

Alaska Board of Game
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Delta Advisory Committee vote on Proposals

Proposal#39- Motion and second to support proposal

Biologist has studied area and reasons the area needs to still remain restricted in harvest to protect breeding populations and prevent slaughter along road system

Vote 1 yes-6 no-3 abstain

Proposal# 40- Motion and second to support proposal

The liberal bear seasons have allowed for moose and caribou numbers to increase. No reason to reduce the harvest of bears at this time.

Vote 0yes- 10 no oppose

Proposal# 47- Motion and second to support proposal

No bonus points system for any hunts, use the random draw

Vote 0 yes-10 no oppose

Proposal# 48- Motion and second to support proposal

If the CHP is not legal eliminate it.

Vote 10 yes -0 no support

Proposal# 51, 52 & 53- Motion and second to support proposal

Change bag limit in GMU 11 to one full curl ram to conform to the rest of the state

Vote 9 yes-0 no- 1 abstain support

Proposal# 54- Motion and second to support proposal

Sealing adds some honesty to the hunt and deters the shooting of sublegal rams

Vote 0 yes- 10 no oppose

Proposal# 62- Motion and second to support proposal

CHP is illegal

Vote 0 yes- 10 no oppose

Proposal#202- Motion and second to support proposal

Vote 10 yes – 0 no support

Proposal# 203- Motion and second to support proposal

Vote 10 yes – 0 no support

Proposal# 214- Motion and second to support proposal

The resident should have a hunting license and be in close proximity of the hunter

Vote 10 yes -0 no support

Proposal# 215- Motion and second to support proposal

The bonus point system is too discriminatory against the very young and very old, it is too expensive to conduct, the liability is horrendous, and it reduces the opportunity to hunt by reducing the chance of drawing a tag

Vote 0 yes – 10 no oppose

Proposal# 216- Motion and second to support proposal
Prohibit the feeding of sheep, standardize regulations
Vote 10 yes-0 no support

Proposal#217- Motion and second to support proposal
Harvest data should be factual
Vote 10 yes-0 no support

Proposal# 218- Motion and second to support proposal
Vote 10 yes-0 no support

Proposal# 219- Motion and second to support proposal
Ram horns should not be altered to conform to definition of a legal ram
Vote 10 yes-0 no support

Proposal# 220- Motion and second to support proposal
No need for unregulated power to search a business
Vote 0 yes- 6 no- 4 abstain oppose

Proposal# 222- Comments from Delta AC, There is no biological reason to require the antlers to be destroyed, some will solicit proxy hunts from disadvantaged people just to trophy hunt. If the meat is properly cared for and given to the person, is there reason for this regulation? Also added that only one proxy hunt per household be allowed and clarify in regulation temporary or permanent disability. Antlers from proxy hunts could be required to be turned over to ADF&G from proxy hunts as this is supposed to be a meat hunt for disabled people.

Proposal# 223- Motion and second to support proposal
There is no biological reason to destroy a trophy legally obtained on a subsistence hunt.
Vote 0 yes- 8 no- 2 abstain oppose



Susitna Valley Advisory Committee 2-18-11 minutes ()

Present: George Faerber
Pat Walsh
Steve Runyan
Todd Kingery
Bruce Knowles
Gary Foster
Gus Gustafson

Absent: (excused) Terrence Shanigan
Ted Schackle

Attn: Scott Cross
BOG
AC Comments

Meeting convened 7:10 pm.

Elections canceled: no public in attendance
Bruce acting secretary

Voted 7-0-0 for Bruce Knowles, Todd Kingery and Steve Runyan to represent the AC in Anchorage for comment and committee seats. Steve Runyan is designated to speak for the committee in testimony.

Gus moves, Pat 2nds all actions for the meeting.

Approve = A
Oppose = O
No Action = N/A

Voted 7-0-0 A to accept the findings of the fishery subcommittee. Bruce will type those out and add to minutes.

7:50 Bruce leaves to type up fishery notes. Short break.

7:54 reconvene
Steve Runyan takes over note taking

Hunting subcommittee of Gus, George, Pat and Steve went through proposals 39-70 on 2-11. Committee votes 6-0-0 A to adopt their votes.

Proposal 134 Amend to allow no more than 5% of permits go to non resident hunters. 6-0-0 A as amended.

Proposal 48: 6-0 A

Proposal 50: 6-0 A As per 48 vote, exclude community harvest provisions. Also amended to limit number of caribou taken by Tier 1 permit during the early hunt to ensure that draw permit recipients will have a chance to hunt.

Prop 71: 6-0 A

Prop 72: 0-5-1 O Minority opinion- (Steve Runyan) I can see the validity of having an area around a high use public area that is closed to trapping. Other discussion: Once one area gets closed, the domino effect occurs: next guy down the road wants his special place closed, etc etc, until no one can trap anymore.

Prop 73: Fish and Game proposes do not adopt. Little human/ bear conflict in the unit, lack of biological data on the bears, moose calf numbers good and moose objectives good. Steve- "If the bear population supports the added harvest, why wouldn't we approve?" 6-0 A



Prop 74: N/A 6-0 See Prop 107

Prop 107: Pass 6-0 as Amended: "A registered guide may maintain up to 10 bait stations and may maintain stations for his assistants, his assistants may maintain stations for the registered guide. A licensed guide must accompany a client to the bait station and remain in contact (radio or otherwise) at all times."

Prop 75: 0-6 O

Prop 76: 6-0 A

Prop 77: 5-0-1 A Fish and Game approves, agrees that there are high numbers of brown bear in 16. Steve- this is a reversal of department opinion of 2 years ago. Tim of ADF&G agrees.

Prop 103: 6-0-0

Next meeting scheduled for Trapper Creek community center March 16, 7pm. Agenda to include BOF and BOG Region IV notes, final comments for Region II meeting and designees for the meeting. Delegates to Region IV meeting and any remaining comments for that meeting to be selected via e-mail and telephone.

9:50 pm: Meeting adjourned

Fisheries subcommittee actions:

21. If there are enough coho salmon to support an expanded commercial fishery at a time when coho are one of the most prevalent species available, then the group believes there are enough silver salmon to maintain the present sport limit. Therefore, this proposal that would reduce a sport coho limit was unanimously opposed. 0-7-0.

102. Would increase mesh size for king salmon subsistence fishery to 8 /12 inches. An increase in mesh size would harvest a higher percentage of large females. Kings are already experiencing escapement problems throughout the Northern District drainages, and there is a very generous subsistence fishery with 3 openings per week. The group like the idea of limiting net mesh depth to 30. Proposal Failed Unanimously. 0-9-0.

103. There are already several provisions that limit the harvest of this small subsistence fishery. Proposal Unanimously opposed. 0-7-0.

Proposal 121 would prohibit commercial fishing within 5 miles of the mouths of Theodore, Chuitna, and Lewis Rivers. There are one mile closures around most stream mouths in the Central District, but hardly any stream mouth restrictions in the Northern District. With all three of these streams being considered for stock of concern status for king salmon, and with the king salmon sport fishery already greatly restricted on these streams it only seems wise that some type of stream mouth / tidal gut restriction should be established on these streams at least during the May / June portion of the commercial fishery. Unanimously support. 9-0-0.

122. This area was already voted to close to commercial fishing by the Board of Fisheries, but never actively put into regulation. It should be noted that although this area has remained opened reported commercial harvest in this area have been nearly nonexistent -- so a conservation corridor on the West side of Kalgin Island would correct an error in regulation -- but do little to pass meaningful numbers of salmon on to the Northern District drainages. Group Unanimously chose to support a Conservation Corridor to the East of Kalgin Island over this one. Motion



Failed. 0-9-0.

123 and 124. These seem to be the same proposal, and would create a Conservation Corridor to pass salmon through the Central District on a weekly basis during July and August. Under present regulations, when the commercial drift net fishery occurs on a twice weekly basis throughout the Central District of Upper Cook Inlet, Northern bound salmon stocks fail to make escapement goals on a regular basis, so the group Unanimously Supported these proposals. 9-0-0.

125. This proposal would dramatically increase the harvest of Northern Bound and Central District salmon stocks, and would eliminate all center of the inlet Corridor management that provides opportunity to reach goals in the Northern end of Upper Cook Inlet. Proposal Failed Unanimously. 0-8-0.

126. As the Board directed ADF&G to do at the 2008 Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting -- we would like the Board to once again -- prioritize that meeting escapement goals throughout all Upper Cook Inlet systems occurs before harvesting to avoid over escapement in individual systems -- and in particular in reference to point iv in this proposal, when ADF&G may be issuing emergency orders to harvest runs of sockeye salmon to the Kenai River in excess of 4 million. See Northern District Salmon Management Plan. Unanimously supported with the emphasis on meeting escapements before expanding intercept harvests. 9-0-0.

127. This would close commercial salmon fishing in the Western Subdistrict after August 9. The group supports minimizing commercial harvests of Upper Cook Inlet coho salmon -- especially at a time when most other stocks are present in low abundances. Unanimously Supported. 8-0-0.

128. Opposed -- this proposal would eliminate the present spawning escapement goals for most salmon stocks in Upper Cook Inlet. Proposal Failed Unanimously. 0-8-0.

129, 130, 131, 132 The group viewed these proposals as opportunities to expand commercial fisheries that would harvest all salmon stocks. Expanding commercial fisheries during this time of the season would allow limited commercial economic gain at the expense of the sport coho fishery. Many sport silver salmon fisheries have been restricted since 2000 based on silver salmon spawning escapement concerns -- while commercial opportunities were already previously expanded. Proposals Failed Unanimously. 0-8-0.

133. The group would like to provide real opportunity targeting king and silver salmon for consumptive / sport users. This would provide increased sport opportunity at a time when adverse impacts to the commercial fishery would be minimized by low abundances of other commercial important salmon stocks. This would help minimize the commercial harvest of both Upper Cook Inlet king and coho salmon. Proposal Unanimously Supported. 8-0-0.

134 and 135. Group has a problem with these proposal providing little information for the public to review before hand. According to independent scientific review the Yentna Bendix did at times provide a good index for sockeye salmon spawning escapements, while at other times because of high pink salmon numbers interfering with sockeye counts the index was not as good. Replacing the lower river sonar counts with upper river weir counts reduces the ability to manage the commercial fisheries inseason based on abundance. The weir counting method also has problems in that a significant number of Yentna sockeye salmon spawn in other areas besides Chelatna and Judd lakes -- so abundance of these other spawners would no longer be measured as

part of the sockeye escapement goal. In addition going to a multiple weir system creates a problem of what constitutes missing the Yentna River sockeye salmon escapement goal. Proposals Failed Unanimously. 0-7-0.

136 and 137. We are concerned that ADF&G's new weir goals for Yentna sockeye eliminate counting of a portion of the Yentna River sockeye salmon run, and request the Board create a goal that maintains 2008 escapement goal levels and allocations. At the same time we request that all escapement numbers used as goals be converted to reflect the current measurement method. Proposals Unanimously Supported. 7-0-0.

138. This proposal would increase harvest on Northern sockeye salmon stocks that have been having trouble making the Board established 2008 escapement goal and the out of cycle ADF&G changed goals. Proposal Failed Unanimously. 0-7-0.

139. This fishery when used in the past created conservation problems throughout the numerous Knik Arm drainages upstream of Fish Creek. That is why it was removed from regulation. Proposal Failed Unanimously. 0-7-0.

140. As applies to the Central District commercial drift net fishery the group supports this proposal to minimize commercial coho harvests. We disagree with the department's position: this proposal aims only at fisheries in the Central District, and those approved either by EO or in regulation to harvest sockeye salmon. Belief that a river's sockeye returns can sustain it should not be justification to have an Emergency Opener which catches a large number, statistically, of coho! We believe the board's intent is clear in the Kenai Salmon management plans that include "minimizing catches of coho and Susitna/Yentna sockeye," and that this intent is being ignored, as illustrated in the Emergency Orders referenced in this proposal. We also believe that contrary to the department's statement, it is very easy to tell when the sockeye return is ending and the coho return building. It happens near the same date every year, and a catch rate of more than 1:4 coho to sockeye is the key indicator that this has happened. Proposal Supported Unanimously. 7-0-0.

141. We believe in the concept of managing Upper Cook Inlet commercial fisheries to obtain the Fish Creek sockeye salmon escapement goal just like other established Upper Cook Inlet escapement goals. ADF&G makes forecasts for this stock on a yearly basis, a weir is in place to measure the escapement, and we believe achieving the goal should be a priority over maximizing harvests in mixed stock areas downstream. Proposal Supported Unanimously. 7-0-0.

142. Would reschedule the Northern District commercial king salmon fishery to start on or after June 4 and reduce fishery back to 3 periods. Sport fishing restrictions have been made throughout Northern king salmon systems, some type of corresponding commercial reductions should be made in order to meet king salmon escapement goals. Proposal Supported Unanimously. 7-0-0.

143. Seeks to reestablish the sport priority for Upper Cook Inlet king salmon and provide an orderly process for user group restrictions in times of shortage. Proposal Supported Unanimously. 7-0-0.

144. The group liked the idea of establishing a Susitna drainage king salmon management plan to more rapidly address the decline in king salmon numbers. Members of the group wanted to have both step down triggers and riggers to reopen or reduce restrictions when numbers of king



salmon once again return. Unanimously Supported in concept. 7-0-0.

145. Stalling Northern District commercial king salmon fishery restrictions until some undetermined time, only allows the stocks which are already at documented stock of concern levels to further decline. It would be nice to have additional information, however, these are stock of concern level problems-- at this time. Proposal Failed Unanimously. 0-7-0.

149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156 - Loosening these restrictions would increase commercial harvests of stocks of concern sockeye and king salmon headed for Northern District streams. Expanded commercial opportunity would reduce sport fishing harvest allocation as well. These are primarily allocative proposals to reallocate currently allocated stocks which already have trouble making escapement goals. Proposals Failed Unanimously. 0-7-0.

157. We prefer that Emergency actions going outside of management plans be justified. Proposal Failed Unanimously. 0-7-0.

158. Poorly written and overly restrictive. Would not allow maximum benefit from the resource while overly restricting all user groups. No Action.

159. One person mentioned a provision for subsistence priority should be included. Unanimously Supported proposal. 7-0-0.

160, 161, and 162. Opposed due to negative impacts on Northern bound salmon stocks which already have trouble making escapement goals on a consistent basis. Proposals opposed Unanimously. 0-7-0.

163 and 164. Support for the positive impacts of passing more Northern Bound salmon stocks North, so that escapement goals may be obtained on a more regular basis. Proposals Unanimously Supported. 7-0-0.

165. No Action

172 already opposed by Mat Valley AC.

174 - 194. The group wants to maintain personal use dip netting opportunities, and chose to spend remaining time on other proposals.

195. Amended to start the Fish Creek personal use fishery when 50,000 sockeye salmon could be projected past the ADF&G weir. Amendment passed with no objection. Unanimously supported as amended. 7-0-0.

197, 198, 199. Opposed creation of these personal use fisheries for lack of sufficient salmon to provide fisheries, lack of salmon escapement goals, and lack of post fishery escapement counting. According to local residents chum salmon numbers have collapsed over time throughout many parts of the Susitna River drainage as well. Proposals Opposed Unanimously. 0-7-0.

22, 23, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205. The commercial fishery already expanded out of the Coho Conservation plan, while the primary users have seen sport daily bag limit restrictions from that plan remain in place. If there is enough fish to provide extra harvest opportunity for non priority



users, then there should be enough to provide for the priority sport users to return to their previous limit as well. Proposals Unanimously Supported. 7-0-0.

223. Previously supported by Matanuska Valley AC. Proposal would create a Northern Pike Management Plan. -- Unanimously Supported by this group. 7-0-0.

289. Oppose 0-5 Jugging is a poor method of pike harvest, great for catching burbot.

284, 286, 287, 288. Support 5-0 We support all efforts to reduce pike numbers in watersheds of the Mat-Su Valley where they have been introduced illegally and are wreaking havoc on native species.

