	0	
BOG	33	Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Southeast Region Units.	
No Action	5	0	
BOG	34	Require harvest reporting of migratory birds by species in Southeast Region Units.	
No Action	5	0	
BOG	35	Require certification for big game hunters using crossbows	
No Action	5	0	
BOG	36	Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations for Southeast Region Units.	
Oppose	0	5	AC felt this was an absolute necessity for baiters to clean up their bait stands and this regulation is both reasonable and responsible.
BOG	37	Add five days to all resident hunting seasons and allocate 75% of the drawing permits to residents in the Southeast Region.	
No Action	5	0	
BOG	38	Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Southeast Region Units.	
No Action	5	0	

Minutes Recorded By: Jamie King  
 Minutes Approved By: Tim McDonough  
 Date: 12/16/2014



**Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee**  
**November 24, 2014**  
**Wrangell Fire Hall**

I. Call to Order: Seven PM by Chris Guggenbickler

II. Roll Call: Members Present: (11)  
Chris Guggenbickler, Chairperson  
Brennon Eagle, Vice-Chair  
David Rak, Secretary  
Marlin Benedict, member  
Janice Churchill, member  
John Yeager, member  
Brian Merritt, member  
Robert Rooney, member  
Winston J. Davies, member  
Jason Rooney, member  
Scott McAuliffe, alternate

Members Absent: (6)

Tom Sims, member  
Bill Knecht, member  
Tony Guggenbickler, member  
Otto Florschutz, member  
Alan Reeves, member  
Mike Bauer, alternate

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight

List of User Groups Present: NA

III. Approval of Agenda: Board of Game Proposals

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tom Kowalske (DFG), Scott Bjork (AST)

VI. Guests Present: Ron Salmon

VII. Old Business: No old business.



New Business: Chris reported on the following:

1. David Brown of Wrangell has been appointed to the AK-BOG;
2. Meeting of the Petersburg Gillnet Task Force RPT;
3. Results of the Wrangell AC proposal to the Federal RAC on the Stikine subsistence salmon gillnet fishery.
4. SSRAA accomplishments and activities of the SSRAA Board.

<b>The Alaska BOG 2014/2015 Proposed Changes in Regulations Southeast Region, Jan. 8–13, 2015</b>			
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BOG	1	Open a fall brown bear season for residents in Unit 3.	
Supports	11	0	This proposal from the Petersburg AC mirrors a proposal from the Wrangell AC. The WRG AC supports the harvest of bears in GMU#3 within limits of a healthy bear population. Agrees that dates for bear hunt should be similar to GMU#1B and coincide with the deer and moose seasons in GMU#3.
BOG	3	Open a fall brown bear season for residents in Unit 3.	
Supports	11	0	Proposal 3 is from the Wrangell AC and we support our proposal. Hunting access with the spring hunt is limited and very few bears have been harvested. If there is surplus of bears beyond what the biologists find is needed to maintain populations, those bears should be made available to harvest. Opening a fall season would provide that opportunity to hunt those bears.
BOG	5	Clarify the boundaries of the Wrangell Road System Closed Area.	
Supports	11	0	Proposal is housekeeping by the Department needed to clarify a regulation. The formation of the Wrangell Borough removed the former Wrangell City limits. The Wrangell AC supports the closed area along the highway and feels action is needed to correct the regulation. The Wrangell AC would also support the proposal if the limit of the closed area was defined by a Zimovia Highway milepost; mile post 12.
BOG	6	Redefine "broken antler" for Units 1 and 3.	
Supports	11	0	Proposal 6 is from the Wrangell AC and we support our proposal. The action would correct a definition for broken antler in the regulation that could make a criminal out of an honest person. The Wrangell AC would not count an antler broken in velvet that had grown over/around, as a point under the broken antler restriction. It was our opinion that this is excessive to the intent of the law, which was to keep illegal hunters from modifying antlers to meet spike/fork requirements.



