



**Anchorage Advisory Committee
March 5, 2024
William J Hernandez Hatchery**

I. Call to Order: 6:01 by Kevin Taylor

II. Roll Call

No	First Name	Last Name	Profile	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Kevin	Taylor	Chair	Present
2	Martin	Weiser	Vice Chair	Present
3	Willow	Hetrick	Secretary	Excused
4	J R	Gates		Unexcused
5	Ed (Harold)	Horton		Present
6	Joel	Doner		Present
7	Scott	Crowther		Present
8	Lynette	Moreno Hinz		Unexcused
9	Bryce	Eckroth		Excused
10	Neil	DeWitt		Present
11	Matt	Moore	Chair Game	Present
12	Ernie	Weiss		Present
13	Nicole	Schmitt		Present
14	Kneeland	Taylor		Present
15	Joni	Earp		Unexcused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari.

IV. Guests Present: None.

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Reports

a. Chair's report: None

b. ADF&G: None

c. Others: None



VII. Public Comment: None

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business:

- Joint Board Proposals- On-Time Comment deadline March 11, 2024. See table below.
- Update on BOF Upper Cook Inlet Meeting

Board of Fish adjourned today. Highlights by user group/issues:

Hatchery

- Proposal 43, trying to get production reduced by 25% of 2000 numbers as was promised in 2000. Proposal was unanimously opposed. Encouraged public to bring hatchery issues to Statewide meetings in the future. Virgil from Fairbanks AC submitted RC Jan 8th report that shows sockeye sizes are smaller on even years when pinks are present. First report showing there may be competition issues between species. Marty has copy of report if anyone is interested, also submitted as RC.
- Commissioner said that until peer-reviewed research shows there's direct impact on natural fish, won't reduce hatchery. Feel that limits best available science in fishery that is huge and dynamic; need data and analysis but not exclusively to make management decisions because can't always wait for research.

Personal Use

- Proposal 193 passed: Only change to personal use on Kenai, Anchorage was only AC who opposed it, all others supported it.
- Proposal 196 failed 2-5: Request for no anchoring in the dip net area for a boat.
- Proposal 190 failed 0-7: Personal use guides and licensure to have same licensure as sport guides. Dept of Law said BoF couldn't act on that because fishery prohibits non-residents participating in the fishery, but Constitution says that we can't prohibit other States' users from participating in a commercial activity.

Sport

- Most stayed status quo, didn't expand fisheries in Northern District. In Kenai River passed action plan for late run Chinook. Many of the proposals were superseded by the Action Plan. No real changes to guide time or areas. A few changes on bait and incidental catch of kings, ex: increased no-bait, single hook section below Skilak. Limit on Kenai for sockeye means 6 per day, limiting commercial use.
- Proposal 69 failed: To define bag limit as who hooked the fish.
- Flag nets to conserve kings but catch sockeye. Did not pass but Department was interested in learning more. Planning to issue Commissioner tags to test it out.
- Sport limits for sockeye were raised.



Board was reluctant to liberalize or restrict coho until they have a way to assess Coho. Department is being pushed to get data in Inlet but especially Kenai. Northern District only enumerated by Dëshka weir, installing second weir.

Commercial

- Late Run King Action Plan. Shuts down any commercial fishing until 3 consecutive years of 15,000, one year needing to be 18,000. Expect to be in this Action Plan for 2 cycles. No commercial activity until ~14,000 late run kings, then the setnet fleet can fish with many restrictions.
- Proposal passed to allow dipnets in setnet fishery (saltwater). We don't know what each proposal looks like in regulation until the regs come out. Most of the passed commercial proposals were amended. Hard to get copies of what the changes are on the website. CFEC, who issues the permits, doesn't have dipnets as an approved gear type yet – Board got the ball rolling to start that process. Many feel that this was open-ended and not discussed thoroughly enough, need to see how this is fleshed out in regulations.
- There are Kenai kings caught in other fisheries around Alaska.
- Buyback for set-netters is in the legislature for second year.
- Wish fisheries had been managed for all to be able to enjoy – sport and commercial. Frustration that the RC process changes regulations past public/AC opportunity for comment. Overall feeling of sadness that we're at this place.

- Schedule AC Election Meeting for April or May

J R	Gates	June 30, 2024
Ed (Harold)	Horton	June 30, 2024
Joel	Doner	June 30, 2024
Scott	Crowther	June 30, 2024
Lynette	Moreno Hinz	June 30, 2024

Schedule for April 2nd at hatchery. No absentee elections.

- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting:
 - Joint Board Meeting: March 25-28, 2024: Ernie
 - Nicki will attend Fairbanks meeting and send email to sub-committee members early next week to get feedback on testimony.
- XI. Set next meeting date: April 2, 2024 @ 6:00 pm
- XII. Other: Matt Moore award for outstanding contribution to AC. Congrats, Matt!

Adjourn: 8:08pm



Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting Proposals

March 25-28, 2024 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
	0	9	Don't have enough time during the Board comment process (especially sub-committees) for two week notice; if someone wants to get on the AC, they don't need more public notice - they can get on the AC when there are out-of-term vacancies. This falls in excess of the State of Alaska guidelines for notice. 1 abstention.
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
	2	8	Oppose: Feel that it's easy to make it in-person and is better participation when in the room; Support: feel it adds accessibility
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
	10	0	Support: Feel it allows new Board members to vote on leadership positions' Anchorage AC already does this.
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
	10	0	Anchorage AC currently does this, already in the manual feels is good codification
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
	10	0	Support: Anchorage AC currently does this, already in the manual feels is good codification; Note that this would need to be amended if proposal 4 passes (2 years to 1 year)
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
	--	--	Take No Action See Proposal 7
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
	9	1	Oppose because feel that it takes power away from the elections; would rather see public appoint alternates instead of the committee. Support because provides representation and flexibility for rural ACs with members who will participate.
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		



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	0	10	Regional coordinators are already juggling various term lengths; effort for ACs to get full three year terms; Oppose because want all the elections to happen in the Spring, have uniform election date before the summer months
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
	1	9	Oppose because sometimes there's not enough people to serve, don't want to limit people who participate. If this was to pass, estimate Southcentral would lose 100 AC members, could shut down whole Acs. Recognize that some AC members have been in too long and should move along, but don't feel a regulatory fix is the right move. Feel that experience can be helpful on an AC. Support because the AC system is stale and needs refreshing.
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
	0	9	Oppose because there are communities that don't have a non-consumptive users; hard enough to get active AC members and don't want to limit participation. What would be the definition of non-consumptive user? Taking language from proposal 11 provides clarity. 1 abstain.
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
	2	8	Support because have been to elections where hundreds of people attended; seeking to open up the system to non-consumptive users; designated seats exist on many other ACs. Oppose because don't get many people seeking these positions; don't want to get too detailed in user group designations; feel elections work out over time and encourage non-consumptive users to participate in the process as is; discussion that definition of "non-consumptive" is too vague.
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
	10	0	Common sense proposal that ensures fair participation
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
	10	0	Common sense proposal.
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
	1	9	Oppose because current regulations are 3 consecutive meetings without excused absences and that seems sufficient; read this to



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			only apply to regularly scheduled meetings. Some rural ACs rarely meet, so half attendance is hard to get; don't feel it's needed. Support because it provides for permissive removal, not mandatory removal
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
	0	9	Concern about extending meetings, seeing how it impacts Board meetings. Feel the Board process is sufficient for getting AC and community input. 1 abstain.
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
	--	--	Take No Action
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
	8	2	Generally opposed to Board generated proposals; many in support of having another public review after BGP; comment that BOF generally waits for BGP to be taken up at the next regular meeting but BOG has written BGP and passed them same-day; RCs are so detailed and so vast, need more time than 24 hours to review; One comment oppose because haven't experienced this issue at BOF; other opposed because feels that this proposal is very needed but that the notice outlined in the proposal is not enough (need more than 24 hours)
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
	8	2	Support because overall discontent with Board morphing proposals; some would only want this proposal to pass if proposal 17 passes to ensure there's public review of the proposals; many proposals can't wait three years (ex: caribou). Oppose because believe Boards should have authority to amend, don't want to hamstring that; concern about definitions of legal guidelines being ambiguous.
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
	--	--	Take No Action

Adjournment: 8:08pm

Minutes Recorded By: Nicole Schmitt
Minutes Approved By: Kevin Taylor
Date: 3/7/24



BETHEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

ADFG BETHEL OFFICE

February 27, 2024; 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER: 18:35

ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISHED QUORUM: *Present:* Sam Hancock, Alissa Nadine Rogers, Lucinda Alexie, Mike Glore, Seth Madole, Travis Burks, Cole Nance; *Excused:* Mike Riley, Rafe Johnson, Lucina Alexie, Jeremy Brink, Kara Domnick

WELCOME/INVOCATION: Moment of Silence

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: (If any)

BOARD SUPPORT REPORT: *Joint Board :* Ms. Savannah Hollingsworth gives description

NEW BUSINESS:

ALASKA JOINT BOARD OF FISH & GAME			
Fish and Game Advisory Committee System, Board Process for Adopting Regulations, and Nonsubsistence Areas March 25-28, 2024 Egan Civic and Convention Center Anchorage, Alaska			
<i>Proposals No.</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	<i>Proposal Description:</i>
1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
Oppose	1	6	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Mike Glore Discussion/ Justification: This will have a negative impact on the ability to have meetings in a time sensitive manner. Question called; Opposed: 6; Support: 1; <i>Opposed</i>
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
Oppose	1	6	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Mike Glore Discussion/ Justification: This will be costly for the Board Support to supply all the necessary equipment. Support (Alissa Nadine Rogers): This would be beneficial and give more opportunity for public and AC members to participate. Question called; Opposed: 6; Support: 1; Abstain: 1- Lucinda just arrived and didn't hear the proposal or discussion; <i>Opposed</i>
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
Support	8	0	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Cole Nance Discussion/ Justification: Supporting the board support proposal to align the term seats with the officer seats.