285 N/A. Above proposals accomplish the same, without the wanton waste issues.

As a committee, we oppose any expansions to the current commercial fisheries in the central district of Cook Inlet, even if there is an apparent over escapement over OEG goals, as interception of Northern bound salmon is unacceptably high already. We support the creation of a corridor to pass fish through Central District commercial fisheries. In no way should managing strong stocks on the Kenai and Kasilof overcome the need to pass salmon to the Northern District. We urge the Board to move the Stock of Concern status on Su/Yentna sockeye to management concern from yield concern. As a part of this change, we would like to see the department re-establish an in season assessment tool to replace the Bendix. The current method of enumerating goals that was adopted by the department in 2009, using weirs in 3 lakes, does not account for tributary and slough spawning, which mark/recapture studies show to be 35-40% of all sockeye in the Yentna. It does not give current in season data to the department that would allow them to make in season changes to intercept fisheries. We support the need to declare stock of concern status for many Susitna Chinook stocks, and are supportive of measures to reduce harvest in all fisheries which affect these stocks. We support the actions of the Department to reduce pike numbers in the Susitna basin. We look forward to working in committee to achieve the goal of increasing salmon returns to and productivity in the Susitna drainage. Our members represent the Parks Highway communities from Big Lake north to Trapper Creek, as far north as the Southern boundary of the Cantwell AC. We see the effects poor and sporadic returns of Chinook, Coho, Sockeye, and Chum in recent years have on the economy, the ecology, and the livelihoods of Alaskan residents in this area. Many Alaskan residents depend on their sport catch of Parks Highway stream, Susitna drainage salmon to meet their personal use needs. Many of us on this committee have lived through the good years as well as the recent years, and are sick at heart to see the decline of the once world class fisheries that exist here.



March 4, 2011

From:

Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee

The following documents are the Anchorage AC's minutes of the game sub-committee submitted to the full AC and approved at the meeting on March 1, 2011.

Sincerely,

Kevin Sparrowgrove, Secretary

Anchorage Advisory Committee



Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Comments BOG March 26-30

123. Oppose We support special weapon season for safety concerns when those apply and to increase opportunity when it is practical but feel allowing for a limited early bow hunt before the general hunt limited the rest of the hunting public unfairly.

124. Support

125. Support

126. Support

127. Oppose

128. Oppose This proposal has a never ending life. The population is stable and has a proven sustained yield.

129. Support

130 Support This is a under utilized surplus which poses a threat to the public.

131. Support

132. Support The AC has heard from the public on many occasions about both black and brown bears becoming a problem in the city. We are asking the BOG to set a policy in place to reduce the number of bears in the greater Anchorage area. (the area from Portage to Knik river) The Department feels that they are taking enough bears and yet we still see a rise in bear human interaction. We have had the garbage rules in place for a number of rules now with the most noticeable difference being a increase in the number of bears breaking into homes and buildings to get to the garbage that their nose tells them is there. We need a reduction in the total number of bears before we have a incident where children are waiting at a bus stop or playing in a school yard and a bear happens to come upon them.



133. Support We having a falling population that the board must address in a significant way. We have resident sheep hunters who feel a right to have some better opportunity in what is a road side hunt in their backyard. We have a state park which in the legislative intent was to be a place where Residents(Alaskans) would always have a place to hunt.

134. Support

135. Oppose

136. Oppose This is designed to give 1 or 2 guides a unique sellable opportunity that would be cheap to do but could give them a pretty good boost in earnings. While a better answer would be to increase opportunity for residents.

137. Support The region 2 manager points out that because we are in "intensive management for moose here that the Department has the ability to take up to 370 moose, but informs us that the bottom end of the objective is around 130. The problem is that the department continues to manage to reach the lowest possible take. The AC keeps trying to get the BOG to take some meaningful steps to reduces the number incidents of moose /human interaction.(car accident, moose hurting people, moose on playgrounds, moose over grazing their winter range) We are asking the BOG to set a much higher lower end limit of harvest in order to reduces the number of moose in Anchorage. The department routinely trots out a survey at this point that says people want to see moose, but this survey never finds out if the people of Anchorage want to put safety over "seeing moose". We like moose in Anchorage and believe we will always have them. We would like them to be more wary of people and fewer in numbers.

138. Support

139. Support as Amended We wish to include crossbows and muzzle loaders here.

140. Support

141. Support Liberalize



142. Support Liberalize

143. Support Liberalize

144. Support Liberalize

145. TNA

146. Oppose This is another unenforceable regulation for the feel good crowd and another example of the way this group admits in the proposal that their goal is to continue to get the BOG to go down this road one species at a time.

147. Oppose Assumes "facts" not in evidence to support. This is a unneeded restriction.

148. Oppose We first sought to amend to include all primitive weapons to remove the requirement to be in Port Lions or Old Harbor or Kodiak we feel the BOG must stop this rural non-rural preference that it created in prior years. The reason of which was to limit access by non local residents.

149. Support

150. Support

151. Support

152. Support

153. Support

154. Support

155. Support

156. Oppose

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160. Oppose

161. Oppose

162. Oppose

163. Oppose The departments job is to manage for more wildlife not just say there will be fewer so we want to limit opportunity more. The BOG has developed intensive management plans to increase numbers in many areas. Why would it now say we want to reduce the number of animals available for harvest and increase the number of animals for viewing only and take no other measures to increase the population? If that was a acceptable approach we would not have intensive management areas.

164. Oppose See 163

165. Oppose If we are not going to issue permit remove it till we can.

166. Oppose

167. Oppose

168. Support

169. Oppose

170. Support

171. Support

172. Support

173. Support

174. Support

175. Support Should be allowed statewide.

176. Support



177. Oppose We took a large amount of testimony on this proposal which was overwhelmingly against. Some info came from the BOG trail committee years ago. The local residents expressed a ongoing problem with Coyote and The Wild Sheep Foundation expressed a concern over a falling population of sheep in the park coupled with a dramatic rise in coyote sightings. This would also result in what would amount to another buffer zone. Lastly the proposer states in other considerations to close trapping statewide, revealing to us a different motive.

178. Support

179. Support

180. Support

181. Support

182. Support

183. Support

184. Oppose Needless red tape

185. Support

186. Support

187. Support

188. Oppose No effect just smoke and mirrors,

189. Support There is no Biological concern

190. Support

191. We support the idea of all the board's powers being returned to it, any condition the Department feels it needs on a hunt. Can be put on any hunt by the board at the scheduled meetings giving the public the ability to comment on or propose to put condition thru the board process. This is what the legislature had in mind when it created the board system. Had the legislature wanted the



Administration to have this authority it would have delegated the authority directly to it. By giving the Department these powers you subvert the public process and the separation of powers between the Administration and the Legislature. This could become a constitutional question/problem if allowed to continue.

192. Oppose We Continue to oppose the one-sided argument, it is always trappers who are ask to change while other user refuse to practice due diligence and care of their pets.

193. Oppose This proposal comes back over and over without the benefit of any real science.

194. Oppose See#193

195. Support

196. Support

197. Support

198. Support

199. Oppose these measure put in by those who oppose hunting in general are intended just to reduce hunting.

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216. Oppose After talking to the Troopers we found this Proposal to be without merit. They noted only one possible instance of this being a problem and that's was along the Seward highway south of Anchorage. They stated that because someone might put out a saltlick there it cause traffic problems. They acknowledged that the sheep came down to the road surface there for the graze that sprouts close to the road early in the spring. They also acknowledged that the ocean deposited salt along the bottom edge of the mountains there by force of wind. DOT verified that they do indeed use salt along that section of the highway. So even if the board passed this regulation it would not achieve the



intended outcome. It is unfortunate that the sheep cause traffic problems there. But many of our visitors and residents like to see the sheep along the highway. The only thing that will keep sheep from this area is a hunt that would be all summer long and any sheep and no body wants that. The troopers should approach the legislature about making it illegal to photograph sheep along a highway, or enforce the traffic laws on the books about parking or creating a safety hazard. This is not a good regulation.

217. Oppose This concern us has a attempt to make a charge where another charge already has been leveled. We assume that the reason someone falsified the information was to cover up a violation already committed. In which case they already have a charge i.e. (illegal antlers, taken in a closed area, wrong sex) if they already have a charge then they don't need this. The other possibility we found more disturbing if you measure a set of antler the day you shot it and measure it again 3 months later you will not get the same answer. A law abiding hunter might be charged simple because he wrote down the wrong drainage or accidentally circle female when he meant male. Lastly the department has on many occasions defended the harvest record data has a high confidence if that has changed we should hear it from the department.

218. Oppose Once again this is unnecessary overkill, a violation has already been sited, there are already stated penalties. Moreover if a defendant was found innocent, there is no mechanism in statute to return the game to the hunter. They must sue the state in court to get it returned and after that they will be given the monetary value not the game has the State does not hold on to the moose meat. This also applies if a prosecutor decides not to prosecute. Lastly they could confiscate game if the trespass occurred before or after taking of the game. You are on state land and shoot a nice bull moose. The animal does not fall straight down but runs a hundred yards where it piles up. You punch your tag, fieldress and pack your animal out but, you are disoriented and come out a mile down from where you intended crossing private property on your way. Even though you shot it on state land your animal could be confiscated. The troopers always tell us that this is not their intent but they are set to enforce the law we don't want them in the place of judge and jury.



219. Oppose There is a law on the books to cover this. Tampering with evidence. This is already a much harsher law than taking the unlawful sheep and we believe if a prosecutor would use this law on the individual or individuals involved this practice would end much faster than adding another misdemeanor.

220. Oppose This one has multiple problems. First it should be a Joint Board proposal taxidermist handle both Fish and Game. Second and most disturbing is the fact that the troopers want to get around probable cause and search warrant. Our forefathers stopped warrantless searches because it was an affront to our liberties that hasn't changed. If they have cause then they get a warrant. We don't need to reverse more than 200 years of the constitution because it makes law enforcement easier....that is not what the legislature had in mind when they formed the boards. If the troopers feel so strongly on this one again they should take it up with the legislature see how they feel about warrantless searches.

221. Oppose We can't believe that the department actually proposed this one. If by chance someone zaps a moose, bear or porcupine, So be it! We doubt there is anyone out there really hunting with one of these and if they are we don't think they will be with us long.

222. We oppose the destruction of antlers or any trophy

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224. Support

225. Support no Bio concern

226. Support

227. Support

228. Support

229. Support



230. Support has amended Strike options #1 and #2, remove from #3 “who personally accompanies a client at the bait station” And remove from #4 “and may maintain stations for his assistant.”

231. Support Drawing hunt only.



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133. Support We having a falling population that the board must address in a significant way. We have resident sheep hunters who feel a right to have some

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better opportunity in what is a road side hunt in their backyard. We have a state park which in the legislative intent was to be a place where Residents(Alaskans) would always have a place to hunt.

134. Support

135. Oppose

136. Oppose This is designed to give 1 or 2 guides a unique sellable opportunity that would be cheap to do but could give them a pretty good boost in earnings. While a better answer would be to increase opportunity for residents.

137. Support The region 2 manager points out that because we are in "intensive management for moose here that the Department has the ability to take up to 370 moose, but informs us that the bottom end of the objective is around 130. The problem is that the department continues to manage to reach the lowest possible take. The AC keeps trying to get the BOG to take some meaningful steps to reduces the number incidents of moose /human interaction.(car accident, moose hurting people, moose on playgrounds, moose over grazing their winter range) We are asking the BOG to set a much higher lower end limit of harvest in order to reduces the number of moose in Anchorage. The department routinely trots out a survey at this point that says people want to see moose, but this survey never finds out if the people of Anchorage want to put safety over "seeing moose". We like moose in Anchorage and believe we will always have them. We would like them to be more wary of people and fewer in numbers.

138. Support

139. Support as Amended We wish to include crossbows and muzzle loaders here.

140. Support

141. Support Liberalize



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142. Support Liberalize

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144. Support Liberalize

145. TNA

146. Oppose This is another unenforceable regulation for the feel good crowd and another example of the way this group admits in the proposal that their goal is to continue to get the BOG to go down this road one species at a time.

147. Oppose Assumes "facts" not in evidence to support. This is a unneeded restriction.

148. Oppose We first sought to amend to include all primitive weapons to remove the requirement to be in Port Lions or Old Harbor or Kodiak we feel the BOG must stop this rural non-rural preference that it created in prior years. The reason of which was to limit access by non local residents.

149. Support

150. Support

151. Support

152. Support

153. Support

154. Support

155. Support

156. Oppose

157. Oppose

158. Oppose



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159. Oppose

160. Oppose

161. Oppose

162. Oppose

163. Oppose The departments job is to manage for more wildlife not just say there will be fewer so we want to limit opportunity more. The BOG has developed intensive management plans to increase numbers in many areas. Why would it now say we want to reduce the number of animals available for harvest and increase the number of animals for viewing only and take no other measures to increase the population? If that was a acceptable approach we would not have intensive management areas.

164. Oppose See 163

165. Oppose If we are not going to issue permit remove it till we can.

166. Oppose

167. Oppose

168. Support

169. Oppose

170. Support

171. Support

172. Support

173. Support

174. Support

175. Support Should be allowed statewide.



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176. Support

177. Oppose We took a large amount of testimony on this proposal which was overwhelmingly against. Some info came from the BOG trail committee years ago. The local residents expressed a ongoing problem with Coyote and The Wild Sheep Foundation expressed a concern over a falling population of sheep in the park coupled with a dramatic rise in coyote sightings. This would also result in what would amount to another buffer zone. Lastly the proposer states in other considerations to close trapping statewide, revealing to us a different motive.

178. Support

179. Support

180. Support

181. Support

182. Support

183. Support

184. Oppose Needless red tape

185. Support

186. Support

187. Support

188. Oppose No effect just smoke and mirrors,

189. Support There is no Biological concern

190. Support

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201. Oppose

202. Support

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203. Support

204. Oppose

205. TNA

206. Support

207. Support

208. Support

209. Support

210. Support

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212. Support

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214. Oppose

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216. Oppose After talking to the Troopers we found this Proposal to be without merit. They noted only one possible instance of this being a problem and



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that's was along the Seward highway south of Anchorage. They stated that because someone might put out a saltlick there it cause traffic problems. They acknowledged that the sheep came down to the road surface there for the graze that sprouts close to the road early in the spring. They also acknowledged that the ocean deposited salt along the bottom edge of the mountains there by force of wind. DOT verified that they do indeed use salt along that section of the highway. So even if the board passed this regulation it would not achieve the intended outcome. It is unfortunate that the sheep cause traffic problems there. But many of our visitors and residents like to see the sheep along the highway. The only thing that will keep sheep from this area is a hunt that would be all summer long and any sheep and no body wants that. The troopers should approach the legislature about making it illegal to photograph sheep along a highway, or enforce the traffic laws on the books about parking or creating a safety hazard. This is not a good regulation.

217. Oppose This concern us has a attempt to make a charge where another charge already has been leveled. We assume that the reason someone falsified the information was to cover up a violation already committed. In which case they already have a charge i.e. (illegal antlers, taken in a closed area, wrong sex) if they already have a charge then they don't need this. The other possibility we found more disturbing if you measure a set of antler the day you shot it and measure it again 3 months later you will not get the same answer. A law abiding hunter might be charged simple because he wrote down the wrong drainage or accidently circle female when he meant male. Lastly the department has on many occasions defended the harvest record data has a high confidence if that has changed we should hear it from the department.

218. Oppose Once again this is unnecessary overkill, a violation has already been sited, there are already stated penalties. Moreover if a defendant was found innocent, there is no mechanism in statute to return the game to the hunter. They must sue the state in court to get it returned and after that they will be given the monetary value not the game has the State does not hold on to the



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moose meat. This also applies if a prosecutor decides not to prosecute. Lastly they could confiscate game if the trespass occurred before or after taking of the game. You are on state land and shoot a nice bull moose. The animal does not fall straight down but runs a hundred yards where it piles up. You punch your tag, fieldress and pack your animal out but, you are disoriented and come out a mile down from where you intended crossing private property on your way. Even though you shot it on state land your animal could be confiscated. The troopers always tell us that this is not their intent but they are set to enforce the law we don't want them in the place of judge and jury.