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BOG	7		Define "points" for forked moose antlers for the RM038 registration hunt in Unit 1C.
Supports as amended	Amendment 11 As Amended 11	0 0	Proposal 7 is from the Wrangell AC and we support our proposal as amended. The action would correct a definition for points in the regulation that could make a criminal out of an honest person. Small protrusions from the burl area on moose can be longer than an inch which would count as a point. It is the opinion of the Wrangell AC that it was never intended for these "points" to be counted in making a forked horn into a three point thus making the moose illegal. It is also our opinion that is unreasonable to expect a prudent hunter to be able to see these protrusions next to the hairline and ear from a reasonable distance. Amendment to proposal 7 definition: <i>Define "points" for forked moose antlers for the RM038 registration hunt in Unit 1C as follows: Small points originating from the antler base shorter than the ear will not be counted in making a forked antler moose illegal for the registration hunt, RM038.</i> Points growing from the burl antler base/burl within the hairline should not be counted as points. Proposal is to not count points from/at the base of the antler.
BOG	11		Establish separate brown bear registration hunts for nonresident relatives within second-degree of kindred in Unit 4.
No Action			<b>Comment:</b> ADF&G should reduce the number of bears harvested, only if needed. WRG AC feels that decision should be made by Department Biologists with knowledge of the bear population.
BOG	13		Change the management level for wolves in Unit 2 to include all causes of mortality for wolves.
Opposes	0	11	The Wrangell AC supports ADF&Gs ability to manage wolves within current guidelines and regulations. The Wrangell AC does not agree with using wolves and deer as pawns in the timber harvest/sale arguments.
BOG	14		Establish regulations in Unit 2 to allow for appropriate harvest levels and account for unrecovered harvest.
No Action			<b>Comment:</b> The WRG AC trusts the ADF&G Biologists to determine the percent of the unit wide preseason population, but questions if a decrease of 10% is adequate. A regulation based on the rational "escape from trap, or removed a trap from a set location" would be very difficult to enforce.
BOG	23		Review the customary and traditional use worksheet for the Teshekpuk Lake caribou herd; establish amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence.
No Action			<b>Comment:</b> ADF&G would keep the authority for the antlerless moose hunt on the books, to be if needed in the future.
BOG	26		Modify deer population and harvest objectives, or exempt the Southeast Region from objectives.
Opposes	0	11	The Wrangell AC supports the ability of ADF&G Biologists to manage game using biology/science, not political opinions..
BOG	27		Establish deer hunting seasons for elder hunters and individuals with disabilities in Units 1





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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
			- 5.
Opposes	0	11	The Wrangell AC feels there is ample opportunity for the elderly and/or disabled within the current harvest seasons. State proxy and Federal designated hunter regulations provide adequate deer for qualified individuals.
BOG	28		Extend the wolverine trapping season in Units 1 - 5.
Opposes	0	11	The trappers on the Wrangell AC advice that for conservation of wolverines the season should be kept short, not extended. Female wolverines den up and have their young in April. ADF&G shortened the season a few years ago based on a study of that which was best for the wolverines.
BOG	29		Require a time limit for checking traps in Units 1 - 5.
Opposes	0	11	There has never been a requirement to check traps in AK. Bad/severe Alaska weather often restricts access to checking traps. Also "weekend warrior" trappers are limited to when they can check traps.
BOG	31		Change the bag limit restriction for black and brown bear in Units 1 - 5.
Opposes	0	11	The Wrangell AC favors the policy if a hunter draws the blood of a bear that shot should count as a taking for that hunt. Keeps hunters from just "slinging lead" and leaving wounded bears.
BOG	32		Allow the transfer of resident harvest tickets to a relative within second-degree of kindred.
Opposes	0	11	The Wrangell AC favors the current regulations as beneficial to the game, and sees no need for the proposed change.
BOG	33		Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Southeast Region Units.
Opposes	0	11	The Wrangell AC questioned if prohibiting felt soles was solving the problem that it was intended to solve. The AC is in favor of the safety that felt sole waders provide while wading in a stream, but are very serious about protecting the pristine waters of Alaska from unwanted invaders that could come in on felt soles.
BOG	35		Require certification for big game hunters using crossbows
Supports	10	1	The Wrangell AC agrees that bow hunters should be required to take a class prior to hunting big game and that crossbow hunters should learn the same principles of bow hunting. Crossbow hunting has the same archery principles as other bow and arrow hunting. A cross bow simply has a different cocking and trigger mechanism. A bow hunter on the Wrangell AC feels crossbows are not in the same class as archery. Cross bows are very accurate past 100 yards and are basically a rifle that shoots a sharpened bolt. Crossbows should be considered almost in the same class as short range scoped rifles. The Wrangell AC agrees that crossbows should not be allowed in archery only hunts because of those differences. The minority view is opposition to another layer of bureaucracy/regulation for crossbow hunters.