			Question called; <i>Support, Unanimously Supported.</i>
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
Support	8	0	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Cole Nance Discussion/ Justification: Ensure meeting minutes are turned in by the Chair. Question called; <i>Support Amendment & as a Whole;</i>
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
Support	7	0	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Cole Nance Discussion/ Justification: Housekeeping proposal to change the name secretary to recorder. It is a lot of work to be the secretary. The AC believes that hiring a court reporter would be more beneficial and impactful for the villages. Question called; Opposed: 0, Support: 7, Abstain: 1 (Alissa abstained in support of the Amendment to pay secretaries/ recorders) <i>Support</i>
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
Oppose	0	7	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Travis Burks Discussion/ Justification: Tabled then took back up after Prop 7. Question called; Opposed: 8; Support: 0; Abstain: 1 (Alissa- It was already tabled.) <i>Opposed Unanimously</i>
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
Support	8	0	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Travis Burks Discussion/ Justification: This proposal allows for additional alternates that can sub for other communities. Question called; <i>Supported; Unanimously Supported</i>
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
Oppose	0	8	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Travis Burks Discussion/ Justification: Unanimously opposed as this proposal will lose participation of the public and those actively involved with AC's. The other AC's are already struggling to obtain, recruit, and retain public members. This proposal will be detrimental to the bush AC's. Question called; <i>Opposed; Unanimously Opposed</i>
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
Oppose	0	8	Motion to Support- John LaValle 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers



			<p>Discussion/Justification: Opposed based on no definition to the term, “non-consumptive.” We already have seats that are defined as non-consumptive.</p> <p>Question called; <i>Opposed; Unanimously Opposed</i></p>
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
Oppose	1	7	<p>Motion to Support- John LaValle 2nd- Alissa Nadine Rogers</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: Board support will be able to help declare vacancies. Putting a time limit on vacant seats means that the communities will have an extra 12 months to fill those seats. This will also include absentee seats (3 meetings= 3 years for Western Area).</p> <p>Question called; Opposed: 7; Support: 1 (Alissa Nadine Rogers- Support Board Support and AC’s retain and obtain quorum); <i>Opposed</i></p>
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Motion to Support- John LaValle 2nd- Travis Burks</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: Unanimously opposed by the AC, because there is already language that is already put in place.</p> <p>Question called; <i>Opposed</i></p>
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
Oppose	0	7	<p>Motion to Support- John LaValle 2nd- Travis Burks</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: Give ability to AC’s to bring up additional recommendations during meetings (BOF, BOG, and Joint Board) with all AC’s Chairs or representatives that all agree on or oppose, based on their AC’s meeting minutes, public comments, and what is being presented.</p> <p>Question called; Opposed: 7; Support: 0; Abstain: 1- Alissa Nadine Rogers Proposal; <i>Opposed</i></p>
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Motion to Support- John LaValle 2nd- Travis Burks</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: Unanimously opposed, Board proposals can be generated and will be taken up for a vote at a different time. There is already language that accommodates this.</p> <p>Question called; <i>Opposed; Unanimously Opposed</i></p>
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Motion to Support- John LaValle 2nd- Cole Nance</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: The unavailability to make amendments to proposals goes against the ability to make</p>



			<p>recommendations, a violation of freedom of speech and provides compromised options.</p> <p>Question called; <i>Opposed; Unanimously Opposed</i></p>
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Representative: Get a hold of our board support, if any member would like to participate.

Next Meeting Date: Call of the Chair, additionally a meeting suggestion would be put in a place/ time at the call of the chair to have a BAC meeting during the fisheries season. Those comments and recommendations to be brought forth to the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group be addressed as recommendations to the fishery management group. AC recommendations are more valuable than single submissions. We will be looking at a meeting before April. The Board of Fisheries proposals out of our region deadline is April 10th. **April 9th, 2024; 18:30**

Adjourn: 8:21PM

Meeting Minutes By: _____

Alissa Nadine Rogers, Secretary

Approved By: AL S. Hancock

Chairman Sam Handcock, Chairman

Central Bering Sea Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 12th & 13th

In person at the ADF&G office, 570 4th Ave. Bethel, Ak.99559

And by Teleconference or Zoom



AC03
1 of 5

CBSAC called to order by Chairman David Carl @ 2: 24 pm. Invocation led by Joe Asuluk from Toksook Bay.

Chairman David Carl welcomed the board.

Roll call by Stan Atchak 8 present, and 6 absent. Quorum established.

The member who joined in by telephone was disconnected several times, but quorum was maintained with and without him.

Stan read the draft agenda. Jackie C. moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Stanley Tom. All approved.

Motion passed.

David C. asked if we should read the last minutes. Since we have new members, it should be read. Jackie Cleveland read the last minutes from November 11 & 12, 2022.

Susie Walters made a motion to approve the last meeting's minutes. Jackie Cleveland made a motion to second the minutes. All approved, motion passed.

David Carl talked about the low per diem and has sent a letter to the Department of Administration commissioner Paula V. Joe Asuluk, Sr. stated that the per diem is too low for the meetings.

David Carl discussed that different areas of the meeting we had by helping with each other.

ADF&G Chuck Brazil reported on the Kuskokwim area fisheries report.

David Carl asked what size gillnets will be allowed for fishing during the next season.

There will probably only allow 4-6" gillnets for the entirety of the season when there is openings.

Joe Asuluk stated that he used to work with Fish & Wildlife service and he observed the hatchery and when the fish hatched he asked the biologist what they were going to do with the hatched fish.

He responded that they will be destroyed.

The Yukon report was given by Deena Jalen. All the Chinook salmon are really low this year.

Stan Atchak asked if the regulations will be the same as recent years in the Hooper Bay area.

F&G responded they will know by January or later on the upcoming season.

Shane Ransbury gave a report on the Yukon Fall season.

Keith Oster, Fish & Game reported about the Mulchatna caribou. If the population goes to 30,000 then the hunt will open. The current population is about 13,000.

Nelson Island has 530 musk ox

40 permits, 10 male 30 female, will be given in Newtok.

Jan. 17th at 6:00 am to give out permits.

345 pm break.



Board Support Savannah H. said on the elections for the CBSA she sent letters to the villages and many responses on that. She asked especially the ones with no representatives. The ones with expired terms to ask the council members to keep you on the board show they could still go on.

26 to 28 March will be the Joint Board meeting.

Joint Board is half Board of Fish and half Board of game. Advisory Committees are able to send representatives.

David Carl suggested that members choose an alternate to get somebody that is not too old. He said that it will be good for the long run.

David Carl said that the letter sent to the DOA Commissioner will be reviewed by other people that are involved with the final decision. The price of food is getting too much and not matching our small per diem. The per diem is to reimburse for the food and other things spend while attending the meetings.

David Carl suggested that the Proposals are made mostly by the other people and they are not for them.

Meeting recess @5:56pm until 8:30am tomorrow morning.

Meeting reconvenes at 8:30am at the F&G offices.

Proposal #6-Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou.

Jackie C. read the information on caribou information.

The Advisory Committee said that a period of ten years is too long. The rebounding of the caribou is slow and the current population is about 13,000.

The moratorium for the caribou is suggested to be 5 to 10 years with review every 5 years.

Stan Atchak asked the F&G biologist, Keith, how many offspring they have and how often.

Keith responded that usually they get a calf every year but, when the food source is not good they will skip a year or two.

Jackie Cleveland wants to amend the proposal with different ideas to make it better the proposal 6.

Jackie C. moved to amend the proposal 6 to say "request a moratorium be established for Mulchatna caribou herd for Unit 18 for up to 5 years until the population reaches the threshold of 30,000-60,000. To be reviewed every 3 years..."

Susie Walters made a motion to accept with additions, seconded by Janet Bavilla, All in favor, **motion to support with amendments passed**. Unanimous.

Proposal #7-Hunting season and bag limits for moose.

Lengthen the resident in Unit 18 to October 15 with registration to hunt moose. This will affect only the village of Quinhagak the RM617.

David Carl made a motion to accept the Proposal 7 the way it is, seconded by Joe Asuluk.

Motion to support passes, all in favor. Unanimous.

Proposal #8-Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.

This proposal is the same as the Quinhagak proposal,

Susie Walters makes a proposal for **no action** based on action taken on proposal #7, seconded by Stan Atchak, motion passed, all in favor.

Proposal #9-Hunting season and bag limits for moose.

Stan Atchak made a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Janet Bavilla, All in favor, proposal passed.

Support, unanimously.

Recess 10:30a-10:45a

Proposal #10 Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose on the RMU around the Bethel Area.



Tommy Kusaiak made a proposal to take **no action** on the proposal, seconded by Joe Asuluk, Sr., question called by Stan Atchak, all in favor, motion passed.

Proposal #11-Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.

Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18.

Stan Atchak makes a motion to **support** the motion, seconded by Janet Bavilla, motion passed.

Proposal #12-Unlawful methods of taking big game,

Established a minimum caliber requirement for hunting moose in Unit 18 . F&G recommendation is neutral.

Stan Atchak stated that the hunters take their younger brothers or grandchildren that use smaller caliber than .243.

David Carl said that you need to be an accurate shot, must know your range and animal for smaller guns.

Tommy K. stated that he always tells his sons to use smaller than .243 for moose and bigger caliber for bears or other big animals.

Joe Asuluk, Sr. made to **oppose** the proposal 12, seconded by Susan Walters, motion to oppose, all in favor to oppose, motion passed.

Proposal #13-Hunting seasons and bag limits for small game.

Increased the bag limits for ptarmigans in Unit 18.

Increase the bag limit of ptarmigans from 15 to 50 and from 30 to 100 in possession.

Joe Asuluk doesn't support the proposal. David Carl said he has been seeing less ptarmigan.

Joe Asuluk, Sr. make a proposal to **oppose**, seconded by Susie Walters. Question called, motion passed.

Lunch 12:15p. Reconvened at 1:15p by Chairman David Carl.

Proposal #14-Hunting seasons and bag limits for musk ox.

Open a musk ox in a portion of Unit 18 with residents only. This would be by registration only or permit drawing.

Joe Asuluk, Sr. asked F&G if they are able to survey how many wolves or bears are on Nelson Island. They can't do predatory control for Musk Ox. Need about 300 for an in-land hunt.

Stan Atchak made a motion to **oppose** it, seconded by Janet Bavilla. Motion passed to oppose the proposal.

Proposal #15-Hunting season and bag limits for musk ox.

Allow the subsistence take of muskox in for cultural use on the mainland. If Board of Game open it on the mainland, many people will apply for the permits and F&G says it will damage the muskox population.

Worried about food security, but also worried about depleting the herd.

Susie Walters made a motion to accept it, seconded by Joe Asuluk, Sr. Motion passed to **support** the motion.

Proposal #16-Furbearers trapping.

Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 18 by one month to end on April 30.

The wolves have about 10 to 12 puppies when they reproduce. There are not as many native trappers after the buyer quit. To help the Mulchatna caribou, but extending trapping season may not help.

Stan Atchak made a motion to accept it, seconded by Tommy Kuisaik. Motion passed to **support** the motion.

Proposal #17-Hunting season and bag limits for brown bear.

Increase the brown bear bag limit in Unit 18 from one to two bears.

Janet Bavilla, Platinum representative, stated that there has been many brown bears and they don't consume them. Only one person hunts for brown bear in Platinum.



Susie Walter made a motion to change the season dates to September 1st- August 30th. Janet E motion to support it with the amendment, seconded by Susie Walters. Motion passed to **support the motion with the amendment**. All in favor motion passed.