219. Oppose There is a law on the books to cover this. Tampering with evidence. This is already a much harsher law then taking the unlawful sheep and we believe if a prosecutor would use this law on the individual or individuals involved this practice would end much faster then adding another misdemeanor.

220. Oppose This one has multiple problems. First it should be a Joint Board proposal taxidermist handle both Fish and Game. Second and most disturbing is the fact that the troopers want to get around probable cause and search warrant. Our forefathers stopped warrantless searches because it was a affront to our liberties that hasn't changed. If they have cause then they get a warrant. We don't need to reverse more then 200 years of the constitution because it makes law enforcement easier....that is not what the legislature had in mind when they formed the boards. If the troopers feel so strongly on this one again the should take it up with the legislature see how they feel about warrantless searches.

221. Oppose We can't believe that the department actually proposed this one. If by chance someone zaps a moose, bear or porcupine , So be it! We doubt there is anyone out there really hunting with one of theses and if they are we don't think they will be with us long.

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224. Support

225. Support no Bio concern

226. Support

227. Support

228. Support

229. Support

230. Support has amended Strike options #1 and #2, remove from #3 "who personally accompanies a client at the bait station" And remove from #4 "and may maintain stations for his assistant."

231. Support Drawing hunt only.



Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

RC 66

February 3, 2011 Meeting

Members Present:

Steve Flory
Frank Neumann
Robert Caywood
Hank Hodge
Joel Doner
Phil Lincoln
Bruce Morgan
Jim Stubbs
Kevin Sparrowgrove

Mark Campbell
Greg Bell

Members Excused:

Zach Stubbs
Erika Wolter
Grant Klotz

Members Unexcused:

Suspended members: Wade Willis; Mike McCrary

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Chairman Bruce Morgan.

There were no questions and no public testimony present at the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting was approved.
The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

We had as a guest Becky Schwanke from ADF&G, the biologist for units #11 and #13.

Public testimony:

- #1- Alison Rein talked about the Board of Game Proposal #177, of which she was the author of this proposal. Her testimony pertained to the trappings incidents of dogs in traps on the trails in the area and the closeness of the traps to the walking and hiking trails. There was a question given to Alison about loose dogs on the trails in the Chugach Mountains around Anchorage. The trooper in Girdwood said that he would 2 of the trappers he knows of this winter trapping in the area. It was noted about un-controlled dogs getting in traps.
- #2- Steve Petruit talked in support of Proposal #177 as well.
- #3- Richard Person talked to us in support of BOF Proposal #117 and #118; BOG proposal #128 and #177. He opposed #128 and #177
- #4- Nathan Corr from Soldotna talked to us about BOF Proposal #168 as he was the author of this proposal. It was discussed that it was similar to Proposal #169 and 170. The consensus for our AC was that we would support #169 as its author was Joel Doner from our AC.
- #5- Don Hunley spoke to us and informed us about falconry in Alaska. Falconry is not a regulated form of hunting right now. The US fish and Wildlife Service will be handing off control to the states in 2014. The Falconry group will have more information on proposals to the state by April.

It was here that Steve motioned to have Becky Schwanke be accepted into the committee as a whole as we are going to go over the BOG proposals now. Steve will begin being the secretary for the meeting now to be part of the game sub-committee minutes.

The meeting was recessed at 9:55 PM and will resume at the next meeting on 02-15-2011.



RC 75

Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee Comments

BOG March 4, 2011

Proposal

1. Oppose Not enough Biological information and unable to support for a single subunit.
2. Oppose Not enough Biological information and unable to support for a single subunit.
3. Oppose Not enough Biological information and unable to support for a single subunit.
4. TNA Action on proposal #6
5. TNA Action on proposal #6
6. Amend and support: Amendment is to remove subunit 9A
7. TNA Action on proposal #6
8. Support Having the hunt on the books with the Department ready to issue permits when the biology supports the hunt is better then waiting fot the day and then getting the regulation.
9. TNA
10. Oppose Not supported by the biology
11. Oppose Not supported by the biology
12. Oppose The proposal seeks to continue the so called "rural non rural preference" This is contrary to the State Constitution and Case law requiring equal treatment of all Alaskans.



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14. Oppose This proposal is to far reaching to cumbersome and requires the concentration of to many resources.
15. Has the proposer the AAC withdraws this proposal.
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17. Support
18. TNA Action on 17
19. Oppose The proposer intent seems to be to muddy the water has we deal with allocation from one resource in favor of another. The board has clearly identified the promotion of one species over another with the intent of improving the human use which is the mandate of the board.
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21. Oppose. The AAC opposes any type of promotion of a community harvest scheme.
22. TNA. Lack information on the need of this action.
23. Support
24. Support. We support and would advise the BOG to eliminate the Black Bear Harvest Ticket Statewide.
25. Support
26. Oppose We support the reauthorization of the Tag exemption.



27. TNA We had insufficient information at the time of this meeting but could change subsequent to more info.
28. Support We support and would amend if possible to include Nonresident.
29. Oppose We discussed this at length, in the end coming to the conclusion that the salvage requirement was not overly burdensome.
30. Oppose
31. Oppose We felt this population was not yet ready to increase nonresident pressure.
32. Oppose We felt this population was not yet ready to increase nonresident pressure.
33. Support We see this has house keeping.
34. Support
35. Oppose See 36
36. Oppose See 35
36. Support We oppose the use of "the rural nonrural preference and support this proposal to end this practice.
37. Support No biological concern
38. Support
39. Oppose Bio concern
40. Oppose Not supported by the Biology, Agenda driven special interest group not inline with our constituents
41. Support Only has Amended Remove section IV. Before amendment it becomes a select group to benefit including some who personally know the AB.



42. Support We would like to see the entire area redefined has a nonsubsistence. Despite what the department of law would say we believe the court would have to find that the BOG has total control over subsistence game law has it has found that the BOF can determine subsistence for fish. We would like this tested in court and would like the BOG to step up to the plate.
43. Support
44. TNA in light of 42
45. TNA see 42
46. Support only has amended ANS to be the range of 200-400caii bou.
47. Oppose
48. Support
49. Support has amended to a ANS of 400
50. Oppose We continue to oppose this proposal and continue to question the board making its own proposals
51. Support
52. Support
53. Support
54. Oppose A statewide issue
55. Oppose Bio Concern
56. Oppose
57. Support
58. TNA
59. Oppose



60. Support

61. Oppose The AC oppses the CHP

62. Oppose

63. Support

64. Oppose

65. Oppose

66. Oppose

67. Support

68. Oppose

69. Support

70. Oppose

71. Support Amend to include the rest of the region.

72. Oppose These are not pets.

73. Support The department stated it would be unlikely to have any large increase in hunter take in the area, but still wanted to keep the bag limit the same. We attempted to reach a compromise at 2 bears but the AB still felt he wanted just one because half of the hunter take in 14A was sows. We see this has a favorable trend and without a real survey we wish to increase the take at least the minor amount the Department foresees. With the depletion of Dall Sheep in 14A and black bears being documented predators of sheep we need this action.

74. Support

75. Oppose The proposer intent seems to be to muddy the water has we deal with allocation from one resource in favor of another. The board has clearly identified the promotion of one species over another with the intent of improving the human use which is the mandate of the board.



76. Support

77. Support

78. Oppose

79. Support It is reasonable to have some hunts (especially roadside hunt)restricted to residents only when this was a registration hunt before we achieved the goals. The Department wanted this experiment which we lobbied against. Now the experiment failed, rather than tinker with this lets just go back to what wasn't broke.

80. Support We support this only if nonresidents are excluded. We strongly feel this should be a resident hunt only. This is a small number of goats with a small quota in a easy access area. Some hunts we should reserve for the constituent.

81. Oppose This is counter productive from where we want to go. We had a working registration hunt here before 7 days and then you had to go renew it or quit hunting. It was working so put it back.

82. Oppose We were puzzled why our sister AC would even suggest this, no biological reason or concern just a leg up for the lucky few, healthy hunter competition is a good thing. Also with the new "hot spot hunt" you could be drawn and never get to hunt but since it would be a cow permit it would prevent you from hunting in the general season.

83. Support We are looking to reduce this type of bull population in order to see any long term effect on herd bull makeup. This population is at the high end and we feel it is a experiment whose time has come.

84. Oppose The moose population in 14A doesn't warrant this it is healthy and growing.

85. Oppose The hunter is not now restricted to any weapon. If someone wishes to use a bow they may. No need to allocate anything to one group.

86. TNA Action on 87



87. Support Amend to include bulls has well.
88. Support
89. Support
90. Oppose Apples and oranges
91. We has the proposer withdraw 91 in favor of 87
92. Lack of information
93. Oppose
94. TNA
95. Oppose
96. Oppose
- 97 Oppose
98. Oppose
99. TNA
100. Support
101. Oppose See comments on proposer's other proposals
102. Oppose See comments on proposer's other proposals
103. Support Well planned out.
104. Support
105. Support We have found a general acceptance for this in the constituency.
There is no biological concern.
106. Support There is no reason not to start this black bear are fur bearing The
board should establish a season and methods. If the board doesn't want to do all



the work now at least establish a season and limit so that trappers can start taking bear.

107. Support has amended Strike options #1and #2, remove from #3 “who personally accompanies a client at the bait station” And remove from #4 “and may maintain stations for his assistant.”

108 Support We wish to talk at length with the board on this subject, it is purely allocative in nature. This give us a great ability to manage for full utilization of the resource.

109. Oppose

110. Support

111. TNA Action on 112

112. Support There is no biological concern , this is one of the most prolific and adaptable species on the planet, their impact is being felt by the heavy predation of ungulates to hares and their displacement of other predators such has marten and fox.

113. Support See 112

114. Support

115. Support Sheep numbers are down statewide. This addresses several concern which we hear from sheep hunters. It is intended to mollify some of the allocation issues we here from Alaskans and address these falling numbers. While there are not many ewes being shot we can't really justify any with the declines we have.

116. Support There is little to no support for anything other then full curl horn restrictions in the sheep hunting community.

117 Oppose We do not feel with numbers down statewide it is the time to start new sheep hunts.



118. Support has amended Remove 14A has this unit should be residents only.

119. Support

120. Oppose

121. TNA Action taken on 119

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Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2011

Meeting began at 7 p.m. at the AmVets Building in Wasilla

Members present: Mel Grove, Steve Bartelli, Tony Jones, Brian Campbell, Gerrit Dykstra, Mark Chryson, Bill Folsom, Andy Couch, Bennett Durgeloh, Jeff Tuttle, and Keith Westfall, Dan Montgomery,

Jr. Members present: Daniel Warta, Joe Warta

Excused members: Kathy Thompson, Ben Allen, Eric Beckman, Jr member Andy Goeke, -----
Guisepe Rossi, Kathy Thompson, Kathy Thompson,

Public present: Jennifer Ehmman

Andy Couch -- reported on the Board of Fisheries process. Below is the report he e-mailed to AC members before the meeting:

Att: Scott Cross
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Bob - Southcentral

2011 Changes for Mat-Su Valley Fisheries

The Board created a conservation corridor to pass Northern bound sockeye and coho salmon through the Central District commercial fishing area. The result of this change should be additional salmon arriving in Mat-Su Valley streams starting late in the second week of July and then continuing through the entire month and into August. This should relate directly to better sport fishing opportunities for silver, chum, and sockeye salmon, as well as increased escapements of salmon for spawning purposes. The Board also established a cleaner 1% definition of when most commercial fishing would close for the year in Upper Cook Inlet's Central District. The definition had some flexibility that would allow the commercial fishery to fish a bit later on years where larger than average numbers of sockeye salmon remained available in August.

In upper portions of the Susitna River drainage (the Talkeetna River and upstream) the Board increased the sport daily bag limit for coho salmon from two to three fish. The Board also affirmed the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (ADF&G's) authority to adjusted the Susitna River Unit 2 coho salmon bag limit by inseason emergency order.

On Fish Creek near Knik Goose Bay Road the Board created a youth only fishery weekend scheduled for the first week end in August, where anglers under the age of 16 will have the opportunity to fish for silver and sockeye salmon.

Also on Fish Creek the Board agreed that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game could open the Fish Creek personal use dip net fishery when the Department could project a sockeye salmon return of 50,000 fish past the Department's salmon counting weir. Previously the opening projection number had been 70,000 fish, so if a bumper number of sockeye show up this should allow Alaskan residents an extended opportunity to harvest additional fish. The Alaska State Statute definition of personal use fishing was also approved as the standard for PU fisheries throughout Upper Cook Inlet.

The Board approved pike fishing opportunities that would expand methods and means for harvesting these fish to include spearing and bow and arrow along with no limit to the amount of pike that could be



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harvested from the Alexander Creek system. Big Lake and Nancy Lake also had expanded pike fishing opportunities approved.

On the tighter regulations side: The Board closed sport king salmon fishing in Chuitna River, Lewis River, Theodore Creek, and Goose Creek, and also closed fishing for all species of fish in and around the mouth of Alexander Creek from May 1 - July 13.

From the mouth of Willow Creek closest to the state parks parking lot to a marker located 300 yards downstream the Board established an area where fishing from boats will not be allowed from May 1 - July 13. This area has been set aside for bank and wade angler use only during this time period.

In addition king salmon fishing in all of Unit 2 of the Susitna River drainage was restricted to occur only between the hours of 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. and the last 3 day Saturday - Sunday - Monday period of the fishery was closed (but could be adjusted inseason by ADF&G emergency order authority).

Expect more exact wording for these and additional changes to Upper Cook Inlet fishing regulations to be listed somewhere on the Alaska Department of Fish and Game website before long -- although where it will be listed on the new website is not known.

One final thought -- there is a concerted effort afoot to request the Alaska Department of Fish and Game move the Little Susitna River salmon counting weir back to the lower Little Susitna River where the Department could once again use it for timely inseason management of king salmon, silver salmon, and also chum, sockeye, and pink salmon returning to the Little Susitna River. Several Matanuska Valley AC members have signed a petition requesting ADF&G make this change in order to better manage our extremely valuable salmon resource in a sustainable manner. Copy and past the following link into your internet browser if you would like to view or sign this petition:

<http://www.petitiononline.com/lilsu/petition.html>

Dan Montgomery -- Gave a report from the Board of Game:

Airborne wolf control in Units 9B and 17 was authorized by the Board. ADF&G winter hunts for 14A antlerless were Adopted. Reauthorized predator implementation plan. Amount necessary for subsistence were authorized for wolves. 16B moose season will run from August 20 - 25. Eliminating the winter 16B tier II hunt was tabled as was allowing nonresidents to participate in the 16B hunt as well. Goat hunting for 14A was changed back to registration for both residents and nonresidents. Will allow guide/ outfitters to have up to 10 bait stations in 16B. CHP hunts for caribou and moose were adopted in Unit 13 with a unit 13 caribou limit of 1 per household for the CHP. The CHP hunt will be run by ADF&G. The moose hunt was reconfigured to 75 any bull moose permits rather than 100. Hunting 3 browtine bull moose was opposed in Unit 13. Unit 13 antlerless moose hunt was approved. Unit 11 went to a full curl bag limit for sheep rather than 3/ 4 curl.

Brown bear hunting over bait was rejected in Unit 13. Modified amount of wolves necessary for subsistence in Unit 11 and 13. The Unit 13 Clearwater controlled use area was amended to allow vehicle use on private property by hunters and to use highway pull offs. Dan Montgomery mentioned other changes the Game Board made as well, but the minute taker could not keep up with all of them.

Bill Folsom called for a 5 minute break at 8 p.m.

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At 8:10 the meeting resumed.

Bill was wondering about testimony for the Board of Game in Anchorage. Dan Montgomery is willing to speak to the AC votes on Unit 14C issues. Dan mentioned proposal 192 as a specific issue the committee wanted to support. Bill also mentioned that if anyone wanted to go in and talk to any issues they might want to talk with Dan ahead of time. 128 - 144 will be covered along with 192. Bill also mentioned that if members had other proposals we voted on that they would like to have Dan testify or make a point of emphasis on they should contact Dan with those proposals numbers. Dan mentioned a seeming lack of AC action on game proposals 197 -- that the Committee may want to put forth a position on before the Board.