BOG	36	Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations for Southeast Region Units.	
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<b>Supports or Opposes?</b>	<b>Number Support</b>	<b>Number Oppose</b>	<b>Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal</b>
Supports as Amended	10 (Yeager departed meeting)	0	The Wrangell AC supports making bear hunters responsible to clean up all non-biodegradable material from their bear bait sites. Metal and plastic should not be abandoned at the site. The AC is not in favor of requiring removing soil from the forest, and questioned the level of cleanup that would be possible if contaminated soil was continued to be removed from the site.

Adjournment: 9:30 PM

Minutes Recorded By: David Rak  
 Minutes Approved By: Chris Guggenbickler  
 Date: 12/26/2014



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**AC MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, December 19, 2014

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:10p

By Chairman: Casey Mapes

**ROLL CALL:** Casey Mapes, Larry Bemis, Bob Fraker, Reggie Krkovich, Nate Endicott, Sheri Nelson, Jonathan Pavlik and Jeremiah Pavlik

**ABSENT:** Scott Chadwick, Jesse Pavlik, Dave Stone, Herb Holcomb, Jeff Fraker and Loren Clark

**ATTENDEES:** Fish & Game, Gordy Woods and Ryan Scott. Harold Robbins, Sport fisherman, Rhonda Coston, CBY, Jim Capra, NPS, Jimmy Jensen, Fisherman and Trooper Brett Ledford.

**Quorum Established:**

**ELECTIONS:**

2014 Expired seats:

**3-Three year seats:** Scott Chadwick, Sport fish, Casey Mapes, Trolling/Hunting and Jeff Fraker, Trapping.

**3-Two year seats:** Sheri Nelson, Subsistence, Jonathan Pavlik, Commercial fish, Loren Clark, Commercial fish.

**5-One year seats:** Jeremiah Pavlik, Commercial fish, Bob Fraker, Sport fish, Jesse Pavlik, Commercial fish, Nate Endicott, Commercial fish and Dave Stone, Sport fish.

**Seat expires in 2015:** Reggie Krkovich, Sport fish, Herb Holcomb, Hunting/Fishing and Larry Bemis, Hunting/Trapping.

Motion to vote in and reinstate all former board members: Scott Chadwick, Casey Mapes, Sheri Nelson, Loren Clark, Jonathan Pavlik, Jeremiah James, Bob Fraker, Jesse Pavlik, Nate Endicott and Dave Stone. No new nominations.

Motion: Reggie/Bob F. Support. All Ayes. 0 Nays.

Chair/Three year: Casey Mapes M/Sheri M/Reggie Support. All Ayes.

Vice/Three year: Scott Chadwick M/Casey M/Nate. Support. All Ayes.

Secretary/Two year: Sheri Nelson M/Bob M/Reggie. Support. All Ayes.

Board of Fish & Game: Introduction of Ryan Scott.

Discussion: Board of Fish Meeting, January 9-13, 2013

Larry will attend meeting for three days through the weekend.

Changes in the Board of Fish, new Acting Fish Commissioner, Neil Barton retirement, very little turnover on board. Moose season observations, bear, wolf, goat and surveys.



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Reggie Krkovick: Excuses himself from meeting. He votes affirmative on all votes to be made at this meeting.