Federal Proposals:

WP24-19-Extend moose season to October within the Kanektok and Arolik drainages.

Susie Walters made a motion to **support** it, seconded by Janet Bavilla. Chairman asked for unanimous consent, all agreed. To align with the state and to support Quinhagak, our neighbors.

WP24-20-Modify moose harvest limit and expand delegated authority for winter season.

Tommy K. made a motion to **support** it, seconded by Janet Bavilla. Motion passed.

WP24-21-Unit 18, Include

Janet Bavilla made a motion to **support** it, seconded by Susie Walters, motion passed.

WP24-22-Established a customary and traditional use determination for mainland hunt for muskox.

F&G opposed with this proposal.

Janet Bavilla made a motion for no action, seconded by Susie Walters. Janet rescinded the motion.

Janet Bavilla made a motion to **support** it, seconded by Joe Asuluk, Sr., Question called. All in favor, motion passed.

WP24-23-Established for a mainland hunt for muskox.

Janet Bavilla made a motion to oppose it, seconded by Joe Asuluk, Sr., motion passed to **oppose** it.

WP24-24-Unit 18, (Kuskokwim River hunt area) closed to moose hunting except by residents of Tuntutuliak, Eek, Napaskiak, Kasigluk, Nunapitchuk, Atmautlauk, Oscarville, Bethel, Kwethluk, Akiachak, Akiak, Tuluksak, Lower Kalskag and Kaksgak.

No Action

Proposal 2-Uniform rules of operation

Require all advisory committee meetings to be accessible via call-in.

We can't use Zoom or a computer. **No Action**.

Proposal 3-Uniform rules of operation

Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.

Tommy Kusaik stated that it could be a hassle and it is too short of a term. He also stated that he was worried about a complete take-over of the leadership.

Stanley Tom made a motion to **support** it, seconded by Joe Asuluk Question called. All in favor, motion passed.

Proposal 9-Uniform rules of operation

Limit the numbers of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve for 2 years

And 1 year off.

Janet Bavilla said it is already hard to find members and that it is tough in rural villages.

Janet Bavilla made a motion to proposal 9 to oppose it, seconded by Susie Walters., motion passed to **oppose** it.

Proposal 10-Uniform rules of operation



Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representative.

Janet Bavilla said, "In our village, everyone subsists." The AC agrees it would be hard to find this representative.

Janet Bavilla made a motion to proposal 10 to oppose it, seconded by Susie Walters., question called, motion passed to oppose it.

Advisory Committee To choose representative(s) to go to the meeting in Kotzebue on Jan. 25, 2024.

Motion made by Tommy Kusaiaik for the Chairman to choose the representatives to attend for the upcoming meetings. Motion passed.

The CBSA meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. by David Carl Chairman



Central Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 19th, Beginning at 12:00 PM, 2023
In Person at the Aniak Traditional Council, Community Hall Rd., Aniak, AK

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Call to order: *Chair, Nick Kameroff.*

- I. **Invocation/ Moment of Silence**
- II. **Welcome and Introductions:** *Chair, Nick Kameroff.*

	<u>Aniak</u> Nick Kameroff	<u>Aniak</u> Allen Simeon	<u>Chuathbaluk</u> Teresa Simeon-Hunter	<u>Chuathbaluk</u> Patricia Yaska	<u>Crooked Creek</u> Denny Thomas Jr.	<u>Crooked Creek</u> Tim Zuakar	<u>Lower Kalskag</u> Walter Morgan
Present	X	X	X				X
By Teleconference					X	X	
Absent				X			
	<u>Lower Kalskag</u> Darlene Heckman	<u>Upper Kalskag</u> No rep	<u>Upper Kalskag</u> No rep	<u>Undesignated</u> Doris Allain	<u>Undesignated</u> Chad John	<u>Alternate</u> Rebecca Wilmarth	<u>Alternate</u> Ricky Ciletti
Present					X		
By Teleconference				X			
Absent	X					X	X

- III. **Roll Call**
 - a. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6; with 10 members
 - b. 8 members in attendance. Quorum established
- IV. **Welcome and Introductions:** *Chair, Nick Kameroff*
 - a. ADFG: Dave Runfola, Chuck Brazil, Josh Pierce
 - b. Other Agency Staff: YKDNR-Laurie Boeck, AWT-Sam Thorvilson
 - c. Members of the public: Rachel Donkersloot
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Allen, Chad. Approved.
- VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** From April 13th, 2023- Allen, Chad. Approved
- VII. **Reports**
 - a. Chair’s report Nick Kameroff welcomed everyone and told them about the bison meeting he had attended. The bison are not ready to hunt yet.
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. Fisheries Reports- Dave Runfola and Chuck Brazil gave report on Kuskokwim salmon runs and assessment projects.
 - ii. Wildlife Reports – Josh Peirce gave report on moose surveys in 19 A and E and harvest numbers from the Teir II hunt.
 - iii. Board Support Section Reports – Savannah Hollingworth updated members on terms and what elections need to be completed. She also talked about the Joint



Board meeting coming up. Savannah reported that Nick Kameroff had written a letter to the Department of Administration commissioner about per diem and a stipend and that it had been sent.

- VIII. Public Comment – Rachel Donkersloot spoke about North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and the Board of Fisheries. There were some questions about the Board of Fish trying to incorporate Traditional Knowledge. Savannah offered to email information.
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business –
 - a. Board of Game Western Arctic/ Western Region Proposals
 - b. Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Proposals
 - c. Joint Board Proposals

Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals			
January 26-29, 2024 Kotzebue, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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9	Liberalize the bag limit for moose in Unit 18.		
Support	7	0	Allen made a motion, 2 nd by Walter.
10	Liberalize the moose bag limit in Unit 18 Kuskokwim hunt area.		
Support	7	0	Allen made a motion, 2 nd by Teresa
11	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18.		
Support	7	0	Teresamade a motion, 2 nd by Allen.
12	Establish a minimum caliber requirement for hunting moose in Unit 18.		
Support	6	0	Out of concern for wounded animals. 1 Abstention
14	Open a hunt for muskox in a portion of Unit 18, with permits available to residents only, made available in communities closest to the herd.		
NA			



16	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 18 by one month to end on April 30.		
Support	6	1	Predator control measure
17	Increase the brown bear bag limit in Unit 18.		
Support	6	0	Doris Allain was unable to stay connected

Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-22, 2024 | Fairbanks, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
48	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	6	0	Allen made a motion, 2 nd by Chad
49	Clarify which rivers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C are major rivers for the purposes of bear baiting		
Support	6	0	Teresa made a motion, 2 nd by Chad
50	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15		
Support	6	0	
52	Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers with a trapping license in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
Support	6	0	Teresa made a motion, 2 nd by Allen With the limited light this time of year it would be a boon.
53	Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
Support	6	0	Walter made a motion, 2 nd by Teresa This is our proposal. This is only for a nested ANS for 19A, remove 19E.
54	Review the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
Support	6	0	For 19E. We would like to support the SHAC on their proposal.
56	Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E		



Support	6	0	Walter made a motion, 2 nd by Denny
57	Modify the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19		
Support	6	0	Teresa made a motion, 2 nd by Chad
58	Authorize a Unit 19A predation control program		
Support	6	0	Chad made a motion, 2 nd by Allen
59	Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier		
Support	6	0	Our proposal. Motion made by Chad, 2 nd by Teresa
208	Lengthen the moose hunting season in Unit 19E by five days; allow proxy hunting, and eliminate the restriction of one permit per household		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Teresa, 2 nd by Denny Denny said this would keep the hunt more local compared to the other proposals that address this hunt. Moose in the area are still low.
68	Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online		
Oppose	0	6	Motion made by Teresa, 2 nd by Walter For a long time you didn't see any moose in that area although it was once one of the most dense moose populations. The moose are just starting to come back. The current regulations effectively keep the hunt small and mostly local people from Red Devil, Sleetmute, and Stony are able to get the permit easily.
69, 70, 71, 72	Allow hunters that hold registration moose permit RM682 in Unit 19 to be eligible to hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River drainage Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19 Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season		
No Action	Did not vote but discussed the RM682 hunt and 19E	Based on the action taken on Proposal 208. These proposals are all targeting the same hunt area. The Central Kuskokwim AC would prefer Proposal 208, over these other proposals that would make the hunt more accessible. Proposal 208 opens up the hunt gradually and we prefer that solution over these other proposals, at least for now.	
73	Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Walter, 2 nd by Chad
74	Require applicants for Unit 21E moose drawing hunt DM837 to provide a unique verification number when applying for that hunt		



Support	6	0	Motion made by Walter, 2 nd by Teresa
75	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Walter, 2 nd by Teresa
93-107	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19E to year-round Proposals that address bear hunting regulations in GMUs 19 & 21		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Denny, 2 nd by Walter We support all of these proposals as a means of predator control but would like to see consistency in the regs between these bordering areas.

Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting

March 25-28, 2024 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
Support	6	0	
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Teresa, 2 nd by Walter Secretaries and all AC members should be paid for their time. Any person willing and able to be the secretary whether male or female can be a secretary.
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
No Action	Rural villages have a different dynamic. It is hard to get people to participate and hard to find people willing to fill these seats. If this passes, rural villages need to be exempt due to the lack of public participation.		
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
No Action	It is hard to find people who do not eat fish and game in the villages. This should fall on the communities themselves.		
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
No Action	If a community attempts to hold an election but fails to elect a member they should then		



	be able to appoint someone to represent them.		
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Walter, 2 nd by Chad
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
Support	6	0	
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Teresa, 2 nd by Denny

- XI. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - a. Motion made for the chair to select attendance made by Walter Morgan and seconded by Chad John
- XII. Set next meeting date – March by call of the chair.
- XIII. Other – Teir II App process proposal to be written by Walter Morgan
- XIV. Adjourn – 5:40 PM



10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
No Action	It is hard to find people who do not eat fish and game in the villages. This should fall on the communities themselves.		
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
No Action	If a community attempts to hold an election but fails to elect a member they should then be able to appoint someone to represent them.		
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
Support	6	0	Walter, Chad
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
Support	6	0	
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
Support	6	0	Teresa, Denny

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- XII. Set next meeting date – March by call of the chair.
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Approved By: *Nick Farnsworth*

Date: 1-29-24



Cooper Landing Advisory Committee
March 11 2024

Call to Order: 10:06 AM

Roll Call:

Members present: Josh Hayes
Mike Adams
Jason Lesmeister
Vince Beltrami
Billy Coulliette
Tom Lessard
Todd Donahue
Lorraine Temple
John Pearson
JJ Brown

Members Absent: Jeff Bryden
Jason Aigeldinger, Adam Swayne

Unexcused absence: Jeremy Lewis

Fish and Game present: Fari Sylvester

US Fish and Wildlife Federal Subsistence: Brent Vickers

Guests Present: Sue Stephenson
Donna Anderson
Mike Markie
Eddie Thomas

Approval of Meeting minutes: Vince Beltrami/seconded Billy Coullitte

New Business: Approval of Antlerless hunts in Units 7-14C-15B-15C- Unanimous in favor.