Board of Game Southcentral Region proposal discussion

A motion was made and 2nd to approve Game Proposal 197. This proposal would allow same day airborne hunting for black bear over bait or scent throughout Region II and Region IV. Members felt that airborne access to a bait station was not any different than traveling by either a boat, off road vehicle, or highway vehicle when hunting occurred at a bait station. Motion was approved unanimously 11 - 0 - 0 and 2 - 0 - 0.

Dan may provide an additional write up on Game Board action -- or members can also look on the ADF&G websites for updates. Without any pressing reasons to meet -- this may be Matanuska Valley AC's final meeting of the 2010 / 2011 season.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Minutes take by Andy Couch



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee Feb. 16, 2011 minutes

7 p.m. start at Wasilla Amvets Building

Members present: Bill Folsom, Stephen Bartelli, Bennett Durgeloh, Ben Allen, Kathy Thompson, Mark Chryson, Gerrit Dykstra, Tony Jones, Guisepppe Rosi, Keith Westfall, Andy Couch, Eric Beckman, Brian Campbell, (Jr Members: Andy Goeke, Daniel Warta - and new Jr Member appointed at end of meeting to fill Stephen Warta's spot -- Joe Warta).

Members Absent: Max Sager, Dan Montgomery

Members excused: Jeff Tuttle, Mel Grove, Stephen Warta (Jr member)

ADF&G staff present: Tony Kavalok

Meeting started with pledge of allegiance

Jan. 9, 2011 Minutes approved with no correction other than those previously identified by e-mail earlier today. Minutes approved with no objections.

Members of Public

Stephen Darilek talked about Proposal 198 -- wanted unlimited daily bag limit for coyotes. Would align both trapping and hunting limits.

Randy Talby -- would like to eliminate trawl fishery in state waters and limit it in US waters beyond the state limit. Salmon are being caught in the trawl fishery without restrictions just guidelines to limit the catch. Randy said the trawl fishery has been moved out from state waters around Kodiak Island.

Bob Shumaker -- Alaska Frontier Trappers Association -- had some concerns about trapping proposals -- mentioned trappers support proposal 104 -- in addition Bob believes there needs to be habitat improvement to enhance moose numbers.

Mel Grove will write a letter to the North Pacific Fisheries Council in opposition to that group's restriction of allowing only a one halibut under 37 inches limit to charter anglers in a portion of the Alaska sport fishery. Approved with no objection.

Consideration was given to Ben Allen's letter to ADF&G concerning moving the Little Susitna River weir downstream where it could be used for in-season monitoring of both king and silver salmon. Wording correction was made and letter was approved unanimously without objection.

The JPARC letter expressing the committee's positions on expanded military exercises in Unit 13 was unanimously approved with no objection. It was mentioned that the Matanuska - Susitna Borough Assembly had been working on a similar letter -- but may be dropping the issue, so members of the advisory committee may want to contact their assembly representatives about this issue. The JPARC issue concerns increased low flight air training, ground training, and possibly additional base type construction within Unit 13. Reason given the military is interested in using

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Unit 13 area is, specifically because of road access. It was agreed carbon copies of the letter should be sent to Matanuska - Susitna Borough Assembly members as well. Mark Chryson will show Eric Beckman how to put the letter on Matanuska Valley AC letterhead.

BOF Representatives for the 2011 Upper Cook Inlet meeting: Ben Allen, Kathy Thompson, Eric Beckman, and Andy Couch were approved to represent the AC at the meeting and on various BOF Committees during the meeting. These fishery subcommittee members will work out individual responsibilities for the meeting amongst themselves. Ben Allen will be the committee member eligible for the state travel/ lodging/ food stipend. All testimony as complies with Matanuska Valley AC votes on Upper Cook Inlet fishery proposals and issues was approved. All these approvals were made unanimously by the full advisory committee without objection.

A motion to support Mike Crawford for BOG appointment was made with 2nd. The Alaska Outdoor Council was recommending Mike Crawford but no one was present to tell why Mike would be a good representative. Andy Couch and Kenny Barber mentioned they personally knew Lynn Keough, that he had been involved on the Anchorage AC and as a trapper, hunter, and fishing guide in the Mat-Su, Unit 13, and Kenai River areas. Bennett Durgeloh wanted to put decision off until more information was available on the candidates. Motion to table -- approved by voice vote.

SC Region - Game proposal 136 as amended at the last meeting to provide nonresident registration hunting of any sex goat. Amended motion passed 8 - 2 - 2 Junior 2 -0 -0.

Central SW Region Game Proposal Comments

50. -- for reconsideration --Motion to reconsider by Tony Jones with a second. Motion to reconsider approved by voice vote. Stephen Bartelli mentioned that AC had consistently opposed expanded opportunities for community hunts, and it did not make sense to support a community harvest hunt simply because it was included in a package with other hunt opportunities. ADF&G says this is a place holder proposal based on hunt that is on the books -- so proposal is for discussion of this concept. Brian Campbell mentioned he voted in favor, because he believed everyone could get something from this proposal. Tony Kavalok with ADF&G did not know what would happen if court ruled this hunt illegal -- again in 2011. Bennett said the whole subsistence issue is a mess that needs to be dealt with. Other Community hunts are in existence in other areas of the state according to ADF&G. CHP by court decision may not be limited by residence area or racial basis of the hunters. Stephen Darilek mentioned there had been problems with CHP hunts in the past -- but mentioned that he felt CHP hunts differed little from proxy hunt opportunities and he encouraged people to vote for proposal. Motion failed 3 - 9 - 0 Jr. Vote 0-1-1. Opposition did not want to establish a CHP opportunity that might grow over time.

105. ADF&G would support this proposal with a possible amendment. The proposal would allow same day airborne hunting of black bear at bait stations in Region 4. Motion passed 11 - 0 - 1. Jr Vote 2 - 0 -0.



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106. ADF&G position amend and adopt with ZERO bag limit until a later time after review of black bear trapping statewide. Proposal seeks to allow a 10 bear black bear limit for trapping. ADF&G's possible limit of 0 would seem to directly oppose the purpose of the original proposal seeking a specific trapping bag limit. Amendment to to add the word, "bucket," in front of snares and removed the limit number of 10 from the proposal made and 2nd. Amendment passed 8- 3- 1 and Jr. Vote 0-1-1. Proposal 106 as amended passed 7- 4 - 1 and Jr. 0-2-0.

107. Would remove the bear baiting hunting restriction that a guide must be at the bait station with a client at all times when a guided hunter is hunting. ADF&G neutral on proposal. Motion passed with no objections. Jr. vote 0-0-2.

108. ADF&G has no position as no biological concerns. Proposal would establish a regional black bear limit of 5 per year with separate individual restrictions for units with conservation concerns if needed. Motion passed 8- 4-1 Jr. Vote 2- 0 -0.

109. Failed 0- 13 - 0. and Jr vote 0-2-0.

110. Passed 13 - 0 -0 and Jr. 2 - 0 - 0.

111. ADF&G neutral. Would created an unlimited daily bag limit for coyote hunting in Region 4. Those opposed believed that there were not enough coyotes to where a limit past 10 would provide much if any additional harvest and AC had already voted opposed to similar proposal for specific units. Motion passed 7 - 5 - 0 and Jr. 2-0 -0.

112. Would open coyote season with no bag limit on an all year season. ADF&G neutral with no biological concerns. One member in favor of proposal said we were the only state that had any restrictions on coyote hunting. Member of the public said this type proposal would make wanton waste legal as hide would be worth little in summer. Eric Beckman mentioned coyotes serve a purpose keeping rodents under control. Proposal failed 1 - 9 - 2 and jr 2 - 0 - 0.

113. Would change the coyote season in Unit 13 and 14 to no closed season. ADF&G has no position. Motion fails 3 - 8 - 1 and 2- 0 -0.

114. ADF&G proposal to allow permit hunt for brown bears that would reduce Defense of Life and Property issues with problem bears. Motion passed unanimously with no objection.

115. Would change bag limit for sheep. ADF&G position do not adopt. Motion failed with none in favor on adult vote.

116. Would change the bag limit on sheep to full curl for all drawing hunts. ADF&G position Do Not Adopt. Opposed unanimously by adults and supported 2 - 0 - 0 by Jr.

117. Would create a late season archery registration hunt for sheep in Region 4. ADF&G neutral on allocation issue. One member felt archery would provide significant gained hunting opportunity with very little harvest. Motion failed 4 - 7 - 1 and Jr vote 2- 0 -0.



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118. Would require guide client agreement for goat hunts in Units 13D, 14A, and 14C for nonresident hunters only. ADF&G in favor as such a regulation already exist for sheep hunts. Motion passed 12 - 0 - 0 and 1 - 1 - 0.

119. Would implement a predator control plan throughout range of Mulchatna Caribou herd. Motion approved unanimously with no objection.

120. Would increase the Mulchatna Caribou herd management objective to a previous level that may have contributed to herd decline. Lower herd objective also allows continued hunting without going to tier II situation. ADF&G position do not adopt. Motion failed Unanimously with no positive votes.

121. Would allow aerial shooting of wolves in Units 9B and 17. ADF&G position Take no action -- because no agreement for such hunting on federal lands. Motion failed 0 - 3 - 9.

122. Permit Hunt Conditions Review by BOG, ADF&G and Public. ADF&G mentioned focus might be on conditions of antler destruction and required registration locations. A motion to amendment was made and 2nd to eliminate the requirement for registration in specific remote locations within Alaska for registration hunts. Motion passed 10 - 2 - 0. Member of the public mentioned that AC might want to make a distinction between residents and nonresidents. Amendment passed Unanimously 12 - 0-0 and 2- 0 -0. Amended motion passed 8 - 2- 2 and 2- 0 - 0.

A Break was taken at 9 p.m. and Kathy Thompson left at that time.

12. ADF&G position take no action. Motion failed with no positive votes.

13 ADF&G postion -- take no action. Motion failed with no positive votes.

14. Would establish a registration permit hunt for bull moose in Unit 9 A, B, C, D, and E. One members suggested support because the proposal does not require registration in specific remote areas, unlike other proposals. One member did not want to have the requirement for a registration hunt at all. Hope from the working group who put proposal forward according to ADF&G is to have better reporting of moose harvest. Lack of reporting of harvest was presented by ADF&G as a significant problem in this area. Motion passed 6 - 2 - 3 and Jr. 0 - 0 - 2.

19 and 20. ADF&G no recommendation. Proposals to establish amount necessary for subsistence for wolves in Unit 9 and Unit 10. Motion failed 0- 10 - 1 and jr. 0 - 2 - 0.

Southcentral Region Proposal comments

155. Would change the daly bag limit and season on coyote in Units 7 and 15. Motion fails 2- 8 -1 and Jr. Vote 2 - 0 - 0.

171. Would make a consistent bag limit of 5 wolves for Unit 7 and 15. Motion passed 11- 0-0 and 2- 0 -0.



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177. Would close trapping in Portage Valley. Unanimously opposed 0-12-0 and 0-2-0.

178. No Motion to consider.

179. Would eliminate the Resurrection Creek Closed Area. Poorly written with area identified in wrong game management unit. No Action.

180. Motion passed 9 - 1- 1 and 0 - 1- 1.

181 and 182. Motion passed 9 - 0-2 and 0 - 1- 1.

183. Would allow disabled hunters to use ATV's in controlled use ares. Motion passed 6 - 0 - 5 and 1- 1-0.

192. Would create a no trapping area around all state road and trails. ADF&G position Do Not Adopt. Motion failed 0 - 11- 0 and 0 - 1- 1.

198. Motion failed 5 - 6 - 0 and Jr Vote 2- 0 -0.

199. Motion fails unanimously. 0 - 11 - 0.

216. Motion passes unanimously with no objection. Sheep fed along the Seward Highway end up getting killed by traffic on the road -- committee would like to eliminate this situation.

217. Opposed 2 - 4- 5.

Central/SW Region Proposal Comment

222. Would review current moose antler destruction requirements for hunters hunting with proxy permits. ADF&G position Do not adopt. Motion failed 0 - 9 - 2 and 0 - 0 - 2.

Joe Warta will be take Stephen Warta's place as a jr member on the AC. Change made with no objection from AC.

Brian Campbell felt that since the AC had opposed game proposal 50 the Committee may have voted in opposition to all caribou hunting in Unit 13.

Stephen Bartelli mentioned that the committe minutes should reflect that the AC was only opposed to the Community Harvest portion of the Unit 13 Caribou hunt.

Next AC meeting will be a continuation of this meeting scheduled for Feb. 23 with topic of who will represent AC at the upcoming BOG meeting in Wasilla.



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Bill Folsom was mentioned an interest in having some type of ADF&G measurement of harvested bull moose antlers in Unit 13 to gain data on antler configurations of moose taken during Unit 13 hunts. Bill said such measurements might be made at little cost through using college level students or short term technicians. Tony Kavalok mentioned he would like the Department to have such data, but some staff members within the Department might object if their work load was increased.

Central/Southwest Region comment

231 A motion was made with 2nd to reconsider this proposal to add comments concerning Matanuska Advisory Committee intent. Reconsideration passed by voice vote. The following comments were added unanimously to the committee position of support of this proposal with no objection:

“ As the Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee understands the subsistence hunt system for Unit 13, the Board of Game can distinguish between subsistence users and has the authority to limit the number of CHPs in the overall allocation for subsistence. Therefore, the AC recommends, if the Board of Game finds that 100 permits for antlered bull moose satisfied the subsistence requirement before an antlerless moose hunt was adopted (since the CHP was already satisfied) all antlerless moose permits should be issued by general drawing permit.”

Meeting broke up after 10 p.m.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch



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Jr. Members Present: Daniel Warta, Andy Goeke,

Members Excused: Giuseppe Rossi, and Jr. member Stephen Warta,

ADF&G Staff Present: Tony Kavalok

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Jan 5, 2002 Minutes were approved with no objections or changes,

Chairman Bill Folsom passed out a list of procedures for how he would like to run the AC meetings to make more efficient use of our meeting times. Bill mentioned possibly having a timer to limit amount of time individuals would speak at meetings. Mel Grove and Jennifer Ehmman both mentioned they had timers with them tonight.

Bill mentioned he would like to have a two minute limit at the start of the meeting for the public to give the Committee information. In addition while discussing proposals members of the public may have an opportunity to provide new information not considered by Committee members after all the AC members have had an opportunity to speak to proposals. Bill would like to use voice votes as much as possible.

Max Sager mentioned to the Committee that even though he lives in Wasilla if the committee was to go back to MTA in Palmer that would be fine with him.

Bill Folsom mentioned that he would be making a trip and would miss the next (Jan. 26) meeting -- unless the AC were to decide to meet next week.

Steve Bartelli mentioned that he would like to have reasons why proposals were supported in the minutes. A discussion followed focusing on using a proposal that best matches the AC's wishes rather than modifying a proposal with an amendment, and that the Advisory Committee's action on some proposals may be to take no action.

Sherry Ehmman wanted to be notified of what will be on meeting agendas. Bill said that in the future the Advisory Committee would be e-mailing our agenda to Board Support, and it would be available through that mailing / e-mailing list.

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UCI → Andy Couch made a motion to approve the fisheries subcommittee positions. 2nd by Tony Jones. Approved Unanimously 15-0-0 and Jr Vote 2-0-0.

Mark Chryson mentioned other fisheries proposals that the AC and subcommittee had not considered. Bill mentioned the fisheries subcommittee could meet again before the next meeting and / or individuals could develop a list of fisheries proposals to be added to next meeting's agenda.



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Cindy Neubauer wanted to discuss proposal 72 concerning closing an area near Reflections Lake on the Palmer Hay Flats to trapping. She would like to see trapping closed within 1/4 mile of the trail around Reflections Lake.

Tony Jones made all motions second. 2nd by Jeff Tuttle.

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Proposal 71 would eliminate sealing of marten, lynx, beaver, otter, wolf, and wolverine. ADF&G supports except the Department would like to continue with the sealing of Maritn pelts. Motion passed 12-1-2 Jr Vote 2-0-0.