**P 22:** Hunting season and bag limits for moose. Motion to support. Manby Shore move back 2 weeks, to August 15-December 1. This will provide increased hunting opportunity and decrease pressure on the Situk/Anklin.

Motion: Bob/Jeremiah Support. All Ayes. 0 Nays.

**P 24:** Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Motion to support. Will allow for a hunt if numbers increase. Keep as is.

Motion: Nate/Jeremiah Support. All Ayes. 0 Nays.

**P 84:** Fishing seasons for Registration Area D. Motion to approve. Reduce pots. King Crab 100-40 pots. Allow for a test fishery.

Motion: Jonathan/Jeremiah Support. All Ayes. 0 Nays.

**P 90:** Lawful gear Registration Area D. Motion to approve.

Reduce commercial Tanner crab pot limit in Area D. 100-40 pots. Add a test fishery. Hopefully, will allow for a small fishery to what's out there.

Motion: Nate/Bob Supported. Unanimous.

**P 157:** Reduce the king salmon size limit from 28 inches or greater in length to 26 inches or greater in length in SE Alaska.

MOTION TO OPPOSE. Motion: Sheri/Bob Supported. Unanimous.

**P 161:** Allow for single hook only sport angling in all fresh waters of the Yakutat Area, Cape Fairweather to Cape Suckling, from January 1 to December 31.

Motion to Support: Bob/Larry Supported. Unanimous.

**P 162:** Prohibit multiple hooks and barbed hooks in all fresh waters of the Yakutat Management Area.

Motion to Support: Bob/Sheri 7-Ayes. 1-Nay. Jeremiah

**P 163:** Change bag and size limit. By ADF&G. Reason: too much pressure on a small system and too much of a public nuisance with parking.

Motion to Support: Bob/Nate Supported. Unanimous.

Trooper Ledford pointed out that on the drainage side of the road a boundary would need to be in place.

Motion by: Nate Endicott Seconded by: Larry Bemis to discuss in a boundary in committee. Should be salt-water low tide line across lagoon entrance.

Supported. Unanimous.

**P 164:** Proposal to restrict angling in Village Lagoon and accompanying lakes to youth under the age 18 only.

Motion: Nate/Bob Supported. Unanimous.



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**P 211:** Remove the sunset clause from Yakutat Area commercial salmon set gillnet permit-stacking regulation.

Motion: Nate/Jeremiah Supported. Unanimous.  
Was only lightly used. But worked very well with no conflicts.

**P 212:** Allow the owner of two commercial salmon set gillnet permits to fish both permits throughout the Yakutat Area.

Motion: Nate/Jeremiah Supported. Unanimous.

**P 214:** Remove depth restrictions form commercial salmon set gillnet gear. Unlimited.

Motion: Jeremiah/Nate 6-Supported. 1-Larry Opposed.

**P 215:** Allow commercial salmon set gillnets up to 60 meshes deep after July 1 in Yakutat Bay only.

Motion: Nate/Jonathan Supported. Unanimous.

**P 216:** Clarify gillnet specifications in the East River in September. 8", 20 fathoms strict, move to first Sunday to Monday.

Motion: Jeremiah/Nate Supported. Unanimous.

**P 217:** Establish an opening date for the Tsiu River commercial salmon fishery. Tisu River will be on the third Sunday in August.

Motion: Jonathan/Nate Supported. Unanimous.

**P 218:** Redefine closed water in the Lost River.

Motion to redefine: Bob/Jeremiah Supported. Unanimous.

**P 219:** Establish new salmon statistical area in Yakutat Bay. Need to add language in committee to clarify, East of the line would be open area.

Motion: Nate/Jeremiah Support. Unanimous.

**P 220:** Modify the winter boundary line for the commercial salmon troll fishery. Move to the next click out.

Motion: Bob/Nate Support. Unanimous.

**P 221:** Expand the winter commercial salmon troll fishery in the Yakutat Area by adding Icy Bay Stat area.

Motion: Nate/Jeremiah Support. Unanimous.

Call to close meeting.