Proposal 1-Support- Lorraine Temple(allows more time to find information about meetings via emails and flyers) Oppose- Billy, Tom, Todd, Josh, Mike, John, JJ, Jason- it would hamper the ability for AC's to do emergency orders in 7 days and address real time current conditions)
Abstain-Vince Beltrami(Valid points on both sides)

Proposal 2- Support- Lorraine Temple, JJ Brown. Oppose- Tom, Todd,Josh, Mike, Vince, John, Jason, Billy

Proposal 3- unanimously Opposed

Proposal 4- Unanimously Support

Proposal 5- Unanimously Support

Proposal 6- No Action Taken

Proposal 7- Support- 9 Abstain- Tom Lessard(not enough information to support)



Proposal 8- Support-Lorraine Temple. Oppose- Josh, Jason, Tom, Todd, John, JJ. Abstain-Billy, Mike, Vince(No strong opinion on position)

Proposal 9- Oppose Unanimously

Proposal 10- Support- Lorraine Temple. Oppose- Mike, Vince, Jason, Billy, Tom, Todd, Josh, John, JJ

Proposal 11- Support- Lorraine Temple. Oppose-Vince, Jason, Billy, Tom, Todd, Josh, Mike, JJ, John

Proposal 12- Unanimous Consent - Support

Proposal 13- Unanimous Consent - Support

Proposal 14- Support- Vince, Lorraine. Oppose- John, JJ, Josh, Mike, Jason, Billy, Tom, Todd, Josh

Proposal 15- Take No Action

Proposal 16- Take No Action(Don't believe it is Cooper Landings AC's responsibility or right to shut down other AC's in the state)

Proposal 17- Support- Lorraine Temple. Oppose- Jason, Todd, Josh, Vince, John. Abstain-Billy, Mike, JJ(No strong position based on language)

Proposal 18- Oppose- Tom, Todd, Josh, Mike, Vince, Jason, Billy, John, JJ. Abstain- Lorraine Temple Not clear on intent)

Proposal 19- Take No Action

Proposal 20- Take No Action

Public Speakers- Eddie Thomas- Wasn't happy with our proposal 167 being passed at the BOF meeting.

Mike Markie- Wasn't happy with Proposal 167 being passed at the BOF. Concerned about people with handicaps.

Donna Anderson- Wasn't happy about proposal 167 being passed at BOF. Talked about study done in 1991 about fish mortality, has concerns about 95 year old mother not fishing if she can't use bait in the area mentioned in Proposal 167. Wanted it noted that 9 members of the Cooper Landin AC are fishing guides. Told AC that if her brother may close Dots fish camp to guides because of proposal 167 being passed. Showed photo of mother with a nice silver at end of her question and answer session.

Old Business: None

Other Business: Ac members volunteered to help Donna and Sue with there pursuit of getting bait allowances for the elderly and the handicapped.

Set Meeting Date: Mid to Late October 2024

Meeting Adjourned: 1:30 pm

Minutes recorded by: Jason Lesmeister

Approved by: Josh Hayes

Date: 3/11/24





**Copper Basin Advisory Committee
March 11, 2024
Glennallen High School Library**

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM by Karen Linnell, Vice Chair. Chair, Alysia Hancock was unable to attend because she was ill and had asked Ms. Linnell to run the meeting.

II. Roll Call

No.	First Name	Last Name	Profile	Designated Seat	Term Expires	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Alysia	Hancock	Chair	Copper Center	6/30/2025	excused
2	Karen	Linnell	Vice Chair	Glennallen	6/30/2025	Present
3	Sarah	Galt	Secretary	Kenny Lake	6/30/2026	Present
4	Nick	Jackson		Gakona/Gulkana	6/30/2025	Excused
5	Jim	Odden		Lake Louise	6/30/2025	Present
6	Dave	Sarafin		Tazlina	6/30/2025	Present
7	Kirk	Wilson		Undesignated	6/30/2025	Present
8	Mike	Willard		Chitina	6/30/2026	Present
9	Robert	Cyr		Tazlina	6/30/2026	Present
10	Chuck	McMahan		Gakona/Gulkana	6/30/2026	Present
11	Wade	Sampson		Copper Center	6/30/2027	Present
12	Mercedes	Knighten		Glennallen	6/30/2027	Present
13	James	Horrell		Tazlina	6/30/2027	Present
14	Greg	Parish		Undesignated	6/30/2027	Present

Quorum Established with: 12 present – 2 Excused

List of Others Present: Mark Miller (NPS), Amber Cohen (NPS), Sterling Spilinek (Glennallen), David Hooper (AITRC), Tylor Byington (Copper Center), Kelsey Stanbro (Tazlina), Edward Greybear (Kluti-Kaah)

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mark Somerville, Tracy Hansen,
- IV. Guests Present: Mark Miller and Amber Cohen with Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve.
- V. Approval of Agenda – Kirk Wilson moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Chuck McMahan. Motion carried.



- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Jim Horrell moved to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Jim Oden, motion carried.
- VII. Reports
- a. Chair’s report – Karen Linnell, Vice Chair reported that the comments from the last meeting were submitted on time. She did not have anything else to report.
- VIII. Public Comment - There was no comments from the public at this time.
- IX. Old Business
- There was discussion on the email regarding the reauthorization of the cow hunts from the last meeting. There was no action taken as, a vote was taken based on the information provided at that meeting. It was not reconsidered.
- X. New Business
- Mark Miller, Ecologist on Resource Team at Wrangell-St. Elias NPS (WRST) had handouts several handouts. WRST is considering submitting 4 proposals. Mr. Miller explained the proposals and the thoughts and data behind them.
- The AC discussed the need to have Subsistence as a priority, to allow for early escapement runs to make it to the headwaters as the first runs go the farthest. Regarding genetics, it takes 3 days to get results, runs can change dramatically in 3 days.
- Mark Somerville, ADF&G Fisheries report.
Mark Somerville gave an Introduction to Copper River Salmon Fisheries report to the AC.

The Committee reviewed proposals going before the Joint Boad of Fish and Game. See following pages.



Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting Proposals

March 25-28, 2024 | Anchorage, AK

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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
	0	12	7 days is plenty -
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
	0	12	Should not be required – not everyone has good phone service or internet service. People who don't live in the area might be able to influence the committee. The point is to have local knowledge. Would require additional Department Support and be an additional cost to the Department.
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
	0	12	We need to have some sort consistency and two year terms work, Could be someone new every year, there is a lot to learn on who this process works
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
	4	8	Required to Roberts Rules – These are lined out in the Roberts Rules. If needed to clarify in regulation it might not be bad.
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
	0	12	Spells out responsibility of position. This is some woke BS. It has always been that men could serve as a secretary.
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
			See Proposal 7
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
	12	0	This is a way to fill vacancies and meet quorum.
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
	0	12	People should serve until the next election. We already have staggered terms.



9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
	0	12	We're lucky to get the people have. You also want people to have history. For the communities having difficulty filling their seats this is not a good idea.
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
	0	12	They have the ability to get elected they are elected by the community.
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
	0	12	Non-consumptive users can run for seats and get elected by the community if that is what the community wants.
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
	0	12	This is not an issue. This handled by Roberts Rules, the Chair, and by those present at the election. There is ample notice of meeting and elections. This could lead to campaign adds .
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
	0	12	Terms should expire at the next meeting, not in the middle of summer. Serve until there is a new election. Elections are held annually. Terms are staggered. Unnecessary rule making.
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
	0	12	Some AC's only meet once or twice a year. This is not a Statewide issue. We supported an alternate being able to sit in on a meeting when necessary.
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
	0	12	We already do that. Unnecessary rule making.
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
	0	12	It is not right to deny public representation. It doesn't cost anything to keep them on the books. We don't have enough information on these communities. We have heard from some smaller AC's that they have not heard from Board Support. Department could have wrote more of a reasoning for dissolving these AC's. Passing the buck to other ACs
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
Amended	12	0	Like the idea to have a waiting period and contacting the ACs for their input but, should also include those closest to the resource. How do they do they decide which AC they talk to. Move to Amend: All AC's with Jurisdiction should be provided the opportunity to speak to the proposal. And all AC's should be provided the opportunity to speak to Statewide proposals.



18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
	12	0	We agree, the board should not change or reverse intent of any proposal. We should be able to review the board generated proposal prior to passing.
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
TNA			This is out of our area and we don't know enough about the area to take action
20	Establish Designated Seats in Prince of Wales AC		
TNA			This is out of our area and we don't know enough about the area to take action

- Board of Fisheries call for proposals, Prince William Sound Finfish and Shellfish. The Committee was told to think about any proposals they may want the AC to submit and bring those ideas to the next meeting. Proposals are due April 10.

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting. No action taken. Chair can designate someone to go in her place.
- XII. Next Meeting is April 6, 2024
- XIII. Adjourn Adjournment: Chuck McMahan moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Dave Sarafin. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Minutes Recorded By: Sarah Gallt
 Minutes Approved By: Karen Linnell
 Date: March 11, 2024



Craig AC Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes March 5, 2024-Craig City Hall

Call to Order: 6:13pm

Roll Call:

Members present: 11

13 total Members & 1 alternate

Number needed for a quorum: 7

Craig AC Members	Officer	Designation	Present	Absent	Expiration
Ellen Hannan	Chair	Hunting	x		June 2026
Mike Douville	Vice Chair	Longline		x (excused)	June 2025
Kurt Whitehead	Secretary	Hunting Guide	x		June 2026
Mike Sheets		Trapping		x (excused)	June 2026
Dave Creighton		Charter	x (online)		June 2024
Ray Douville		Shellfish	x		June 2024
Braden Harding		Charter	x		June 2025
Mike Kampnich		Gillnet	x		June 2025
Joel Steenstra		Herring Pound	x (online)		June 2024
Derek Anderson			x (online)		June 2024
Tim O'Connor			x		June 2025
Clinton Cook		Subsistence	x		June 2026
Madison Stumpf		Charter	x		June 2026
Kirk Agnitsch		Alternate		x	June 2024

ADFG Staff present: Craig Schwanke (ADFG sport fish), Kristy Tibbles (ADFG board support-online)

Guests present: None

Approval of Agenda:

Moved and seconded to approve the agenda for 3.5.2024.

Vote: Unanimous approval

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Moved and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from 12.5.2023 with amendments clarifying both Clinton Cook and Fred Hamilton were not present.