Proposal 72 Would close trapping within and area (one quarter mile of the trail) around Reflections Lake on the Palmer Hay Flats. Motion failed 2-13 -0. Jr Vote 1-0-1. Minority in favor felt it was a small area heavily used by the public and trapping within it could give trappers a bad name. Majority opposed did not want to see a continued expansion of areas closed to trapping, and at least one person felt that the beavers could be destructive, and trapping is one way to deal with problems they may create. ADF&G did not have a final position, but mentioned that the Hay Flats was created partly to provide hunting and trapping opportunities.

73. Would raise the limit to 3 bears yearly in Unit 14A. ADF&G feels there is no reason to provide additional harvest in Unit 14A, and that it might take harvest away from areas where significantly more harvest can be provided, and where predator / prey numbers may need adjustment. Motion failed 0-15-0 Jr Vote 0-2-0

74. Would allow guide - outfitters to have up to ten bait stations in Unit 16 for black bears. ADF&G position is take no action. Stephen Bartelli wanted to know if there could be a perception problem with providing hunting opportunities in a predator control area. Motion failed 3 - 1 - 11. Jr Vote 2-0-0.

75. Asks for a positive Customary & Traditional finding for bears and moose in Unit 16A and specific numbers for each. Motion failed 0-15-0 and Jr Vote 0-2-0.

76. Would open a year long brown bear season in Unit 16. ADF&G supports. Motion passed unanimously 15-0-0 and JR vote 2-0-0.

77. Would expand the predator control plan to include brown bear in Unit 16. ADF&G supports with an amendment to adopt within the Shirlyville area of 16B south. Bill Folsom suggested the Advisory Committee leave the amendment issue to ADF&G providing the specific input it might want. Eric Beckman feels this proposal is not fair chase, and he does not like it -- he believes in predator control, but feels other methods could be used. Dan Montgomery felt that the program should not be for all of Unit 16, but more specific to the calving ground. Tony Kavalok with ADF&G mentioned that predator control programs are not fair chase hunting opportunities, and in the specific area the Department would like to see the plan expanded to include brown bears, ADF&G was seeing a 50% predation rate on Moose calves by brown bears, even after reductions in black bears to partially address the issue. ADF&G believe that only removing adult bears from the population would likely stimulate the brown bear population



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further. Others would like to give ADF&G the tools to accomplish their predator / prey objectives. Motion passed 14 - 1 - 0 and Jr Vote 1 - 1 - 0.

Group took a 10 minute break at 8:30.

78. Would remove brown and black bear harvest from Unit 16 intensive management plan. ADF&G opposed. The Advisory Committee had previously worked for a long time to include both brown bear and black bear in intensive management efforts in Unit 16. Motion failed 0-15-0 and jr vote 2-0-0.

79. Goat hunting proposal. Take no Action see preferred proposal 81. 15 - 0 - 0 and jr vote 2 - 0 - 0 on Take No Action.

80. Take no Action see preferred proposal 81. All goat pressure currently occurs in a small easier to access area. Dividing the hunt into two areas as proposed in 81 would spread out the harvest and effort. No Action 15-0-0 and Jr Vote 2-0-0.

81. ADF&G could work off this goat proposal which more specifically matches the registration option the Advisory Committee prefers. Motion passed Unanimously 15-0-0 and 2-0-0.

82. Was proposed by this Advisory Committee and would restrict Unit 14 antler less moose drawing permit winners to harvesting only an antler less moose in that same year. The drawing success rate for Unit 14 antler less moose permits is very low because of the popularity of these hunts. Motion passed 15-0-0 and Jr. Vote 1-1-0.

83. Would create an additional 14A moose season for spike / fork bulls of Oct. 1 - 15. ADF&G opposed for lack of sufficient surplus bull moose. Motion failed 1 - 13 - 1 and Jr. vote 0-1-1. Minority vote wanted additional opportunity to hunt for moose.

84. Would require successful bull moose hunters to submit antler and teeth specimens to ADF&G from bull moose harvested in Unit 14A. ADF&G was opposed to the increased work load this would require of the Department. One member specifically mentioned not wanting to bring in specimens, and believed that outlaws would be outlaws and illegal hunting would occur no matter what a regulation said. Motion passed 11 - 3 - 1 and Jr Vote 2-0-0.

85. Would provide some Unit 14A antler less moose permits for an archery hunt with the hope of increasing opportunity and drawing success rates for all moose hunters participating in the drawing permit program. ADF&G comment: neutral on proposal because of allocative nature. Opposed comment: there is already an archery hunt before the gun hunt starts and believes no permits should be taken away from general hunt and given to special interest. Supporting comment mentioned although the Unit 14A drawing hunt allows for up to 500 permits to be issued, that number had never historically be given. Providing some permits specifically for the archery hunt (with its lower success rate) could expand the number of permits issued on a yearly basis and make permit winners of more hunters providing greater benefit for a greater number of hunters. Motion passed 10 - 4 - 1 and Jr vote 1 - 0 - 1.



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86. Would create a drawing moose hunt for any antlered bull moose in Unit 14A running from Sept. 26 - 30. ADF&G opposed, at least partially because the Department had not been able to fly their moose survey this fall / winter. Andy Couch mentioned that since the drawing permit opportunity had already occurred for the fall of 2011 this hunt would not occur next fall, anyway, and if ADF&G felt there were insufficient bull moose for a future drawing hunt the Department could always issue very few or no permits. Language within the proposal mentions a specific intent that permits only be issued for portions of Unit 14A with a bull to cow ratio greater than the Unit objective. If adopted this proposal could provide additional moose hunting opportunity in a manner where competition with general season moose hunters and biological risk would both be minimized. Motion passed 14-0-1 and Jr Vote 2-0-0.

87. Would create a winter registration hot-spot moose hunt in Unit 14A. This proposal seeks to provide an opportunity to harvest moose through hunting very specific areas and reducing the amount of moose killed by motor vehicles. ADF&G's proposal and support. The Advisory Committee had previously discussed this type opportunity in detail with the Area Wildlife Manager. Motion passed Unanimously 15-0-0 and 2-0-0.

88. Would reauthorize the Unit 14A antler less moose hunt. ADF&G supports. Although fall moose census was not conducted general season and permit harvest rates remained stable and moose vehicle interactions seem to be occurring at a normal frequency this winter so ADF&G is comfortable with continuing a conservative drawing permit hunt for antler less moose in the unit. Motion passed 15-0-0 and Jr Vote 2-0-0.

89. Would establish a winter drawing hunt for antler less moose in Unit 14A. ADF&G proposal and support. Previously discussed by Advisory Committee before submission by the Area Wildlife Manager. Intent is to harvest specific moose through hunting and reduce the number of moose / vehicle accidents. Motion passed 15-0-0 and Jr Vote 2-0-0.

90. Would close the 14A antler less moose season and open a spring brown bear hunt that specifically allowed baiting brown bears in Unit 14A. ADF&G opposed and mentioned the Unit 14 moose population provides one of the largest reported hunter harvests in the state for an area of its size. ADF&G does not see brown bear predation on moose calves as a significant problem limiting moose production in Unit 14A. Advisory Committee had previously voted to support antler less moose hunts in the Unit. Motion failed 0-15-0 and Jr Vote 0-1-1.

91. Would create a winter registration antlerless moose hunt in 14A and 14B. See proposals 87 and 89. No Action vote 14-1-0 and Jr vote 2-0-0. Opposed vote felt moose population in Unit 14B did not justify a winter antler less moose hunt.

92. Would create a Unit 14B drawing hunt for any antlered bull moose from September 26 - Sept. 30. ADF&G data shows a surplus of harvestable bull moose and the Department supports this proposal, but may offer an amended season. Motion passed 15-0-0 and 2-0-0.

93. Would change the moose season to September 1-25 in Unit 16B. Motion for No Action on Proposals 93, 95, 98 see 96. School opening date already overlaps the current season opening date -- prefers a season that runs later for a full 30 days through the end of September could



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better match hunter needs. ADF&G prefers that season dates align when possible. There was discussion as to whether there were enough moose in Unit 16B to provide a season of Sept. 1-30. One member expressed an opinion that there certainly should be enough moose for all hunters to hunt from Sept. 1 - 30, if the long 16B winter hunt Tier II hunt was closed or significantly reduced. Motion Tabled until next meeting.

Member Comments:

Andy Couch will not be able to attend remaining Advisory Committee meetings during the rest of January. He also announced:

Upper Cook Inlet Fisheries Informational Meeting

a meeting for Advisory Committee members and the public to get new fisheries research information from ADF&G staff in preparation for the upcoming Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries Meeting. The informational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. January 24, 2011 at the Public Safety Building / Fire Station off Lucille Street in Wasilla. For more information people may call Bruce Knowles at 495-4965.

Kathy Thompson wanted to know exact time and places for the upcoming Board of Fisheries and Board of Game Meetings:

Upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries Meeting runs Feb. 20 -- March 5 at the Egan Convention Center in Anchorage.

Central / Southwest Region 4 Board of Game meeting runs March 4 - 10 at the Lake Lucille Inn in Wasilla.

Mel Grove wanted to know if he should plan on chairing the next meeting and also wanted to know where to start with next meeting's agenda. Was thinking Unit 14, 16, and 13.

Other committee members wanted to be sure AC covers Unit 13 Game proposals.

Mark Chryson wanted to be sure the AC covers additional fish proposals that were not already dealt with -- specifically some of the proposals 172-199.

Mark also announced Donnie Darilek's funeral is set for 3 p.m. Saturday Jan. 15, 2010 at her dog grooming shop in Meadow Lakes Mall

Bill scheduled next meeting for Pandemonium on Jan. 26 -- but asked if group would want to meet next week at American Veterans meeting place. Some members expressed interest in meeting on Jan. 19. Possible meeting Jan 19 with a 7 p.m. start at American Veterans building out of Wasilla. -- Bill Folsom will check on meeting time and place and get back to AC members with a schedule and agenda which will also be passed on to Sherry Wright with ADF&G Board Support .

Meeting adjourned 9:58 p.m.



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Members Present: Bill Folsom, Tony Jones, Jeff Tuttle, Gerrit Dykstra, Mark Chryson, Brian Campbell, Max Sager, Eric Beckmen, Bennett Durgeloh, Guiseppe Rossi, Melvin Grove
Alternates: Keith Westfall, Ben Allen

Junior Members Present: Andy Gocke

Members Excused: Kathy Thompson, Andy Couch, Stephen Bartelli

ADF&G Representatives: Becky Schwanke, Tony Kavalok, Bruce Dale, Len Butler

Guests Present: Kenny Barber, Scott Lapiene, Peter Zazalinsky

Call to order at 7pm, Bill Folsom called for Pledge of Allegiance

January 19, 2011 minutes approved (given corrections applied as suggested per Andy Couch email)

Acceptance of Agenda: **Review game proposals #40-70 & #231, 228, 229**

Proposal 231. Authorize drawing permit hunts for antlerless moose in unit 13. ADF&G (Becky Schwanke) states the department desires to issue a small number of permits for harvest only in 13A, as the department's goal is for moose populations to not enumerate further in 13A.

Discussion: Melvin feels moose populations in 13A have not rebounded and asks the Dept. if the population objective has been achieved, while expressing concern about removing cows out of the herd. ADF&G (Becky) Expresses concern of overpopulation in unit 13A; responding that 13A had the highest moose densities per unit area and informs that the habitat in 13A is relatively poor- a boreal forest that has been void of fire. ADF&G (Becky) states that the cow population within 13A has been growing a lot, providing a surplus of cows. Brian states concern of overabundance of predators in 13A. ADF&G (Becky) provides that wolf numbers are declining, but there still is a lot of bears in 13A. ADF&G (Becky) provides that without initiating this hunt the department will slow down taking out wolves in 13A. ADF&G (Becky) reemphasizes the objective of the intensive management plan for 13A is to control cow populations through harvest. Melvin expresses concern about starting this cow hunt too early. Brian asks how many permits. ADF&G (Becky) states the number of permits issued is dependant upon annual surveys and the first hunt most likely will occur in 2012. Bennett supports this proposal as he feels it will provide another tool for the Dept. to manage the unit. Mark has a question if the Dept. can feasibly accurately survey the population. ADF&G (Becky) states aerial surveys have been occurring in this unit since 1961 with the same pilot for a long time; she feels very confident in the Department's numbers. The majority supports this proposal, as it will serve as a placeholder to get on the books, given the conditions and moose population size exists in future years to support this hunt. Under implementation of this proposal, there exists a possibility that all permits would go to community harvest.

Vote 8-2-2 Junior 1-0-0

Proposal 39. Modify the bag limit for Ptarmigan in Unit 13. ADF&G (Becky) Do not adopt- low

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Willow Ptarmigan numbers in unit 13 accompanied almost no Rock Ptarmigan.

Vote 0-11-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 40. Amend the season and bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13. ADF&G (Becky) Do not adopt.

Vote 0-12-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 41. Allow taking brown/grizzly bears over registered black bear stations in Unit 13D.

ADF&G (Becky) Provides that given part IV in the suggested conditions within this proposal (*Only hunters, and their relatives within second-degree kindred, who have registered active bait stations located in unit 13D, for each of the prior three regulatory years may take brown/grizzly bears over black bear stations in unit 13D.*) will limit this opportunity to 20 participants. ADF&G (Becky) states that there is a very healthy Brown population in 13D and given the thick cover dominating the unit, harvesting Brown bears other than on bait stations would be very difficult in 13D.

Discussion: ADF&G (Becky) Acknowledges that this is a completely new idea for the state of Alaska and would like to see more strict requirements than the current proposal provides. Brian would like to see an amendment to this proposal that would allow this potential new regulation to go in effect for 1 year. Eric states he does not like the way this proposal was written in that it only provides a new opportunity for a selected few individuals/participants. Melvin motions that the committee amends this proposal to reduce the requirement of 3 years to 1 year, in terms of time required in past years of having registered bait stations within Unit 13D. Mark seconds motion. ***Vote on Amending 1-10-1 Junior 0-1-0***

Guisseppe would like to support this proposal as he feels it would provide a foot in the door to future harvesting of Brown bears over bait stations in Alaska. Bennett states he is not going to oppose this proposal for the same reason, as would provide a good foot in the door.

Vote on Original Proposal 12-0-0 Junior 1-0-0

Proposal 42. Modify the Unit 13 caribou hunt and change the nonsubsistence area. Repeal the exclusionary language of caribou harvest for Tier 1 caribou. This proposal would like to see a nonsubsistence use area for a portion of unit 13. Creates a draw period for available harvest tags within this nonsubsistence area. ADF&G (Becky) No Recommendation.

Discussion: Bennett supports to get away from subsistence and would like to see this proposal move forward. Guiseppi does not see a reason to change as the current situation seems to be working okay.

Vote 5-3-4 Junior 1-0-0

Proposal 43. Remove the hunting restriction for Tier I caribou in Unit 13. There are no restrictions or other hunting opportunities within in the State of Alaska based on Tier I hunting within Unit 13. ADF&G (Becky) No Comment

Discussion: Guisseppe is against this proposal, as he feels everyone gets opportunity under current regulation. Bennett supports this proposal in order to get rid of subsistence. Bill agrees with Bennett Guisseppe motions to vote on proposals 43,44,45 collectively as proposals are redundant. Brian seconds motion.



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Vote on proposals 43, 44, 45 5-7-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 46. Set a number of tags for the caribou draw hunt in Unit 13. ADF&G (Becky) states take no action.

Vote 0-11-1 Junior 0-0-1

Proposal 47. Modify the caribou hunt in Unit 13. One caribou every regulatory year by Tier I subsistence permit. One permit per household. Any caribou, (by discretion of ADF&G) August 10-September 20 and also October 21-31. ADF&G (Becky) states the Dept. is in favor of eliminating community hunt.

Vote 0-12-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 48. Modify the Unit 13 caribou hunt. Repeal the Unit 13 community harvest permit hunt. All subsistence Nelchina caribou hunters would participate in a Tier I registration hunt. ADF&G (Becky) No comment, as is strictly an allocation issue. Bennett supports this proposal in order to get away from subsistence. Melvin definitely supports this proposal.