Motion: Casey/Larry Supported. Unanimous.

Adjourned: 9:03p

Minutes prepared by: Sheri Nelson



## Mid-Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee

### MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 18, 2014, 1:00 pm, St. Mary's

Chair: Stan Shepard, Mountain Village

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- I. Call to Order: 2:00
- II. Invocation: Harry Wilde, Sr.
- III. Roll Call:  
Number Needed For Quorum on AC: **5, quorum met**  
**Evan Polty, Stanley Peters, Vassily Sergie, Sr., June Yupanik, Paul Beans, Bill Alstrom, Peter Tyson, Stan Sheppard (Chair)**  
Introduction of guests
- IV. Approval of Agenda: **approved**
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: **November 12, 2014 minutes sent with packet- approved with addition of "Federal" to Page 2 paragraph one: YK Delta Rac- APPROVED**
- VI. Fish and Game Staff Present:  
**Boards Support Western Region Coordinator, Holly Carroll**  
**Wildlife biologists (Bethel office) Philip Perry and Patrick Jones, Jeff Estensen, Yukon Area Fishery Biologist, Christie Gleason Asst. Area manager Fall season, Seth Wilson Subsistence Division, Stephanie Schmidt Yukon Area Manager (summer season), Sabrina Garcia, Yukon Asst. Area manager; Aaron Tiernan Asst. Area Biologist Kuskokwim; Fred Bue USFWS Fishery Biologist**
- VII. Guests Present: 25 members of the public representing Andreafski, Mt. Village, Pitka's point, St. Mary's,
- VIII. Old Business:  
**Group should vote to support/oppose BOG and BOF proposals Tabled at last meeting (Details below)**  
New Business:
  - IX. People to Be Heard: **Questions/Concerns of the AC members and public**  
Francis- Mt. Village- Alexi Walter's daughter wants to invite anyone to go and eat potluck because one year anniversary of his death. He was an elder devoted to subsistence way of life. Question about selecting reps and alternates. HC gave background.  
Paul Beans describes how this AC came to be: Harry Wilde was travelling a lot to address fish and game issues and needed help. 2007, there was 10 people in the Mt. village working group. Lower Yukon advisory committee, Mt. Village wanted their own AC and submitted signatures to BOF. Mt village will continue their working group because of king salmon concerns. They only had one voice, now they have 2 voices with the BOF, the lower Yukon and the Mid-lower. John Riley (Pitkas) commended having working groups  
Paul Beans- mentioned no commercial since 2007, subsistence is hard, and Bering Sea bycatch is problem.  
Bill Alstrom- glad they split the advisory committee in half, issues pertain to just them here.  
Sven Paukan- asked when to have the meeting and will there be a joint meeting? Do they want a joint teleconference with Coastal Lower Yukon? HC explained the budget limitations



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making it so they can only have one face to face meeting but more teleconferences. They can do that to discuss certain issues as they want.

Stan wants to come up with a couple resolutions to allow our elders be able to use gillnet (restricted). The other one is to submit to feds and state to let them know when they came up with these restrictions, Canada is obligated to escapement, Pollock bycatch. When they shut off fisheries, they continued to allowed bycatch and escapement to Canada but did not allow a certain quota per village of fish.

Vassily (Marshall) alternate, when he went to Bethel, there was no member of the public. This is his second meeting on the Yukon area, doesn't want these meetings in Bethel. He's happy to see members of the public.

Felix Hess- every member of community impacted. New administration in Juneau now, more open policy to have tribes and non-profits involved, will AVCP make recommendations on our behalf. Encourages people to have active role, corporation tries to support people to go and testify at NPMFC. Many proposals that restrict fishing come from upriver, so important for our voice to be heard. Lower Yukon was first to do moratorium on moose and Kuskokwim followed examples. He's worried about sport hunters coming in now that moose population is good, this council will need to write a proposal to address that.