Vote: Unanimous approval



Reports:

Chair: At the Feb. 5 meeting we didn't make quorum but Ross Dorendorf did give a wolf management report.

ADFG: Craig S. gave an update on lingcod and rockfish harvest levels and the ADFG Emergency Order to change the Lingcod size limit that will be a slot limit for non-residents between 30"-35". The King Salmon management plan will be a big topic of discussion at the next SE AK finfish/shellfish meeting.

Clinton: The Wild Fish Conservancy (WFC) is giving the WA tribes lots of trouble about king salmon management. Currently, there are 36 active lawsuits against various groups regarding king salmon management.

Derek A.: The WFC has a dummy office in Duvall, WA and various groups in WA have been fighting WFC for over a decade. Their main goal is to close down all the salmon hatcheries. They go after paperwork violations with the hatcheries.

It would be very wise if all of us user groups/locals band together to fight together against WFC.

WFC funding comes from Wal-Mart, Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, Kroger, etc. In WA state, WFC was getting contracts to increase the culvert/bridge sizes, then they turned around and sued WA state to close hatcheries!?

Ellen H.: Now they are going after the whole state of AK.

Kurt: HB201/SB171 Update: HB201 is currently stuck in the House Resources committee but SB171 just got its 2nd hearing and now is the critical time to write a letter in support to SB171. Personal letters from folks up north are very important b/c many of the legislators on the Senate Resources are from up north and need to hear from their constituents. There were several of us locals that tried to testify at the 2nd hearing and couldn't/got cut off.

Please write an email and/or letter of support for SB171 to senateresources@akleg.gov

Joint Board AC proposals:

Prop 1: Require 30 day public notice for AC elections and 14 day advance for regular meetings.

Moved and seconded to approve

Discussion: one month is difficult to enact and is burdensome

Vote: Unanimous opposition: **Do NOT support**

Prop 2: Require all AC's to be accessible via call-in option with meeting announcement.

No action

Prop 3: Reduce the terms for AC officers from 2 years to 1.

Moved and seconded to approve.

Discussion: Anyone that volunteers shouldn't be turned away. This could cause a decline in membership and increase the time needed in meetings.

Vote: Unanimous opposition: **Do NOT support**

Proposals 4,5,6,7 were not taken up at the meeting.

Prop 8: Allow AC's the discretion to set membership term dates.

Moved and seconded to approve.

Discussion: What are the comments from ADFG?

Kristy T.: Dept. comments are not finalized yet but they are neutral on this prop. This prop says to set the term limit to exactly 3 years so they don't expire in the summer.

Mike K. I'm not opposed to it since I see both sides of the argument.

No Action

Prop 9: Limit the number of consecutive terms AC members can serve.

Moved and seconded to approve.

Discussion: We disagree with limiting volunteers.



Vote: Unanimously Opposed: **Do NOT support**

Prop 10: Designate one seat on each AC for non-consumptive representation.

Discussion: We would never turn down anyone that wants to serve.

No Action

Prop 11: Did not take up @ meeting.

Prop 12: Clarify that AC members may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when the membership is not full.

Moved and seconded to approve.

Unanimous support

Prop 13: Did not take up @ meeting.

Prop 14: Adopt an absence policy allowing AC members to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.

Moved and seconded to approve.

Vote: Support 10-1. Clinton is opposed

Prop 17: Establish a process for developing board proposals.

Moved and seconded to support

Discussion: Lots of discussion to understand the prop. If passed, this would negatively impact the whole board process by slowing down decisions. This prop would severely impact the process and board cycles are every 3 years so potentially an important issue wouldn't get solved in a timely manner.

Vote: Unanimous opposition

Prop 18: Limit certain types of amendments.

Discussion: ADFG is neutral and this prop would delay actions and limit the boards to take action.

No action

Representative for Joint Board meeting: No one volunteered to represent the Craig AC @ the Joint Board meeting March 25-28, 2024.

Ellen H.: If anyone wants to volunteer to represent the Craig AC, they need to tell us at the meeting so it is on record.

Ellen/Mike K.: Report on the subsistence meeting that Mike K., Ellen H. and Mike D. attended and had positive remarks.

Clinton C.: Rural status in subsistence and in other areas will likely be threatened by expanding subsistence areas.

SE AK finfish/shellfish proposals:

Kurt W.: Prop 227 was submitted at the last cycle by the Craig AC. It passed for residents but did not pass for non-residents. Kurt read prop and suggests to submit the same prop so non-res can harvest one demersal shelf rockfish for non-resident anglers.

Craig S.: The board did break out Yelloweye from the other rockfish bag limits so they are a stand alone limit and there are now 4 different assemblages of rockfish bag limits. With better release mechanisms and better identification, the public is doing a better job. If non-res were able to harvest demersal shelf rockfish, an annual limit would be suggested by ADFG.

Ray D.: How many charter boats operate out of Craig/Klawock? If non-res were allowed to harvest demersal shelf rockfish, the charter sector could do some damage, especially if there was no annual limit.

Craig S.: About 120 boats. For many years, there were separate bag limits for pelagic rockfish and non-pelagic rockfish of 1/day of non-pelagic rockfish with no annual limit.



Tim O.: The commercial folks have not been able to harvest rockfish for the past 5 years so this future proposal allow charters to harvest rockfish but not commercial.

Ray D.: The population of the demersal shelf rockfish could be severely impacted in the primary charter area if it were opened up again.

Kurt W.: What did you catch the last time you dropped a line to the bottom? Quillback? They are everywhere. The opportunity to catch even just one fish is very important. Charters do not need lots of fish, we just need opportunities for our clients to catch a fish. If there is no opportunity, there is no charter industry.

Tim O.: The longliners do not have the ability to catch any rockfish as of 5 years ago, other than as bycatch.

Ray D.: Does ADFG have any data on black rockfish?

Craig S.: We are concerned if the harvest continues to ramp up.

Kurt: How does ADFG get rockfish data?

Craig S.: In other areas of the state, they use acoustical surveys but they don't in SE AK

Braden: Did other areas up N limit their rockfish harvest.

Craig S.: Yes

Raymond: Is there a lag with data, specifically in the lingcod harvest?

Craig S.: Yes, the data is collated after the season due to time constraints. We are reducing the slot limit on lingcod for non-res to 30-35" which is down from 30"-45".

Future proposals will be deliberated at/on the next meeting.

Next meeting: April 2 @ 6pm

New Business:

Kurt: Charter Industry Report

In an effort to be better neighbors, community members, boaters and charter operators I propose to create a Charter Industry Best Management Practices meeting. Below are some of the things the charter industry can improve on PoW:

- 1. Do not wake the fuel dock-ever.**
- 2. No wake zone means no wake zone. Throwing a boat wake in the immediate vicinity of Craig, negatively impacts boats that are unloading at the fish processors, boats fueling at the fuel dock, boats at the dock in the semi-protected harbor, all the boats transiting the area, kayakers, etc.**
- 3. Do not engage in disrespectful arguments with anyone on the radio/channel 16.**
- 4. Do not fish aggressively around any boats, especially non-charter/local boats.**
- 5. Know and apply the "Rules of the Road". Do not cut off commercial boaters-they have the right of way.**
- 6. Limit the numbers of charters/stop the industry growth. The charters need to be limited/limited entry.**
- 7. Unguided charters need to be limited/capped.**
- 8. Seasonal residents/pirate charters need to be stopped. HB201/SB171 needs to pass.**
- 9. There needs to be more equality. Charters don't pay hatchery fees, entry fees, processor fees etc. Some charters pay significant sales taxes to communities they operate in that charge sales tax but other communities don't charge sales tax and/or operators live outside the sales tax area and don't pay anything.**
- 10. Resources cannot sustain unlimited growth in the charter sector. There are no state requirements or fees to apply/receive a charter permit. The Charter Halibut Permit is a limiting factor but it isn't good enough. The entire charter industry has grown b/c of 1) seasonal residents/pirate charters, 2) unguided charters are growing like weeds b/c of their ability to harvest 2 halibut of any size/daily, 3) legal guided charters that do not have any requirements to guide salmon/lingcod/rockfish and are not limited. 4) no fee currently charged by the state to charter guides/outfitters.**

Lots of discussion from all members on the above issues and possible solutions.



Meeting adjourned: 8:38pm

Minutes recorded by: Kurt Whitehead

Minutes approved by: Ellen Hannan

Date: 3.7.2024



Delta Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 21, 2024

I. **Call to Order: 6:30PM** by Chair – Tisha Kennell

II. **Roll Call:**

Tisha Kennell (Chair),	Present
Mike Bender (Vice Chair),	Present
Jeff Lipscomb (Secretary),	Absent
Jesse Cummings,	Present
Vern Aiton,	Present
Jacob White,	Present
Alan Waldo,	Present
Robert Matthews,	Present
Earl McNabb,	Present
Tim Webb,	Present
Carl Taylor,	Absent
Paul Dudgeon (alternate),	Present
Rusty Craig (alternate)	Present

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 **Number Present** 11

III. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Brandy Baker – Delta ADF&G Fisheries Biologist
Bob Schmidt – Delta ADF&G Wildlife Biologist
Heidi Hatcher – Glennallen ADF&G Area Wildlife Biologist (online)
Kristy Tibbets – Boards Support Section (online)

IV. **Introduce Guests Present:**

Don Quarberg
Don Bunselmeier
Neil Kelly
Tony Williams
Arthur Cummings (Fish & Wildlife Trooper)
Greg Turner
Amanda Pope - Online

V. **Approval of Agenda: VOTE: 11-0**

VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: VOTE: 11-0**

VII. **Reports**

a. Chair’s Report – None



- b. ADFG staff reports
 - i. Brandy Baker – Statewide Stocking Plan is out available at the ADFG Office. Ice fishing continues area lakes.
 - ii. Bob Schmidt – presented harvest results for Gen season moose. Update on bison 26 cows/16 bulls
 - iii. Heidi Hatcher – Glennallen Area Biologist: Nelchina Caribou Herd Status update was presented. In a nutshell herd is in bad shape and will take years to recover.