Vote 12-0-0 Junior 1-0-0

Proposal 49. Change the amount necessary for subsistence for caribou in Unit 13. ANS number set at 500 animals. ADF&G (Becky) States the Board of Game has struggled with ANS and agrees that 500 is a very viable number for Unit 13 subsistence. Melvin would like to support the Paxson AC (author of proposal).

Vote 12-0-0 Junior 1-0-0

Proposal 50. Review caribou seasons and permit conditions for fall 2011 and spring 2012 hunting seasons.

Vote 6-4-2 Junior 1-0-0

*Minority did not like proposal is written, but is in favor of the concept

Proposal 51. Change the horn restriction for sheep in Unit 11. Resident season- one ram with "full curl" horn or larger; August 10-September 20 in Unit 11. ADF&G (Becky) states there is no explicit conservation concern. Bennett believes residents would just assume shooting any sheep.

Vote 0-12-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 52. Change the bag limit and season for sheep in Unit 11. Would change regulation from 1 ram $\frac{3}{4}$ curl or larger to 1 ram with full curl horn or larger with season of August 8-September 20 replacing August 10-September 20.

Vote 0-12-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 53. Change the horn restriction for sheep in Unit 11. One ram with full curl (like the rest of the surrounding areas).

Vote 0-12-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 54. Eliminate the horn sealing requirement for sheep in Unit 13.



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Vote 0-12-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 55. Add a remote portion of the Tonsina Controlled Use Area to RG580. Include the area of Unit 13D south of the Uranatina River, east of a line running from the south fork of the Uranatina River thru the pass along the eastern most tributary on the north side of the Tiekel River to its confluence with the Tiekel. ADF&G (Becky) states this same proposal was submitted prior and failed. ADF&G (Becky) suggests do not adopt as current population size will not achieve sustainability with added harvest.

Vote 0-12-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 56. Open a resident moose hunt in Unit 13. 1 bull with spike/fork antlers, 3 brow tines on one side or over 50 inches, August 19-25. ADF&G (Becky) states same as proposal 59 and do not adopt.

Discussion- Melvin asks the department on the relationship of age to brow tines. ADF&G (Becky) states current Dept. data suggests that bulls in Unit 13 are taking 1 more year to reach 3 Brow tines than historically accounted for. Bennett would like the Dept. to have more solid information justifying this proposal before pushing forward. Max would like to know the bull to cow ratio for Unit 13. ADF&G (Becky) states there is a very strong cow population in Unit 13. Bill comments that he has been hunting in this area for 40 years and has seen a considerable amount of huge bulls (49") that have only 3 brow tines; furthermore it is difficult to find a bull with 4 brow tines. He expresses concern of diminishing return of legal bulls.

Proposal 56 Tabled

Proposal 57. Limit nonresident moose hunting in Unit 13E. Now open season for nonresident moose hunting in Unit 13E, no emergency opening of moose season in Unit 13E until moose populations meet objectives of the Department of Fish and Game.

Vote 0-12-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 58. Review the population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13.

Vote 12-0-0 Junior 1-0-0

Proposal 59. Add an additional 7 days to the current general moose season in Units 13B, 13C, 13D, and 13E, with a bag limit of one bull with spike-fork or 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on at least one side.

Combined Vote On Proposals 56 & 59 2-7-3 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 60. Establish a late moose drawing hunt for the Tonsina Controlled Use Area. Under this proposal a resident moose hunt in Unit 13D (Tonsina Controlled use area One Bull by permit) would be established for November 20-December 10. Additionally as this proposal is written, moose may not be taken within 2 miles of the Edgerton and Richardson Highways.

ADF&G (Becky) Do not adopt as moose are concentrated and easily targeted during this time frame. Melvin states hunt should be for AK residents only, especially if low numbers of moose in 13D.



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Vote 11-1-0 Junior 1-0-0

Proposal 61. Retain the Unit 13 moose hunting regulations from 2009 as adopted by the Board of Game in March of 2009 and before the emergency regulations were adopted in August of 2010.

Ahtna believes that as a matter of law the regulations in place before the emergency regulations were adopted will again take full force and effect after the emergency regulations expire in November of 2010.

Vote 0-12-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 62. Establish a community harvest hunt for moose in Unit 13. Same as community caribou harvest in 2009: 100 permits, any bull, August 10-September 20, spike fork, 50 inches, or 4 brow tines

Vote 0-12-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 63. Modify the moose season in Unit 13. Unit 13 moose permit season as follows:

September 21-30. ADF&G (Becky) Comments that the Dept. would like the regulation to stay the same, as this proposal will increase harvests when not needed for management.

Vote 2-10-0 Junior 1-0-0

Proposal 64. Modify the bag limit for moose in Unit 13. This proposal would change the Unit 13 resident hunter bag limit to: One bull with 50 inch antlers or antlers with 3 brow tines on at least one side. Additionally this proposal would have the season to remain September 1-20.

Vote 0-12-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 65. Modify the Amount Necessary Subsistence for wolves in Unit 13.

Vote 0-12-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 66. Modify the Amount Necessary for Subsistence for caribou and wolves in Unit 11.

Vote 0-12-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 67. Modify the hunting regulations for Unit 13. Outlaw any and all harvest of big game that exceeds the individual harvest rights and one proxy for a family member. Outlaw all community harvest program (CHP) and "hired-hunters" from taking game for another person except for proxy of one species for one family member.

Vote 4-2-6 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 68. Revise the Tier II subsistence permit point system for Unit 13 if the Board of Game fails to adopt a community harvest permit for caribou and any bull moose.

Vote 0-12-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 69. Modify the exceptions of the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area in Unit 13.

Modify the Clearwater Control Use area exceptions to include all drivable surfaces and lodging facilities of the Alpine Creek lodge.

Vote 12-0-0 Junior 1-0-0

Proposal 70. Restrict ATV use on certain trails in Unit 13B.



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Vote 0-12-0 Junior 0-1-0

Proposal 228. Open an archery season for moose in Unit 14C. Allow one moose per regulatory year, only as follows: 1 bull with spike-fork day after Labor Day through Sept. 30 -antlers or 50 in. or 3 or more brow tines on one side. Additionally 1 bull by bow and arrow only Nov. 20-Dec. 10. Melvin states he likes the idea of having an added opportunity to hunt. Bill provides he is explicitly against special hunts for special people. Eric says bow hunters already have a lot of opportunity.

Vote 8-4-0 Junior 1-0-0

Proposal 229. Increase available moose tags in the Anchorage Management Area of Unit 14C and increase the hunt area. This proposal would allow one moose by (General Hunt Only) drawing permit only, and by bow and arrow, shotgun, or muzzle loading black-powder rifle only.

Only between 20 to 50 permits will be issued. Hunt would be strictly for residents and would occur from Nov. 1- Nov. 30.

Vote 9-3-0 Junior 1-0-0

***End of Board Agenda-** Bill asks for member comments.

Bill provided idea of eliminating early hunts and that he feels the Dept. should consider collecting/surveying heads from Unit 13 moose harvests. Bill would be interested to know how many legal or illegal moose are harvested in Unit 13.

Eric commented on the military aircraft training expansion that would take place in Unit 13. He attended the recent public meeting at the Menard Sports Complex and communicated many concerns of this expansion to the committee.

*****A motion was approved by the committee to extend this meeting to February 9.*****



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Members present: Mel Grove, Steve Bartelli, Tony Jones, Ben Allen, Eric Beckman, Brian Campbell, Gerrit Dykstra, Mark Chryson, Bill Folsom, Andy Couch, Guiseppe Rossi, Bennet Durgeloh, Jeff Tuttle, and Ken Westfall

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Jr. Members present: Andy Goeke, Daniel Warta

Excused members: Max Sager, Dan Montgomery, Kathy Thompson, Stephen Warta --

ADF&G staff member Geno Del Frate, Tony Kavalok

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Frank Newman -- spoke in favor of proposal #134 which he had helped write. Proposal 134 would outlaw nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 14C. Also supported proposal 133 about Unit 14C sheep.

Motion to approve agenda. Amendment to add Nomination for BOG to the agenda. 14-0 -0.

Motion and 2nd to approve minutes from Feb. 2 AC meeting: Corrections --Take 2nd t off Bennet. Mel said Proposal 231 was a placeholder and if passes some or all of the proposed permits could go to Community Harvest. Bill said proposals 231 could be brought up during proposal process for reconsideration. Andy Couch requested that proposal 56, 59 and 64 need some comments in the minutes as to reasoning AC did not support these proposals. Mel Grove wanted clarification concerning an amendment added to the minutes from the previous meeting by Ben Allen. Mel Grove wanted clarification to proposal 60 that his comment was that the season should only be open to resident subsistent hunting for all Alaskans. Ben Allen who took minutes for Feb 2 meeting will make the corrections. Minutes approved as corrected with no objection.

Proposal 128 -- Geno mentioned that ADF&G comments should now be on line. This proposal would close wolverine trapping in a portion of Unit 14 C and unit 6 to wolverine trapping. ADF&G position: Do Not Adopt. Harvest for 2008-2009 season was 5 animals. ADF&G suggests transient animals also come through.

Motion opposed 0 - 14 -0. Jr Vote 0 - 2 - 0.

Proposal 129 would add marten, otter, and fox to list of animals that could be trapped on joint military base Elmendorf - Richardson and clean up regulations concerning the new joint base status.

Approved unanimously 13 - 0 - 0 and Jr. vote 2 -0 -0.

Proposal 130 -- would increase black bear limit to 3 bears throughout all of Unit 14C. ADF&G suggestion for proposal 130 was take no action but work with proposal 131. ADF&G has no recommendation for proposal 131 which would increase limit on black bears in only the remainder of Unit 14C -- as ADF&G does not know how many additional bears would be



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harvested with a 3 bear limit. Bennet Durgeloh expressed concern that he did not necessarily support expanded harvest within Anchorage itself and the park. Guieseppe said everything around Anchorage is by bow and arrow or muzzleloader so why not let people using primitive weapons harvest 3 bears if they want to try. ADF&G position is that bear population is healthy. Proposal passed 10 - 1 - 2.

Proposal 131 -- see discussion on 130 above. Proposal passed 10 - 2 - 1.

132. Would increase amount of bears available for harvest by 100 bears. ADF&G position is this would be unsustainable. One year road kill reached 10 -- but other times no road kill occurs. ADF&G did not know how many problem bears were killed last year in Anchorage by the Department. One member said he does not support having a significant bear population in Anchorage around the busy parts of town. ADF&G said some predation of sheep likely occurs from brown bears. Bill Folsom did not support an unsustainable harvest number like 100. ADF&G did a Anchorage resident survey in 2009 - 2010 of living with wildlife. Many people support living with wildlife. People living down town less wanting to see bears than people living on outskirts or hillside. Motion passed 6 - 5 - 2.

133 Would eliminate ewe sheep harvest, change the bag limit to one full curl ram only, and all permits would be reduced by one third in Unit 14C. ADF&G said changes were primarily allocative and department would be neutral on that aspect. ADF&G says reducing permits by one third would not be necessary for achieving harvest objective, but it may significantly reduce the amount of nonresidents who could participate. Andy stated that he would not support this as a round about measure for decreasing nonresidents from the hunt opportunity. Mel mentioned that nonresidents spend significantly more to hunt than residents -- and these hunts were just recently restructured to limit the amount of nonresident participation. Eric feels that non-residents should not have an opportunity to get a permit if residents want to get one of these permits. This proposal would reduce sheep hunting opportunity for everyone. Proposal failed 0-13-0 and 0 - 2 - 0.

134. Would eliminate nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 14C. Sheep population declined since about 2005, and are still below objective levels according to ADF&G. Because of that ADF&G has stopped issuing specific ewe permits. Proposal failed 4 - 8 - 1 and Jr Vote 2 - 0 - 0. Minority wanted a preference for Alaskans before nonresidents could get any permits -- especially with high numbers of people putting in for this hunt.

135. Would change 14 C goat hunt. ADF&G does not support as prefers stability of present system. Failed 0 - 13 - 0 and jr vote 0 - 2 - 0.

136. Would open a registration goat hunt for nonresidents in Unit 14C. ADF&G supports an amendment to limit number of nonresident permits by a percentage rather than by a set number. Motion and second for Amendment to allow nonresident to harvest male or female goats. It was pointed out that nonresidents may hunt with a relative rather than a guide -- and since telling sex is problematic for the average person the nonresident should not necessarily be restricted to harvesting a male goat only. Amendment passed 9 - 1 - 3. Bennet Durgeloh spoke



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in favor of amended motion. Kenny Barber wondered what would happen if nonresidents took all female goats --would that close season for both resident and nonresident. ADF&G explanation was that the counting of female kill by nonresidents would apply only to that registration hunt and the resident harvest of females would apply to the resident registration hunt. Motion and 2nd to table this amended motion until Feb. 16 meeting.
Amended motion tabled 11 - 2 - 0.

137. Would change the harvest objectives for moose in Anchorage. ADF&G would like to hear from the public. Most AC members wanted to see more opportunity to harvest.
Proposal passed 12 - 0 - 1 and 2 - 0 - 0.

138. ADF&G housekeeping proposal for moose on joint base Elmendorf - Richardson for moose hunting. Passed 13 - 0 - 0 and 2 - 0 - 0.

139. ADF&G proposals to have drawing permit archery hunts for moose in Edmonds Lake and Mirror Lake Parks in Unit 14C. City would allow hunts in these specific parks only. Bill Folsom expressed interest for additional money charged for bow hunters since they have additional opportunities available to them.
Motion passed 12 - 1 - 0 and 2 - 0 - 0. Opposed felt shotgun or something else should be allowed for those that could not physically use a bow and arrow.

140. Would open a year round hunting season for wolves with increased bag limit of 2 wolves per day. ADF&F would support an amended version.
Motion passed 12 - 0 - 1 and 2 - 0 - 0.

141, 142, 143, 144 proposals reauthorizing antlerless moose hunts in Unit 14C. ADF&G proposals supported by the Department to continue hunts as currently configured.
Motion passed supporting all four proposals 13 - 0 - 0 and 2 - 0 - 0.

184. Would replace deer harvest survey with harvest reports.
Approved 13 - 0 - 0 and 2 - 0 - 0.

185. Would allow increased black bear limit region wide. 9 - 4 - 0 and 2 - 0 - 0. Opposed felt there could be sustainability issue.

186. Would allow same day airborne for black bear hunting at bait stations within region 2.
Passed 12 - 0 - 1 and 2 - 0 - 0.

187. Would establish a trapping bag limit of 10 bear with specific trapping methods only within Unit 2. ADF&G position -- Take no action while gather public feelings of issue on a statewide basis.

Amendment to remove 72 hour trap check from the proposal. Guisepppe mentioned the difficulties of having a bear caught in a snare with no time limits as to the checking of the snare - he felt it was very important that it be left intact. Amendment failed 2- 11 - 0 and 0 - 2 - 0.



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Amendment to add the word "bucket" in front of snares to be checked every 72 hours.

Amendment passed 7 - 2 - 4. Kenny Barber suggested voting no on the motion and leaving the bear trapping issue alone -- except for in predator control programs. Guieseppe spoke in favor. Amended motion passes 10 - 1 - 2 and Jr 1 - 1 - 0.

188. would change bag limit to no limit for coyote in Region 2.
Motion failed 6 - 7 - 0 and 1- 1- 0 Jr. vote. One member in favor liked that a closed season would be maintained.

189. Would change coyote season to no closed season and limit to no limit.
Motion failed 2- 9 -2 and 1 -0- 1. One member wanted to know if ADF&G had evidence of coyotes eating other fur bearers --- ADF&G representative did not know if it occurred -- but said they had documentation of sheep predation by coyotes. ADF&G says coyote population is stable but does not see them as getting "out of control."

190. Would change legal animals for sheep in Region 2.
Opposed 0 - 12 - 1 and 0 - 2- 0.

191. Discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures review for potential repeal.
Committee members were wondering what they would be supporting with this proposal.
Motion passes 6 - 1- 6 and Jr vote 1- 1.

Proposal 50 for reconsideration motion by Mel Groves, and 2nd.
Motion fails 5 - 6 - 2.