- Updates or Information sharing from Regional Coordinator **Handouts/ update provided by Holly Carroll** Boards support
  - a. Membership update- St. Mary's and Pitka's point.
    - i. **June Yupanik-selected as secretary, much discussion about the group thinking the secretary should have a computer to take notes with. H Carroll**
  - b. Suggest to authorize Chair or a 'standing committee' to approve meeting minutes to speed up submission to Boards for on-time recommendations
  - c. Motion to appoint Chairman and new Secretary June as standing committee to approve minutes- motion passed unanimous.
  - d. **Update on BOG Proposal 201-(Deadline Dec 26, 2014)**
  - e. **Update on BOG Proposal 206- (Deadline March 3, 2015).**
- X. **Get AC recommendations and/or comments on the following (prioritized by deadline in case we run out of time):**

#### Other Business:

- Report from Chair from North Pacific Fisheries Council meeting in Anchorage
- Moose report from ADFG staff- **did not get to this item in the agenda because fish and game staff had left the call**



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- Discuss the dip net usage in lower river vs. fish wheels in the upper Yukon River for subsistence salmon harvest- Fish and Game invited to give presentation/answer questions.
  - a. **Stephanie Schmidt clarified that fish wheels are a legal gear to use down here. Someone down here tried it but it was during a pink year so they didn't catch as many target salmon because of that. But they are a legal method. Dip nets was only a measure taken to target summer chum and easily release kings. They aren't going to allow dip nets to target kings for subsistence. District 5 had no fishing opportunity at all until 99% of king run was past, fish wheels were shut down, and in that region they don't have an area where dip nets will work, not that they weren't allowed up there. She explained that people want to use the dip nets down here because it's a way to catch summer chum. It's about available gear types and how people want to count.**
  - b. **Stanley Peters said that fishing with a fish wheel in Y3 and because of debris you break a fish wheel, but a dip net you can still fish even when there's debris- he had no problem using the dip net, but the fish have to be there by the 1000's. Fish wheel when there's no debris is physically easier, but a storm or something. There are lots of things influence the gear that works. Stephanie clarified, all fish can be retained with 6" or 4" mesh, but if enforcement thinks people are targeting kings, they can revoke the use of 4" mesh. But with a dip net, all kings must be released no matter what (though that method should not kill kings). Members have heard that if you do retain a dead king in a dip net, you can have your boat seized, etc., but Stephanie did not hear of any enforcement that confiscated anything. Members said it was confusing last summer what could be retained.**
  - c. **Member of public from Nightmute wasn't having to dip net. Question is: is coastal area restricted too or just in the river? Stephanie said they do restrict the Northern coastal district- closed for most of season and the southern coastal district they were restricted to 6", but out there it's a smaller group of people and their efficiency is dependent on tides and fish and they can have a hard time getting what they need.**
- Discuss any proposals this AC may want to submit for BOF due April 10, 2015 or BOG due May 1, 2015.
  - a. **Bill Alstrom says he's considering if there's a point when a certain number of fish pass Pilot Station they could open up for subsistence. Stephanie clarified they already have the authority to do that. Stanley Peters suggested they allow harvest for example for a potlatch, like is allowed with moose. So that elders at the least could have fish for group events, depending on population of village. It would have to be determined by the Board of Fisheries, ADFG couldn't decide that. The department does take requests for potlatches or ceremonial and customary use.**





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Paul Beans talked about Mt. Village working group how they go and testify for boards and NPMFC so often they are getting to know them. He encouraged each village can create a working group and select people to send to big events. AVCP and Kwik Pak have given partial refunds.

Stanley Peters- trying to get funding from Coastal Villages to have a regional office here, AVCP hasn't done that. He urged people to vote for regional tribal government. AVCP and TCC had meeting here in St. Mary's; it was decided at this meeting to voluntarily lay off Chinook salmon for 2014.

Evan Polty- said that he has a dietary need to put away more salmon, rich in oil, and if they need to go to federal to get surplus while they're running.

Sven Paukan- wants a proposal from the AC to BOG to limit moose hunting and destruction of the antlers and restrict big game and sports hunters. They are seeing people with antlers but no moose. He acknowledged they may have too many moose near Russian Mission, they destroy habitat, and he appreciates people coming from Kuskokwim but he wants better enforcement then. But the group doesn't want so much moose meat wasted.