VIII. **Public Comment - NONE**

IX. **Old Business - None**

X. **New Business**

- a. Action on 2023 – 2024 Joint Board Proposals - see attached

- b. Review 2023-2024 Joint Board Proposals

This was delayed till FEB Meeting of the Delta AC

XI. **Set next meeting date: 27 MAR 2024**

XII. **Adjourned at: 8:05PM**



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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1			Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.
			NO SUPPORT
2			Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.
OPPOSE	11		NOT ALL AC'S CAPABLE
3			Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.
OPPOSE	11		NO NEED FOR TERM LIMITS
4			Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.
OPPOSE	11		IN HANDBOOK
5			Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder
OPPOSE	11		NO NEED
6			Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.
NO ACTION			NOT SUPPORT
7			Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.
OPPOSE	11		IN HANDBOOK
8			Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.
NO ACTION			NO
9			Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.
OPPOSE	11		HARD ENOUGH TO GET MEMBERS
10			Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.
OPPOSE	11		IN HANDBOOK
11			Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.
OPPOSE	11		IN HANDBOOK
12			Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.
NO ACTION			NO
13			Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.
NO ACTION			NO



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14			Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification. <i>NO</i>
<i>NO ACTION</i>			
15			Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations. <i>NO</i>
<i>NO ACTION</i>			
16			Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status. <i>NO</i>
<i>NO ACTION</i>			
17			Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.
<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i>11</i>		<i>BOG SHOULD NOT DEVELOP PROPS w/OUT AC'S</i>
18			Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.
<i>SUPPORT</i>	<i># 11</i>		<i>SEE ABOVE</i>
19			Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area. <i>NO</i>
<i>NO ACTION</i>			

Paul Dudgeon

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Eagle Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 27th, 2024 at 4:00 pm
Eagle Village Tribal Hall
and by web/teleconference

- I. **Call to Order:** 4:03 pm
Chair Karma Ulvi declared vacancies for Sonja Sagar and Mike McDougal's seats, and appointed Helen Gilmore as an alternate
- II. **Roll Call:**
Present: Karma Ulvi (chair), Ben Juneby, Chalia Sleman, Don Woodruff, Helen Gilmore (alternate)
Absent: Steve Robbins, Andy Bassich, Jackie Helmer
- III. **Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 4
- IV. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:** Kyle Campbell (Boards Support), Aidan Hunter (Division of Wildlife Conservation)
- V. **Introduce Guests Present:** none
- VI. **Approval of Agenda** *amended to add discussion on Wood Bison under old business.*
Motion to approve as amended by __DW__ 2nd by __CS__ (unanimous)
- VII. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** April 13, 2023 – *motion by __DW__ 2nd by __CS__ (unanimous)*
- VIII. **Reports**
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. ADFG staff reports – Kyle informed AC about 2023-2024 Board of Game Call for Proposals (includes changes to statewide regulations; e.g., unit boundary changes)
- IX. **Public Comment**
- X. **Old Business**
 - a. Discussion on wood bison restoration project- *the AC will invite ADFG staff Tom Seaton and Luke Rogers to attend the next Eagle AC meeting*
 - b. Planning for Election Meeting – *tentatively scheduled for April 16th at 4:00*
- XI. **New Business**
 - a. 2023-2024 Board of Game Proposals – comments due March 1st
See actions below
 - b. 2023-2024 Joint Board Proposals – comments due March 11th
See actions below
- XII. **Select representative(s) for board meeting(s):**
BOG Interior and Eastern Arctic March 15-22 in Fairbanks: *____ to be determined*
Joint Board March 25-28 in Anchorage: *____ to be determined*
- XIII. **Set next meeting date and location:** April 16th, 2024
- XIV. **Other**
- XV. **Adjourn** 6:23



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1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
OPOUSE	0	5	
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
OPOUSE	0	5	It is the responsibility of the department to ensure that Advisory Committee meetings are accessible by remote access when needed, but if required this could hinder AC's ability to conduct business. For example – if the internet or phone lines (or equipment) fails mid-meeting, an AC would be required to end their meeting.
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
TNA			
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
SUPPORT	5	0	
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
SUPPORT	5	0	
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
TNA			
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
TNA			
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
OPOUSE	0	5	
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
OPOUSE	0	5	
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
TNA			
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
TNA			
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
SUPPORT	5	0	
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
SUPPORT	5	0	
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
SUPPORT	4	0	1 abstention
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
TNA			
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
TNA			
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
SUPPORT	5	0	
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
SUPPORT	5	0	
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
TNA			

Minutes Recorded By: ___Karma Ulvi_____

Minutes Approved By: ___Karma Ulvi_____

Date: _____03-01-24_____



**Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee
February 14, 2024 Meeting**

I. Call to Order: 18:10 by acting Chair Mark Richards

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mark Richards, Gale Vick, Virgil Umphenour, Bill Larry, John Wisniewski, Gabriel Davis, Warren Giuchici, Lance Nelson, John Haddix

(Note: Bill Larry called into the meeting and was unable to vote)

Members Absent (Excused): John Siegfried, Austin Smith, Jeff Lucas, Levi Lewellyn, Mike Tinker, Chuck Derrick

Members Absent (Unexcused): James Paine

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:8

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, Mark Nelson, Jordan Pruszenski, Lindsey ?, Andy Gryska, Jeff Wells, Kyle Campbell, Deena Jallen,

IV. Guests Present: Al Barrette, Jennifer Yuhas, Lenny & Diane Jewkes, Mark McNeely, Olivia Irwin, Katie Harms,

V. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by unanimous consent with the addition of:

1. Final discussion of HB 201/SB 171 Hunting License Residency Requirements
2. Replacement AC representative for the Wood Bison Working Group meeting
3. Appoint someone to represent the AC at the Region III Board of Game meeting

VI. Approval of Previous January 10th Meeting Minutes: approved by unanimous consent

VII. Reports

Chair's report: Mark Richards (vice-chair) reports that chairman Siegfried is stepping down due to personal reasons. The FAC will elect a new chairman at the March meeting.

ADF&G: Tony Hollis report on 20B moose, population down by 37% since last survey in 2021. Calf:cow ratios are very good though, at 40:100. Bull:Cow ratio a bit below the 30:100 we like to see, at 26:100. Declines likely due to the past deep snow winters, this winter so far things are looking good. No intention to propose Intensive Management control efforts at this time, we expect the population to increase under current conditions.

Antlerless authorization for 20B, we still want reauthorization but there will be no other cow hunts in 20B other than the Fairbanks management area where we try to take some to avoid vehicle collisions.



Al Barrette: How many moose are taken on potlatch hunts?

Tony: We estimate about 40 per year. Not overly concerned about potlatch harvest.

Mark R: Is the Department considering any IM proposals for 20B?

Tony: Not at this point, moose declines were from the bad winter in 2020/2021, expect population to grow.

Virgil: Do we have people from Southeast coming to the interior to do potlatch hunts?

Tony: probably some, but we don't see a lot of the records as there is no failure to report for potlatch hunts. So not everyone reports.

Mark Nelson: No updates, will be available to answer any questions on the NE Arctic proposals

VIII. Public Comment: No public comments

IX. Old Business: HB 201/SB 171 Letter (tabled til end of meeting)

X. New Business:

Gale Vick, fisheries subcommittee Chair: Report on Yukon River Panel. One of the major outcomes reached by the Commissioner and DFO, asking for a 7 year moratorium on chinook fishing.

Would like to set up a river-wide joint AC meeting, to discuss Yukon River Panel agreement. Motion made by Virgil Umphenour, seconded by John Wisniewski, to set up joint AC meeting, approved by unanimous consent. Date TBD

Would like the AC to support Marit Carlson-Van-Dort for reappointment to the Board of Fisheries and also to serve on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. Discussion of Carlson-Van Dort's experience and standing on the side of fisheries conservation. Motion made by Virgil Umphenour, seconded by John Wisniewski, to send letter of support for Carlson-Van Dort for reappointment to the Board of Fisheries and to be appointed to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, approved by unanimous consent.

Gale: Announces that the next fisheries subcommittee meeting will be held in person on Feb. 21st at 6pm for a final review of the BOF proposals to be deliberated at the Upper Cook Inlet meeting that starts on Feb. 23, 2024.

We will be submitting our comments as a Record Copy, want to reconfirm that the AC gives permission for the fisheries subcommittee to send in our comments after the meeting on Wednesday.



Motion to approve fisheries subcommittee submit our comments to the Board of Fish, made by Virgil, seconded by ?, approved by unanimous consent.

Gale: Strategic planning for FAC Proposal 43 at the BOF meeting, all the other interior ACs are supporting it. Virgil will represent the AC at the meeting. Virgil Gale, and Chief Ulvi from Eagle Village will be submitting an op-ed on hatchery issues on their own, not affiliated with the AC. We have to start a dialogue on hatchery issues.

One last piece of legislation, SB 209, from the Governor, is something very important that we've been requesting for a long time, the monitoring of salmon vessels. Lengthy bill, haven't had time to read it all. Will discuss at upcoming subcommittee meeting.

Mark Richards: Thank you, Gale, and everyone on the fisheries subcommittee for all the work you do and time spent on such important issues.

Moving on to the Region III proposals, everyone should have a copy. The Game/Trap subcommittee met on Jan. 22nd, and Feb 1st, and spent over 7 hours deliberating on the Region III proposals. Only the proposals that we did not have unanimous consent on are flagged in red for the full AC to go over tonight. If any member wants to bring up any proposals agreed upon in subcommittee for further discussion, or any other proposals, now is the time to do that as we deliberate.

Let's start with proposal 50, to lengthen marten trapping season to March 15 we had some concerns on what the federal season was, looked it up and also ends last day in February. So this would not apply to fed lands, seasons would be different.

Al Barrette: So if passed it would apply to federal lands under state regulations.

Motion to support by John W, seconded by Gabe Davis, passed by unanimous consent.

Mark R: Next proposal is proposal 82, the subcommittee decided that rather than comment on all of the Unit 19C sheep proposals, we wanted to make our position known via proposal 82, language you see in our comments of support were gone over by Mark R. and Mike Tinker, and open for changes now.

AC supports opening nonresident sheep hunting in 19C, but there needs to be limits.

Gabe Davis: don't want any biological concerns mentioned.

Lance Nelson: if we start saying crowding and conflicts are an issue, that sets a precedent for other sheep areas.

Mark R: AC can change opinion any time in future on specific proposals



Virgil: What about the other proposals, like the one from APHA?

Mark R: we did comment on that one, saying we can't support the recommendations of the 19C sheep working group as those recommendations are not yet known.

Virgil: Did they get a facilitator for the 19C sheep working group

Mark: not sure, they are working on it.

Discussion of past sheep working group and whatever came of it.

Mark R: back to proposal 82, motion made by John Haddix to support proposal 82, seconded by Warren Giuchici.

Virgil: okay, motion has been made and seconded, now I have a question. So we want up to 10 permits?

Mark R: No, we are asking to amend for a better balance of nonresident and resident sheep hunters based on what the Board thinks is best for the up-to number of permits.

Gabriel Davis: We also discussed whether this should be a draw permit or a registration hunt for nonresidents.

Mark R: I will ask for unanimous consent on proposal 82. No objection, so moved.

Mark R: I meant to mention this prior to going over the Region III comments:

It is unacceptable that the Department Analysis & Recommendations are still not published and available for review! Advisory Committees depend on Department information to make informed decisions. We need to know if there are any conservation concerns with any proposals and what the Department recommendations are. Without that information, the AC process can't work as it should, and ACs are losing trust in the Department. This can't continue to happen.