Possible reconsideration Proposal 231 -- one moose per year. one moose by antlerless permit up to 200 permits may be issued. Season of Sept. 1 - Sept. 20. If adopted would not happen until 2012 according to ADF&G. No motion made.

Board Comments --

Mel wanted to know when members would like the 40 mile caribou season to open -- Bill suggested members let him know by e-mail.

Permit drawing hunt information should be available by March 1.

Ben Allen requested opportunity to represent the Advisory Committee at the upper Cook Inlet Board of Fisheries meeting on BOF Committee G.

Bill mentioned air training comments would be accepted through an additional two weeks from Feb. 18. Bill and other members of the committee oppose unconditional support.

Recommendations for BOG seat to be considered at next meeting.

Bill requested review of remaining proposals. Region 4 proposal deadlines come up first before Region 2 so proposals should be done accordingly.



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Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 16 at Wasilla Amvets.

Andy Couch was assigned by Bill Folsom to organize Board of Fisheries Representation for the AC.

Meeting adjourned at 10 :05 p.m.



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MEMBERS PRESENT: Karl Romig, Ed Holsten, Kyle Kolodziejski, John Pearson, George Heim, Dr. James Givens, Robert Gibson, Billy Coulliette, Gerald Neis

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED: Colin Lowe, Bob Overman, Mike Adams

QUOROM PRESENT: Yes

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: None

GENERAL PUBLIC PRESENT: None

TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:08 PM

1. ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. REPORT FROM ADFG- NONE

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS Election of Officers: All in favor of electing George Heim as Co-chair.

A. Game Proposals for Southcentral Board of Game meeting

177: Amend as follows: No trapping within 150 feet of any homes, roads and trails within mile post 53 east Sterling Highway to mile post 43 Sterling Highway (power line crossing of Sterling Highway/Quartz Creek and the north end of Russian Gap subdivision). This includes all of Bean Creek Road; to mile 2.5 of Snug Harbor Road, to mile 3 of Quartz Creek Road) and all Kenai Peninsula Borough Roads and trails within these boundaries.

149: All in favor. It allows good opportunity before freeze up.

151: 8 in favor: The harvest of more black bears would be insignificant, 1 opposed: More would be better.

150: No action based on 151.

154: 8 oppose: feel fish and game are doing a good job, 1 in favor.

157: 2 support: good idea to get more moose in the woods, 7 oppose: not a significant answer.

158: All opposed, not necessary.

159: All opposed, leaving spike fork would not help moose population.



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160: No action based on 159

161: 3 support: it will help poaching, 6 opposed: sealing horns not necessary, poachers will still poach.

162: 4 opposed: spend money on habitat enhancement, not enforcement. 5 support: moose sealing check station a good idea to deter poaching.

163: All opposed: spend money on a comprehensive management plan.

164: All opposed: don't think this will help build population

165, 168, 100, 88: All in favor of reauthorization of antler less hunts.

166, 167: No action based on 158 & 164

169: No action based on previous no antler proposals.

170: All support: We think some kind of plan should be instigated.

171: 8 support: The taking of wolves should be open in entire unit for less confusion. 1 abstained.

172: All opposed: Just let hunters do the population control. Too much human activity in woods to do aerial hunts.

173: 3 support, 6 opposed: too much stuff.

174: 2 support, 7 opposed: Not a great management tool.

175: 9 opposed: Not a good idea for predatory control. Harder to identify targets/game.

178: 3 opposed. 6 support: good idea for hunting safety/older people.

179: All opposed: It is closed for a reason, not broke, don't fix it.



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183: All opposed: Where do you draw the line?

186: 1 abstain, 8 support: no harm in or real advantage in.

188: All in favor, Not a real problem, coyote population will always bounce back.

189: No action based on 188.

214: 7 support: it will help for those that abuse the rules. 2 opposed

215: 8 support: it might help more people try at a permit.

216: All support: It should be unlawful to feed wildlife.

217: All support: You shouldn't lie on any state documents.

218: All opposed: too tight of a loop.

220: All opposed: Too much regulation, must have probable cause.

222: All support: Antler destruction is ridiculous.

223: All support: Just because you happen to get a set of antlers, doesn't mean you should destroy it. It shows no respect for animals.



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Proposal #39--- All against. Biologist wants more information before making the season longer.

#40--- 1 for 5 against. 5 like the current law, one thinks there are not enough bears.

#41--- 6 for. Allow this because it can be closely monitored and it is for a small area.

#42--- 6 against. Didn't feel this would work.

#43--- 6 against. We think this needs to be there to keep hunting pressure at bay.

#44--- No action was taken on this one.

#45--- No action was taken on this one.

#46--- 6 for with the Copper Basin Advisory amendments. This could make this hunt more desirable.

#47--- 6 against. Didn't think this would work due to current trends.

#48--- 1 for, 5 against. Majority felt this is a law issue.

#49--- 5 for, 1 against. Feel this would make the regs more predictable.

#50--- No action.

#51--- 6 against. Felt this may push out any nonresident hunting because the take would go to low.

#52--- Same as #51

#53--- Same as #51

#54--- 6 against. We felt that since fish & game employees enforce the law they could make the call on the legality of rams.

#55--- 6 against. Biologist felt this was a bad idea and we went with

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her recommendation.

#56--- 6 against. Felt this was a little to liberal.

#57--- 6 against. Went with the biologist's recommendation.

#58--- No action was taken on this proposal.

#59--- Same as #58

#60--- 6 against. We wanted to leave this area alone.

#61--- No action was taken on this one.

#62--- 6 against. Didn't feel this would work that early in the year.

#63--- 6 against. We feel that is to late to harvest moose as they are deep in rut at that time.

#64--- 1 for, 5 against. The majority felt that too many moose would be harvested.

#65--- 6 against. We didn't feel that there is a subsistence issue with wolves.

#66--- 6 against. Same as #65

#67--- 6 against. We didn't feel that this was an issue.

#68--- No action was taken on this one.

#69--- 6 for with dept. exceptions.

#70--- 6 against. Biologist felt that a little more pressure would not be a bad thing in this area and we agreed with that.

#109--- 6 against. We felt that there is still a need for random opportunity to take a bear in these areas that no tag fees encourage.



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#110--- 6 for. Same as #109.

#192--- 6 against. Law would be to broad. Maybe for some roads in urban areas but not everywhere.

#196--- 6 for. We agreed and the biologist said they really don't need the extra information.

#218--- 6 against. This seems to be way to broad a law. To easy to abuse and may be unconstitutional.

#219--- 6 against. We don't feel there is a need for this law.

#220--- 6 against. Same as #218

#231--- 5 for 1 against. After a lengthy discussion we concurred with our biologist that this would be a good tool to have with the understanding that it would be closely monitored. One voted against on principle.



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Members present, Marty Cares Pres. Don Holum sec. Bruce Gore Marie Gore Gordon Carlson and Ray Adkins

Members absent Excused Lance Williams Caleb Holum

Members absent unexcused: Jef Burney

Public present: none

ADF&G staff present: none

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Meeting was called to order by Marty Caress at 7:10 pm
Minutes from previous meeting were discussed and approved.

Board of Game proposal discussion

Proposal 220

This proposal was discussed and the general feeling of the board was it was not necessary, and it gave the state troopers too much right to invade people's privacy,

A motion was made to support measure 220

0—for 6--against failing unanimous

Most opposed because they felt it was a gross waste of state funds. There were no comments in support of this measure

Proposal 64:

Discussion involved that there are quite a number of sub 50 inch bulls in unit 13E that have three brow tines. Most felt that this proposal would harm the moose pop. in 13E.

It was moved and seconded to adopt proposal 64:

2—for 4--Against

The voters for this proposal were in favor of 64 because it would make it easier to harvest a Moose. Those against voiced the concern that this measure would harm the population of moose in 13E.

Proposal 69

This proposal was discussed briefly and the board decided to table comments on this proposal.

The issue of cow moose hunting was discussed and there were concerns about not enough documentation on moose numbers in unit 13E to consider a cow moose hunt. The board decided to table this discussion for a later date.

There was no further discussion and the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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Denali Fish & Game Advisory Committee January 31, 2011

Members Present: Marty Caress, Gordon Carlson, Don Holum, Caleb Holum, Bruce Gore, J Marie Gore, Lance Williams, Jeff Burney

Members Absent Excused: Jedd Harms (resigned), Ray Atkins,

Members Absent Unexcused: None

Public Present: Trooper Ralph Lysdahl

ADF&G Staff Present: Sherry Wright

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Elections were held with the following results: Bruce Gore, Gordon Carlson, Lance Williams for three year seats and Caleb Holum for a one year seat.

Officer elections were held with the following results: Marty Caress, Chair; Lance Williams, Vice Chair; Don Holum, Secretary.

The committee had a discussion of having monthly meetings to stay more active and current on issues that affect the area. Suggestions were to contact the chair if there was an issue they wanted to discuss, use of emails to keep each other updated on information and just conversations at the Post Office, etc

Lance has harvest rates of moose from 2000 to date and did a survey of Cantwell area this year. He has them as an Excel spreadsheet and can email it to anyone interested.

The committee appreciated having the local area biologist at the last meeting for the data and information she was able to provide. They would appreciate getting data prior to the meeting when possible. If there is enough information to create proposals, there should be enough information to provide the public.

Denali SRC meeting is coming up soon and the question was raised if anyone has anything they want brought up at that. There was a question as to whether the Parks Service has come out in support of Proposal 40. There's an average of 2 bear harvested in the Park annually. A comment of who to contact to find out about the bear harvest quota was suggested. SRC meeting is last week of February.

Tier I applications totaled around 7500, so concern of emergency closures was brought up.

Board of Game proposal comments

Glennallen Area – Units 11 and 13

39. Modify the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 13.



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Discussion: Agrees with the proponent because doesn't like stopping at Susitna River when there is so many right across the river. There is a lot fewer ptarmigan than historically seen. Would prefer the extended season with a lower bag limit. There is a preference to defer the 13B portion to the local Paxson AC. The ptarmigan feed the fox and marten and those populations seem to be down. Members would like to get more information. Snowmachine activity is believed to be one of the reasons we see so few ptarmigan, as the tracks are in the ptarmigan area. It is believed that it's a combination of several things. Displacement of good habitat may be another problem. Opposition on the amendment was because of wanting the extended season in 13B & E, but does support lower bag limit.

Amendment: Shorten the season to February 15 in 13E and reduce the bag limit to 5 per day/10 in possession. 6-1-1

Action: 7-1 Support

40. Amend the season and bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13.

Discussion: This will unnecessarily prohibit Alaskans from hunting bears. Moose populations are not up to the 1990 levels. Depending on the browse or the studies that are done, the numbers of caribou seem to be arbitrary in this proposal. There are conflicting issues within the proposal. Doubtful that area biologists have made statements about population "sink". Through personal observation we see adequate numbers of grizzly and is very one-sided.

Action: 0 - 8 Opposed

49. Modify the Amount Necessary Subsistence for Caribou in Unit 13.

Discussion: The numbers that the local AC was comfortable with was 400 - 600. The committee believes the board prefers a range, but the 500 number is within that range.

Action: 8-0 Support

51. Modify the horn restriction for sheep in Unit 11.

Discussion: Reasoning is valid to change to full curl. There is a lot of discrepancy in the way the curl is defined, based on the eye of the beholder. This will align the legal harvest.

Action: 8 - 0 Support

52. Amend bag limit and season for sheep in Unit 11.

Discussion: Same comments as 51. Makes a good point of potential abuse.

Action: 8 - 0 Support

53. Modify the horn restriction for sheep in Unit 11.

Discussion: Same comments on 51.

Action: 8 - 0 Support

54. Eliminate the horn sealing requirement for sheep in Unit 13.

Discussion: There is a good deal of information that is acquired by sealing. Disagree with harvest of any ram with harvest ticket only - no limit of the number of hunters. This would decimate the sheep population. This doesn't help the trophy hunter, it doesn't help game management. The committee doesn't understand why other states have the ability to determine the age of a sheep, but here in Alaska we aren't able to.

Action: 0-5-3 Opposed

65. Modify the Amount Necessary Subsistence for wolves in Unit 13.

Discussion: This proposal makes no sense. It is basically opposing predator control, which has already been put in place, extended.



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Action: 0-8 Opposed

66. Modify the Amount Necessary for Subsistence for caribou and wolves in Unit 11.

Discussion: Same comments as Proposal 65.

Action: 0-8 Opposed

220. Provide authority to the Alaska Wildlife Troopers to inspect licensed taxidermy businesses.

Discussion: Prefer their sealing agent license be removed rather than the invasion of their space. There may be a lot of sub-legal animals being funneled out of state through taxidermy businesses, but this proposal seems too invasive. How often would they be visited. An honest taxidermist is not going to be worried about this.

Action: Defer to next meeting.

AC approved Marty Caress to represent them at the Board of Game meeting in Wasilla.

Next meeting will tentatively Feb 21 at the Cantwell School to continue preparation of comment for Board of Game proposals. Meeting adjourned at 10 pm.



Sherry, The minutes were not reviewed by myself as was agreed upon when Don Holum became our new Secretary, so to put a couple of items in order.

(1) Jeff Burney was excused, as were Lance Williams and Caleb Holum.

(2) In regard to the cow Moose hunt, NOT in Unit 13 E, this was pointed out before discussion, much was discussed in regard to opening the areas Becky had identified. More specific information as to the exact areas was wanted. One item of concern was, although these areas have recently repopulated to late 1989-90 populations, this end result of this winters snowfall needs to be seen before enacting any cow hunt. If this issue fails we are sure it will come before the board again.

(3) proposal 220- Discussion included enforcement officers could spend more time 'off the road' and in the field. Better preventive methods require assertive

measures, thus possibly reducing the chance of a illegal animal reaching a taxidermist.

I WILL make sure the minutes are presented to me for review before sending any future AC meeting minutes.

Take care,

Marty Caress



Homer Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:10PM

Members present: Marvin Peters(Chair),Trina B. Fellows(Sec),Tom Young(Vice)
Michael Craig, Lee Martin, George Matz, Joey Allred, Dave Lyon, Tabor Ashment, Gus Van
Dyke, Thomas Hagberg, Skip Avril, Jim Gladish.

Member Cliff Calkins has resigned.

Alternate Joey Allred has stepped up to Member.

Excused: Jim Meesis & Gary Sinnhuber

Guest: Meryl Wolford, E.Steve Walli, Lynn Whitmore & Paul McConnell (AWT)

F&G Game Biologist: Thomas McDonough.

Proposal 193 (Vice) Tom Young wanted to revisit. 5 Favor 5 Oppose 3 Abstain
Amend: insert goldeneye in line with sea duck. No more than 4 goldeneye per day,12
in possession.

F&G Game Biologist Thomas McDonough gave a very informative talk and slide
presentation on moose in 15A, 15C. To show why we need extreme changes in hunting
regs. This program was well received by Committee members and public.

Lynn Whitmore - Gave a talk on new property he has added to moose habitat. Ask if
any willow planting will follow - the answer was no.

Adjourned 8:00



Homer Fish and Game Advisory Council

February 14, 2011
Alaska Board of Game
Cliff Judkins, Chair

To the Board Of Game

The Homer AC would like to go on record as being in full support of our regional biologists current strategy for managing brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula.

Over the last few years, we have seen harvest opportunities increase greatly, from zero permits to nearly 40 drawing permits being offered this year. We believe this is based on a well thought out scientific approach to harvesting an available surplus of a desirable big game species while maintaining a healthy population. Additionally, the hunt strategy allows for the targeting of bears in areas where they are presenting a hazard to residents and livestock thus reducing the number of negative human-bear interactions.

We commend the department for taking steps to alleviate problem bear issues, while increasing sport hunting opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Homer Fish and Game AC



HOMER FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 8, 2011

Meeting began 6:05

- **Members Present:** Tom Young Acting Chair, Trina B. Fellows (Sec), Michael Craig, Lee Martin, George Matz, Joey Alired, Dave Lyon, Tabor Ashment, Gus Van Dyke, Thomas Hagberg, Skip Avril, Jim Meesis & Pete Wedin.

Excused: Marv Peters, Cliff Calkins

Fish & Game Biologist: Thomas McDonough **Homer Game Biologist,** Jeff Selinger
ADF&G Soldotna.