Vassily Sergie, Sr. commented about how big corporations come into villages with money. He thinks they should only deal with proposals written by their own people, not outsiders.

Evan Polty- wants a teleconference possibly to get a moose report and also to restrict sport fishing and sport hunting and those wasting meat.

Question from public member- how are you going to address putting in the suggested moose proposal?

Stanley Peters- said that Federal lands are different than State lands. R.C Holly suggested that the TC present the proposal to the AC and then hold a meeting to discuss and can invite biologists to advise them.

Member of public gave a word of caution that executive order can become regulation. Talked about the voluntary moratorium. So suggests they review the conservation plan for the refuge

Decide date and time for next meeting: **call of the chair**

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BOG	43	<b>Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A. (On-time comment deadline Dec. 26, 2014)</b>	
support	7	0	Motion passes unanimously
BOG	201	<b>Salvage of game meat, furs and hides. (On-time comment deadline Dec. 26, 2014)</b>	
oppose	0	7	<p>Didn't have proposal to read in complete form, a basic background was given by HC and the Wildlife Biologist Philip Perry. Discussion that use of this word "lawful" could cause confusion. How are they supposed to pursue the animal if it's wounded? Under 'reasonable' or 'legal' methods it's not clear what would be allowed? Recommendation to take no action on this until they get more information. There was concern this would have an effect if you Kill a DLP bear. Too m any questions not answered.</p> <p><b>Unanimously opposed.</b></p>
BOG	205	<b>Permits for taking incidental or stranded musk oxen Unit 18 (On-time comment deadline March 3, 2015)</b>	
			Philip Perry discussed it. Motion to take no action. Passed unanimously
BOF	273	<b>Consider changing the date during which drift gillnet fishing for summer chum salmon may begin in the upper section of Yukon River Sub district 4A (On-time comment deadline March 3, 2015)</b>	
support	7	0	<p>Fishing is closed in lower river, then when they get to the upper river, there are many fish, but upriver there's less people up there than downriver. There's many snags up by Holy Cross. Stephanie Schmidt explained all other districts are allowed to fish with drift gillnets for summer chum once 90% of the Kings have passed and this is an opportunity for allowing them to meet their subsistence needs for chum salmon, by emergency order only.</p> <p>Discussion included concerns about estimating the run with the sonar if it's accurate. Bill Alstrom explained that they are the only tools available Fish and Game has, plus the teleconferences. YR DFA teleconferences people spoke about drifting in 4A, and how other fishermen come in from 4B and 4C fishing in that area.</p> <p>Former AC member, John Riley pointed out they're just asking to have a date to allow fishing, to put food on table.</p> <p>Motion passes unanimously.</p>
BOF	274	<b>Consider allowing fish wheel fishermen in the Yukon Area to retain king salmon when some harvest is justified based upon in season run assessment. (On-time comment deadline March 3, 2015)</b>	



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Support	7		Stephanie Schmidt (ADFG) Yukon area biologist explained the proposal is trying to give equity to fishermen using fish wheels so that they have the same opportunity as drift gillnet fishermen. Yukon River panel is in support of this. The only other AC that voted at this time was Tanana and it was explained they were split on it because they are very conservative and want all Kings released. One member said he'd sure like to use a fish wheel; it can be a conservation tool because you can turn it off and on. Members also mentioned there are fishers that are being greedy, and also selling subsistence fish. We have to put pressure on law enforcement to preserve salmon. Member <b>Unanimously supported.</b>
BOF	272		<b>Consider providing the commissioner of ADF&amp;G emergency order authority to restrict gillnet gear in the Kuskokwim River drainage (On-time comment deadline March 3, 2015)</b>
No action	7		Motion to take no action- unanimously approved

XI. Adjourn: 6:50 PM

Minutes Recorded By: H. Carroll (R.C.)

Minutes Approved By: SUB-Committee

Date: 12-22-14