Have talked to Tony and other bios about this, it is not their fault, they have had their comments in a long time ago, Dept. comments are being held up in leadership.

Olivia Irwin, from the Minto-Nenana AC: also wanted to point out that it is a big problem not having the Dept. A&Rs out in time for AC comment deadline. Other ACs and TCC are considering sending in a letter to the Joint Board about this issues, and if the Fbks AC would like to sign on as well, would be good.

Mark R: this isn't something the joint board can fix, it's a Department issue and has happened in the past, understand that the Department is short staffed at HQ, but this needs to be fixed.



Moving on, to proposal 99. Motion to adopt made by Virgil, seconded by Gabe Davis.

Virgil: I support this proposal to open brown bear hunting in the fall after August 10th, hides are in good shape, would be good to take more bears.

Discussion of liberalized bear seasons and whether the Department has any concerns with more bears being taken. Any skull size changes to be concerned about. Tony Hollis says that liberalizations have happened in steps over time, and they have not seen any negative effects in the units he oversees, however the Department does not do counts of brown bears, very expensive.

Mark R: hard to comment on this without the Department comments. Would those of you who support this proposal still support it if the Department opposes it? I don't want to get to where our AC is supporting proposals that the Department has conservation concerns on, that isn't a good look, I want us to be able to trust the Department recommendations regarding any conservation concerns. Where I'm going with this...how about if we offer support for proposal 99 and any other similar ones with the caveat that we support fall brown bear hunting seasons as long as the Department has no conservation concerns.

Motion to support proposal 99 made by John W, seconded by Gabe Davis, with that caveat Mark mentioned. Approved by unanimous consent, to support proposal 99 as long as the Department has no conservation concerns.

Mark R: next proposal is proposal 102 to open a fall bear baiting season in 19E, I can tell you that I don't personally support fall bear baiting seasons when moose and/or caribou hunting is open.

Virgil makes motion to adopt proposal 102, seconded by Gabe Davis.

Discussion: Virgil says he supports, brown bears good eating that time of year after eating blueberries.

Mark R: I agree! Very good eating!

Virgil: We had a blueberry bear in hunting camp once and everyone preferred it over other meats.

Mark R: We have plenty of opportunity to take grizzly bears, just don't see a need to open baiting in fall.

Gabe Davis: hunt and stalk very hard way to take bears, baiting would make it more successful

Lance Nelson: Good opportunity for residents to take a bear over bait

Gale: Lack of salmon in areas, grizzlies one of the few things to eat



Mark: just don't want to see hunters running into bait stations in the fall, that isn't a pleasant experience when you aren't aware they are there. Guides can set up to ten bait stations per GUA

Virgil: have made hundreds of pounds of bear sausage and tried to show people that fall grizzly bears in the interior are good eating

Mark R: no one is disputing that grizzly bears can be good eating. One other thing, I don't want the AC to be under the impression that this has anything to do with predator control or increasing the overall number of ungulates in an area by opening fall baiting seasons. We need to kill a large number of bears or wolves to have any efficacy in increasing ungulate populations

Question is called, vote by raised hands, 7 yays, 1 nay. AC supports proposal 102 because it provides more opportunity to harvest brown bears.

Mark R: Next is proposal 105, to take brown/grizzly bears over bait in Unit 21A, we were waiting for the Dept recommendations to support this, suggest we do as with the other proposal

Motion to adopt proposal 105 made by Virgil, seconded by Warren G.

Motion to support proposal 105 made by Lance Nelson, seconded by Warren G, to support proposal 105 as long as the Dept has no conservation concerns.

Mark R: next is proposal 107, to open a spring and fall baiting season in Unit 21E

Motion to adopt made by Virgil, seconded by Warren. Call the question. Question is called, vote by raised hands. 7 yays, 1 nay. Support based on it provides more opportunity to harvest bears

Gale: would be interested in knowing what the Minto-Nenana voted on these fall baiting proposals.

Olivia Irwin: we have not voted on those ones yet.

Mark R: Proposal 112, this was discussed at the subcommittee meeting; we had questions about the nonresident harvest and how much of that was by nonresident military, had asked Jeff Gross if he could get us some harvest data.

Jeff Wells: was just sent these graphs and data by Jeff Gross (hands out the graphs to all AC members. Some mistakes on the first sheet, not quite right, the upper right graph is not correct, look on the back page where resident and nonresident harvests are detailed by individual zones.



John Haddix: my recollection, Jeff, is that we were trying to figure out how many of the nonresidents listed are first year military nonresidents because we didn't want to really limit that component.

Mark R: I did ask Jeff for that but it seems they can't break out the nonresident data by who is military and who is not.

Jeff Wells: Across all zones the last two years nonresident harvest has been 22 – 26% of the harvest

Mark R: do we know what the nonresident harvest is in Zone 2?

Jeff Wells: Yes, it's in the data on the graphs.

Gale: by nonresident do we mean non-local resident or out-of-state

Mark R: someone who doesn't live in Alaska

Virgil: question about the graphs... something doesn't add up

Jeff Wells: there was a mistake on that upper right graph, will be fixed

Virgil: I know a lot of military from Anchorage area come up to hunt caribou, as well as the soldiers here, has to be a large number of those within the nonresident harvest data.

Jeff Wells: we could break down better by looking at license data.

Virgil: motion to adopt 112, seconded by John H

Mark: the reason RHAK submitted this proposal is we were concerned with the decline of the Fortymile herd and we want to protect the winter subsistence hunt for residents. We did want to compromise with the transporters, which is why we left zone 2 open to nonresident opportunity.

Virgil: not in favor of this because I know a lot of military enjoy having the opportunity to take a caribou

Mark R: the herd is declining and at some point we will have to limit nonresidents, would like to do it ahead of time with this proposal that would still allow nonresident opportunity in Zone 2

Virgil: I was in the military at Ft Bragg back in the day when military were not treated well by the public, in the Marine Corp at Camp Pendleton....how the military used to be treated poorly, don't want to treat them like 2nd class citizens



John Haddix: Can we support this with an amendment that would say, limit nonresidents who are not military?

Mark R: We could, but I don't see a way for the board to institute that in a way to differentiate between types of nonresidents. We can certainly put something in there and let the board figure it out.

Lance: I don't support it, lots of military are up here and don't want to disenfranchise them. Am concerned with the winter hunt being closed, but don't agree with this proposal

Call the question by show of hands for support of proposal 112.
5 yays, 3 nays

Mark R: would like for whomever represents us at the March BOG meeting to make clear why the 3 nays voted that way, concern about disallowing nonresident military opportunity.

Let's take a break for ten minutes, come back at 19:52

Mark R: Call back to order at 8pm. Next up is proposal 114

Virgil makes motion to adopt seconded by Warren.

Mark R: this proposal is to allow proxy hunting of caribou in several units, and there was some disagreement among subcommittee on this, which is why it's before the full AC

Virgil: when we had proxy hunting it was abused on antlerless hunts and that abuse led to stopping proxy hunting in these units

Mark R: yes, abuse was the rationale to close proxy hunting for these hunts.

Discussion on how proxy hunting works, destruction of trophy value, number of times someone can proxy hunt for individuals.

Gale: as an elder who doesn't hunt caribou anymore I depend on my family to proxy hunt for me

Concerns that we don't want to prevent elders from getting meat via a proxy hunt for Fortymile caribou.

Virgil: I move to amend to only allow one animal to be taken by a proxy hunter per year, not have one person doing multiple proxy hunts. Seconded by Warren

Discussion of proxy hunting regulations and existing limits within the regulations.



Gabe Davis: this proposal would take opportunity away from the Fortymile caribou hunters under the registration permit

Mark R: Motion is on the table, how do we want to proceed?

Warren: Cal the question by show of hands to support proposal 114 as amended to only allow one animal per proxy hunter per year for the Fortymile herd

6 yays, 2 nays. Rationale for the nays is that too many caribou would be taken by proxy hunters on a declining herd.

Mark R: next proposal is #124, lengthen marten trapping season by two weeks, some concerns in subcommittee about fur still being prime in March.

Motion to adopt 124 by Virgil, seconded by Gabe Davis

Passed by unanimous consent to provide more opportunity, believe fur is still prime in these units.

Mark R: next is proposal 139

Motion to adopt proposal 139 made by Virgil, seconded by Gabe Davis

Mark R: this proposal was heard in Kotzebue and the board could not vote on Region III units within the proposal. The board amended the proposal to only include the northwestern part of Unit 23, and western portion of 26A. So I don't think the board will include these Region III units, may be best to take no action on this proposal based on actions taken at the Region V meeting.

By unanimous consent, AC votes to take no action on proposal 139 based on actions taken by the board in Kotzebue.

Mark R: next is proposal 140, again this was taken up by the Board in Kotzebue and the proposal was amended to put all nonresident caribou hunters in Unit 23 on draw only permits with an allocation of up to 300 permits.

Gale: I say we TNA this one

By unanimous consent, AC votes to take no action on proposal 140 based on actions taken by the board in Kotzebue.

Mark R: Next up is proposal 153, subcommittee had concerns over fur being prime



Lance Nelson: and denning during that time period

Discussion about whether hunting season for wolverine is open during this time frame.
Wolverine hunting ends March 31, not end of April.

Motion to support proposal 153. Proposal 153 is opposed by unanimous consent, based on the denning season happening

Mark R: proposal 154 is next, Mark Nelson or Jordan would you like to speak to the proposal from the Department?

Jordon Pruszenski: Central Arctic Herd has increased and is now at 32,000 – 37,000 which is above IM objectives, so there is a harvestable surplus. Average harvest is 420 caribou per year, which is much lower than the harvestable surplus. Proposal 154 increases the resident bag limit and season and the nonresident bag limit.

Virgil: so the harvestable surplus was supposed to be 1,000?

Jordan: the harvestable surplus is 1, 400 per year with the herd at current levels

Virgil: so nonresident bag limit goes from 1 to 2, I support this, would bring in more money to the Dept by purchasing two tags, increase opportunity.

Motion to adopt proposal 154 by Gabe, seconded by Lance

Mark R: the reason I oppose this is because when the herd drastically declined, the Department amended a proposal to increase the nonresident season to where the next year nonresident caribou hunters took the majority of the harvest of a declining caribou herd important for providing food for Alaskans. I can't support nonresidents being allowed to take more than one caribou after that, have seen meat care issues.

Mark R: can the Dept explain what the number of cows that can be taken by residents is, what upper limit of cows can be harvested before that portion would be closed

Jordan: we believe that 1% of the harvest can be cows

Mark R: are we confident that after the massive decline of the CAH in 2016 that these are all CAH animals? We've never seen a herd increase like this so fast.

Jordan: was nutritional stress initially, habitat seemed to improve, more recruitment, less cow mortality.

Lance: nonresidents I know take care of their meat, don't agree that nonresidents don't take



proper care of their meat. Shooting two bulls by nonresidents isn't going to do anything to harm this herd. Residents can shoot cows, have even more opportunity. I support this proposal.

Call the question. Show of hands.

Gale: want to clarify what the motion is

Mark R: to support the proposal as written

Show of hands: 5 yays, 3 nays, nays don't believe we should increase nonresident bag limit so soon after herd declined then rebounded, but support the resident bag limit increase

Mark R: moving on, proposal 155, to increase resident Central Arctic Herd bag limit and season

Take no action on proposal 155 based on action taken on 154

Mark R: Proposal 158

Motion to adopt proposal 158 by John H, seconded by Gabe

Mark R: rationale of this proposal is so the board can have a discussion on this issue, I think most of us agree about federal overreach issues, and the purpose of this proposal is have a discussion about why we let the feds allocate our sheep to guided hunters in ANWR. On other refuge lands, like Kodiak, or Nowitna, the board of game allocates sheep and moose via draw permits to the guide concession areas. This proposal doesn't seek to take the current allocations guides get under their contract prospectus agreement with federal land managers, only give the Board of Game the authority over those allocations so if we have sheep declines and those allocations need to be limited, the board can do that.

Virgil: the feds are going to go by whatever the management plan is, but there is no management plan for sheep in ANWR. We have an ANS for sheep, but nothing beyond that as far as allocations to user groups. What needs to happen is a management plan that outlines the harvest allocations of different user groups.

Mark R: the point of this proposal is to ask, why do we allow the feds to allocate our sheep in ANWR? Where do we want to go with this proposal?

Virgil: I think the board is aware of this already

Mark R: so if we take no action, do we want to offer any comments at all about this issue?

Lance: put a comment in there just saying that the state should have management authority, why are we allowing the feds to do this



Gale makes motion to support, seconded by Warren

John Haddix: at the subcommittee meeting it came up, is this proposal asking for up to 7 permits for each guide concession area, and does it include 2nd degree of kindred?

Mark R: yes for each concession area, would be up to the board whether to include 2DK nonresidents.

Gale offers friendly amendment, seconded by Warren to add 2DK hunters within the nonresident component, amendment passes by a vote of 7-1, amended proposal passes by a vote of 7-1

Gale: we are basically making a point on the record

Mark R: yes, that the state should manage/allocate our sheep

Mark R: proposal 166, to allow the trapping of grizzly and brown bears by bucket foot snares in Unit 25D. This was heard at the Yukon Flats AC meeting, would like Mark Nelson to speak to it. We have no Dept comments or recommendation at this time.

Mark Nelson: this is for both black and brown bears, black bears are listed as a furbearer but no trapping seasons are open for black bears in the interior. Brown bears are not furbearers so the only way this would work is if they are classified as a furbearer, or new methods and means would have to be allowed to take a big game animal with a foot snare. This was allowed in bear control areas.

Mark R: Is the Dept going to support this outside an IM bear control program

Mark Nelson: I believe the Dept would be neutral if it was just black bears, not sure since it includes brown bears. No real conservation concerns for bears in Unit 25D.

Discussion on how to avoid catching grizzlies if it was black bear only, smaller snare size.

Gale: Mark Nelson were you at the Yukon Flats meeting? And how did they vote

Mark Nelson: they supported it.

Gale: I'd like to go with their lead on it

Mark R: forgot to do a motion to adopt, someone please make a motion

Gabe makes motion to adopt, seconded by John H



Question called, proposal 166 supported by unanimous consent

Mark R: next is proposal 207

Gabe: wait, weren't we going to discuss the language of our support for proposal 181, to not include any mention of biological concerns? If we make that argument, it could come back on us to limit resident sheep hunters. And under FC management there are no conservation concerns.

Mark R: so what are you saying, do you want to change the language within our comments on proposal 181?

Gabe: I thought I made myself clear, I will not support it with language that expresses any biological concerns.

Mark R: so you support proposal 181 based on that there are conflicts and crowding with unlimited nonresident sheep hunting in 20A? But not based on any conservation or biological concerns?

Gabe: yes

Virgil: the way it works is the board has a policy that is based on the past harvests over ten years to determine allocations for draw hunts. You want them to go against their own policy for 20A. That's what proposal 180 does, the board went by their own policy that nonresidents were getting 25% of the DC 827 permits. That's how it ended up with 25% of nonresidents and 75% for nonresidents.

Mark R: do we want to bring proposal 180 on the table again,

Virgil: yes

Motion by Gabe to adopt proposal 180, seconded by Lance.

Question called, show of hands. 7 yays, 1 nay on proposal 180.

Mark R: back to proposal 181

Motion to adopt proposal 181 by Virgil, seconded by Gabe

Mark R: Gabe, so how can we deal with this

Gabe: conservation concerns is the first issue in proposal 181 and whether FC mgmt. is sustainable, can not support with that language



Lance: so going to a draw in 20A, how is this going to help?

Mark R: well there are conflicts and crowding, the guides are not happy with it either

Discussion on unlimited nonres sheep hunting, state constitution, other western states place limits

Question called, show of hands. Yays, 5, nays 3.

Mark R: if you want to include language on the rationale of the nay votes, that would be good for the board to hear

Gabe: if it was only crowding and conflicts I would support it going to draw only for nonresidents, but not with conservation concerns, the Department has no conservation concerns with FC harvests

Mark R: but the Department has said they have conservation concerns for the sheep in Unit 23 under FC management, which is why it's been closed since 2015

Gabe: that's only some of the Department and I don't agree with that and neither do a lot of biologists

Mark R: Proposal 207, from the western interior RAC, to do away with the age requirement for sheep, the rationale seems to be that if we go to FC only, it may decrease the sub-legal harvest. All of this will come up with the Unit 19C working group.

Motion by Gabe to adopt proposal 207, seconded by John H.

John H: question to Tony H about sublegal harvests, what is the percentage

can't hear the answer

Question called, proposal 207 opposed by unanimous consent

Mark R: old business, we had a meeting to discuss HB 201/SB 171, and it seemed like we were opposed to it if it didn't include any amendments to cover specific individuals who may be gone more than 180 days.

Gale: I'd like to support it with that type of amendment

Mark R: it seems that amendments would open a can of worms for legislators. It's had two hearings in House Resources so far.

Unanimous vote to approve Lance sending a letter opposing HB 201/SB 171



Mark R: We need someone to represent us for the wood bison working group meeting coming up next week for three days. Jeff Lucas is our representative but is traveling

Everyone is busy, no one can represent us at wood bison working group regarding release of wood bison in the Minto Flats area.

Mark R: do we want to let them now we approve the release of wood bison in Minto Flats

Motion by John H to approve release of wood bison in the Minto Flats areas, seconded by Lance. Approved by unanimous consent.

Mark R: we need to appoint someone to represent us at the Region III board of game meeting. Jeff has volunteered but he is gone right now.

Mark R: I nominate Jeff Lucas to represent us, approved by unanimous consent, with Austin Smith chosen as alternate

Lance: were we going to talk about the language for weapons-restricted hunts?

Mark R: Yes, thank you Lance, the language you see in all of our comments on archery only hunts is before you.

Lance: I would oppose adopting that as a policy, because we may want to approve weapons restricted hunts in future.

Mark R: the AC has typically opposed new weapons restricted hunts when they weren't necessary due to proximity to public trails, near roads, and in urban areas

Discussion on new weapons restricted hunts, providing more opportunity for a special class of hunters.

Lance: going forward, look at individual proposals to make decisions on whether we support new weapons restricted hunts.

Mark R: I appreciate the discussion, we need to move on, it's late, do we want to change the language on archery only and weapons-restricted hunts.

Lance: I am okay with leaving that language in now but in future we should vote on each proposal individually and not have one blanket statement on weapons restricted hunts

Mark R: all we were doing here was adopting language for why we opposed all the archery only hunt proposals, and agree we should look at each proposal individually down the line

Motion to adjourn 21:44



Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee Game & Trapping Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, February 1st, 2024 at 5:30 pm
ADFG Conference Room (1300 College Rd)

- I. **Call to Order:** 17:35
 - II. **Roll Call:** Members present: Jeff Lucas, Virgil Umphenour, Gabriel Davis, Mike Tinker, Lance Nelson, John Haddix (alternate), Mark Richards
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: N/A
 - III. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:** Kyle Campbell
 - IV. **Introduce Guests Present:** Jim Simon, Olivia Irwin
 - V. **Approval of Agenda**
 - VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** N/A
 - VII. **Reports**
 - a. N/A
 - VIII. **Public Comment**
 - IX. **Old Business**
 - a. N/A
 - X. **New Business**
 - a. Continue review of Region III (Interior/Eastern Arctic) Board of Game Proposals (see draft minutes from January 22nd)
 - b. Review Joint Board Proposals (comment sheet attached)
 - c. Other subcommittee business as needed
 - XI. **Select representative(s) for board meeting(s):** N/A
 - XII. **Set next meeting date:**
 - XIII. **Other**
- Adjourn 20:25**



Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting Proposals

March 25-28, 2024 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
1			Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.
OPPOSE			The current public noticing requirements are sufficient
2			Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.
OPPOSE			We oppose making call-in options a requirement, but would like board support to continue to offer that option to Acs that want it
3			Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.
OPPOSE			We don't believe this is necessary, things working fine the way they are
4			Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.
TNA			
5			Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder
TNA			
6			Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.
SUPPORT			We agree with the rationale of the Minto-Nenana AC and the Dept and support both proposal 6 & 7
7			Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.
SUPPORT			See comments on proposal 6
8			Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.
TNA			
9			Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.
OPPOSE			If passed, this proposal would harm rural Acs that have a hard time finding members within their communities to serve on the AC
10			Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.
OPPOSE			We can't find any definition of what a "non-consumptive" user is. Does that mean they don't hunt? Don't eat meat? Currently the Anchorage AC has three members who are part of the Alaska Wildlife Alliance, so we see no need for designated seats for a "non-consumptive" user
11			Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and



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	Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 11
12			Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.
SUPPORT			No one should be blocked from serving on an AC as long as they meet the requirements to serve
13			Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.
SUPPORT			
14			Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.
TNA			
15			Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.
TNA			
16			Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.
TNA			
17			Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.
SUPPORT			Board-generated proposals should be rare, and when necessary we should go through an appropriate public process as we do with publicly submitted proposals
18			Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.
SUPPORT			The Board of Game should adopt the same policy as the Board of Fisheries on amendments that are the opposite of what the proposal asks for
19			Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.
SUPPORT			This is a housekeeping issue

Minutes Recorded By: Mark Richards

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____