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Public: Bill Hague AWT

Proposal 149 0 12 Oppose 1 abstain

Biologist gave overview of beavers in the unit. 15C doesn't have an over abundance of beavers.

Proposal 151/224 12 Favor 1 Oppose 0

Amend - we support the taking of 3 black bears anytime of the year for residence. 1 black bear a year for non-residence. With amendment 12 Favor 1 Oppose.

Proposal 154 13 Favor 0

We support F&G method of management.

Proposal 156 11 Favor 1 Oppose 1 Abstain

Proposal 158 12 Favor 0 1 Abstain on amendment

Amend to read moose season dates September 1 to September 20th. The moose are in trouble on the Lower Peninsula. With amendment 12 Favor 1 Abstain.

Proposal 163 13 Favor 0

Proposal 168 12 Favor 1 Oppose 0 on amendment Seasons to read September 1 to September 20th. 12 Favor 1 Oppose -- with amendment. Don't believe in killing the cows.

Propose 169 12 Favor 0 1 Abstain on amendment - delete no spike fork hunting, closed moose season for non-residence, Increase predator permits for bears & wolves.
12 Favor 0 1 Abstain If changed - and numbers of moose come back - will regs change back?

Proposal 174 13 Favor 0 0

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Proposal 179 11 Favor 0 2 Abstain
Change to Unit 7.

Proposal 180 11 Favor 0 2 Abstain
Less habitat destruction.

Proposal 193 10 Favor 3 Oppose 0
This is not needed – with all the boat traffic in Kachemak Bay sea ducks are continually flushed for one bay to another. Population densities are hard to come by.

Proposal 194 1 Favor 11 Oppose 1 Abstain
Not needed.

Proposal 196 0 13 Oppose 0
To liberal.

Proposal 199 0 13 Oppose 0
All of the 7 issues are all ready covered by - Hunter education & booklet.

Proposal 200/201 0 13 Oppose

Proposal 215 13 Favor 0

Proposal 217 11 Favor 1 Oppose 1 Abstain

Proposal 223 0 13 Oppose 0
While subsistence hunting- why is Trophy value a concern.

Adjourned 10:00



FEBRUARY 15th 2001
KNWRVC
1:00pm

Attn: Scott Cross
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Call to order: 1:00pm at KNWRVC

Roll Call: Quorum achieved with 12 members . Oliver Holm, Pat Holmes(for Herman Squartsoff), Paul Chervanuk, Julie Kavanaugh, Don Fox, Kip Thomet, Harvey Goodell, Curt Waters, Andy Finke and Pete Hannah.

Department staff: Game division Larry vanDaele and John Crye. From commercial fish Wayne Donaldsen and Nick Salgalkin.

Public Safety: Sgt. Streiffil.

USFWS: Gary Wheeler, Bill Pyle and McCrea Cobb.

Chair Announcements. The chairman introduce McCrea Cobb a new staff member from the USFWS.

Old Business: Finish discussing and acting on game proposals left on the table after our January 12th meeting.

New Business:

- 1) **Rewrite of falconry regulations:** KCA member Don Fox who is an active falconer noted that the falcon regulations will be coming up under cycle B in 2012 and there would be a complete rewrite of them. Wants the committee to review and comment on them in a fall or spring meeting.
- 2) **King and tanner crab proposals:** Committee discussion and action on king and tanner crab proposals.
- 3) Julie Kavanaugh was selected to represent the KAC at the BOF meeting and Paul Chervenak would represent the KAC at the BOG meeting.
- 4) Pat Holmes gave a RAC report on subsistence issues and told the KAC about the RAC meeting to be held in Kodiak in March 2011. He also updated the committee members on runway expansion at the Kodiak airport.

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BOG KODIAK PROPOSALS

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Proposal 145

ACTION: Passed as amended 12-0.

Description: Allow for a primitive weapons hunt on the Kodiak Road System for youths 18 and under.

Amendment: Youth only primitive weapon hunt for the Kodiak road system for youths 18 and under from November 15 to December 31st. Participants must complete a hunter safety course.

Discussion:

Staff comments: There wouldn't be that many hunters that would participate as only 4% of certified primitive weapon users are in that age category. Department has no biological concerns.

Depart of Public safety: Trooper Jones felt there would be no enforcement problems.

Committee comments: Agree with and support staff and public safety comments.

Proposal 146

ACTION: Passes 12-0.

Description: A hunter who wounded and did not recover an elk would be required to punch their tag and not be eligible for another elk during that regulatory year.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Already has been done for brown bear. Hard to enforce would come down to hunter ethics.

Public safety: No enforcement concerns and is a step in the right direction.

Committee comments: Agreed with staff and public safety comments the committee also felt it would help eliminate herd shooting. Should be a place on the hunter report to record the wounding of an animal.

Proposal 147

ACTION: Passes as amended 10-2.

Description: Archery only elk hunt from September 1st to September 30th Afognak and Raspberry Islands.

Amendment: Either sex drawing hunt de 711 SW Afognak September 25-October 9th archery only season.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department opposed to original proposal for an extended early archery only hunt because of the possible increased harvest and potential disturbance during the rut on an already declining herd.

Committee comments: Agreed with and support staff concerns. After lengthy audience, department, public safety and committee discussion it was felt that converting an existing hunt to an archery only hunt would be more appropriate. The department favored a drawing hunt over a registration hunt because of the possible level of interest from off island hunters.

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Minority opinion: Agreed with chairman Holm that the area was one of the few where a land use permit wasn't required and if lots of permits were issued it would affect rifle hunts later in the season by moving the elk into more inaccessible areas.

Proposal 148 ACTION: Fails 12-0.

Description: Would allow muzzle loaders into the archery only goat hunt.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Would double the number of hunters and shorten the season. Harvest would be the same the season could be shortened and closed by EO.

Committee comments: KAC members felt the hunt should stay as is they didn't want to reduce opportunity for hunters by shortening the season. Muzzle loaders can be quite effective.

Proposal 184 ACTION: Passes 12-0

Description: Replace the deer hunter survey with harvest reports in Units 6 and 8.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department proposal. More cost effective and would get better harvest information. Can do on line or a report card.

USFWS: Support as valuable tool for harvest management for deer under subsistence. More efficient should include a question of harvest on federal land.

Committee comments: Agree with and support staff and USFWS comments.

Proposal 191 ACTION: Fails 12-0.

Description: Review and repeal discretionary hunt conditions and procedures applied to permit hunts in South Central Region.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department at the local level supports strongly keeping our discretionary regulations.

Committee comments: The Kodiak Advisory Committee strongly supports the departments ability to use discretionary conditions that apply to hunt conditions at the local level. Enclosed with our minutes is a letter to the BOG further explaining the reasons for our opposition to this board generated proposal.

Proposal 192 ACTION: Fails 12-0.

Proposal 192(continued)

Description: Restrict trapping near trails and roads in all region 11 and 1V units.

Amendment: None.

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Discussion:

Staff comments: Department does not support a blanket proposal should be applied locally.

Committee comments: Agree with staff comments an KAC chairman Holm that any restriction should be applied to specific area and not on a statewide basis.

Proposal 194

ACTION: Fails 12-0.

Description: Would allow for three different categories of hunting seasons resident, non-resident and a guided season.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department opposes non-resident hunts are guided hunts.

Committee comments: Agree with staff comments and KAC member Holmes that a 3rd level of hunt is not needed for waterfowl hunts.

Proposal 199

ACTION: Fails 12-0.

Description: Implement various hunt requirements and change hunter education to reduce meat spoilage for regions 11 and 1V.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Take no action. Supports concept but regulation can't be properly implemented.

USFWS: Impractical and a unnecessary burden on hunters.

Public safety; Agree with staff and USFWS comments.

Committee comments: Agree with staff, USFWS and public safety.

Proposal 200

ACTION: Fails 12-0.

Description: Modify time period for harvesting big game after being transported for Units 6-11 and 13-17.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Allocative. No recommendation.

Committee comments: Not enforceable . Hunting practices used by a lot of Kodiak subsistence hunters who hunt deer would be affected. Especially those who hunt by boat or skiffs.

Proposal 201

ACTION: Fails 12-0.

Description: Similar to proposal 200.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Proposal 201(continued).

Staff comments: Allocative no recommendation.

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Public safety: Hard to enforce now as current regulations stand

Committee comment; Would like to reference our comments on previous proposal 200. KAC member Holmes stated and the committee agreed that some transporters abuse the system(especially at the south end of Kodiak) and make it harder for locals to get deer near their villages. Would hope they realize it and not abuse their role as transporters.

Proposal 227

ACTION: Fails 12-0.

Description: Make Kodiak goat registration permits more readily available.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department opposed. Would limit opportunity for local hunters if adopted. Hunters can still register for other areas at the south end of the island where the largest populations of goats are located. If adopted would increase number of hunters afield and reduce quality of the hunt and make the registration hunt more difficult to administer. One half the island "with over 2/3rds of the goat population" is available from August 20-December 15th for a registration hunt that can be done on line. The department strategy is to manage goat hunters primarily through drawing permits in the areas of Kodiak with lower goat populations and rely on the strict registration parameters to maximize harvest..

Committee comments: Agree with and support staff comments.

BOF KING AND TANNER CRAB PROPOSALS

*Attn: Shannon
Kodiak AC
Comments to BOF*

Proposal 308

ACTION: Passes as amended 12-0.

Description: Limit the size of subsistence crab pots from June-October to prevent overharvest of Kodiak red king crab.

Amendment: Only 1 king crab subsistence pot not greater than 5 x 5 and marked as king crab pot year around. Subsistence tanner crab pots shall conform to same lawful gear specifications as for commercial tanner crab pots general regulation.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department and public safety proposal. The issue is the number of complaints of king crab take(especially in the Alitak District) Present regulation hard to enforce.

Committee comments: After a lengthy discussion with staff, public safety and the advisory committee a brief recess was called to come up with alternative language for an amendment.

Proposal 319

ACTION: Passes 12-0.

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Proposal 319(continued)

Description: Repeal personal use regulation for taking crab in the Kodiak area.

Amendment: None.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department proposal. No personal use permits issued since 2003. Remove to simplify regulations. Alaska residents can harvest crab by obtaining an ADF&G subsistence permit.

Committee comments: Agree with and support staff comments.

Proposal 314

ACTION: Fails 12-0.

Description: Modify statewide shellfish subsistence proxy as follows.

Discussion:

Staff comments: Department neutral. Has statewide implications. Community harvests don't **ABIDE BY** gear or bag limits could divert subsistence resources.

Committee comments: Allocative. Poorly written, confusing and ill defined.

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*Attn: Scott Cross
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Subject:

Proposal 191: Review of discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures.

Our committee unanimously opposes proposal 191.

We strongly support the Department's ability to use the discretionary conditions applied to hunt conditions at the local level.

The Kodiak Advisory Board has a long history of working closely with the Dept, the USFWS, the Kodiak Aleutians Advisory (Federal Subsistence) Council, native villages and other affected user groups. We gather public input from our Island's communities to develop trust, consensus and compromise necessary for the best management of public resources. The discretionary ability of our local biologists to be able to "fine tune" allocative compromises frees us from the vociferous and occasionally mean spirited debate that occurs in other areas of the state. A good case in point is our mountain goat management plan, which was applauded by both the Alaska Board of Game and the Federal Subsistence Board as an exemplary strategy. It has been cited in game management classes at leading universities.

Local management accomplishments can be attested to by the relatively healthy populations of wild life in the Kodiak Management area and great hunter success rates.

We're strongly opposed to the board circumventing the public process by dissecting discretionary details from previously adopted regulations and management plans. Each regulation and plan needs to be reviewed in total context before deleting or amending discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures. Often a small detail for a permit hunt such as registration in a village or sealing skulls and hides before leaving the management area are the keystone of local compromise that allowed management plans to function successfully.

Sincerely:

Oliver Holm
Chair Kodiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee



Upper Lynn Canal Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes 2/25/11

Meeting called to order by the chair at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members present: John Katzeek (JK), Dave Werner (DW), Dean Risley (DR), Tim McDonough (TM), Al Gilliam (AG), and Sean Mclaughlin (SM). Members by teleconference: Randy Jackson (RJ) and Skagway board member John Tronrud (JT.) Absent Luke Rauscher

Audience: Tom Morphet(press). Anthony Crupi (F&G assist. area biologist) by teleconference

Minutes: 1/21/11 accepted as amended to include Luke Rausher present at the meeting by teleconference.

Agency reports: none

Audience participation: none

Old Business: Al Gilliam raised a concern about a motion from the previous meeting where the board voted not to support asking for a bear population study at this time. Since there was confusion about the issue, it was brought up again and discussed. RJ felt when F&G proposes a study, in depth discussion by the AC would be appropriate. AG felt it wise to have a study done and if F&G proposes a study then the Advisory Council (AC) should support that action. Anthony Cruppi gave history of other studies, how they were conducted, and the benefits of doing them.

M/S TM/AG To support any future F&G study of bear population in the valley. More discussion on the motion followed. Anthony detailed 3 different methods of collecting data. Dean pointed out the action was putting the cart before the horse as the AC was an advisory board formed to advise F&G, not come up with studies we want done. TM thought the motion would send a signal to F&G of the board's desires and possibly help get the study done in the future. Motion failed due to a tie, 4 for and 4 against.

New business: Dean read through the State wide Board of Game proposals and the AC took the following actions:

- #214 **support** 7 for, 1 opposed
- #215 M/S JT TM **no comment** unanimous
- #216 M/S AG DW **support** unanimous
- #217 M/S JK DR **no comment** 6 for, 2 opposed
- #218 M/S SM JK **do not support** unanimous
- #219 M/S JK SM **no comment** 7 for, 1 opposed
- # 220 M/S TM AG **support** unanimous
- #221 M/S TM SM **no comment** unanimous
- #222 M/S JK TM **no comment** unanimous
- #223 **no comment**

There were no comments on the Caribou and Moose Subsistence Uses; Wolf management; Bear Conservation, Harvest, and Management, policies

Next Meeting: Next meeting date was left open

Meeting adjourned 6:33 p.m.



Attn: Scott
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Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2011

Members Present: Michael Opheim, Walt Sonen, Warren Brown, Matt Gallien, Paul Chissus, Mary Klinger, Layla Jandt-Pederson, Robert Purpura

Members Absent or Excused: Dave Chartier, Keith Gain

Public Present: Robert Rafferty, Chuck Woods, Jerry Murray, Tim Dillon (CM)

The meeting called to order by Robert Purpura at 7:00 pm, the Multi-purpose Community Room

AGENDA: Game Proposals, South Central

PROPOSAL- 215

Public Testimony: Tim P. Dillon wrote a proposal 3 years ago that is very similar to proposal 215. The Board did not act on it at that time. I would urge this advisory board to support this proposal, establishing a point system for bison hunts.

Comments: Walt Sonen and Paul Chissus concur that this point system would be fair. A person could apply year after year and spend a lot of dollars and never get a permit. This will enable those that apply all the time a slight advantage that would be fair.

Motion: Warren Brown move to Support

Second: Paul Chissus

Action: Support 8-1

PORPOSAL-193

Public Testimony: Warren Brown doesn't see the need to change the bag limit on Goldeneyes. He would like to know what the biologists say. It would be very difficult to regulate only Kachemak Bay waters.

Comments:

Motion: Warren Brown

Second: Michael Opheim

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Action: Support 1-8

PROPOSAL-194

Public Testimony: Warren Brown, a guide for duck hunters, has never seen or experienced a waste of Goldeneyes by duck hunters. They do consist of about one third of our bag. There is no shortage of Goldeneyes in the Kachemak Bay Area.

Comments: Paul Chissus stated he can understand the need to protect your own front yard. . Robert Purpura stated the he lived and fished the same area for 26 years and is unaware of wasteful practices or over hunting of sea ducks.

Motion: Warren Brown

Second: Michael Opheim

Action: Support 0-9

Motion to Adjourn: Warren Brown

Second: Walt Sonen

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.



Kenai/Soldotna AC Comments for Region II BOG proposals

Att: Scott
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February 7, 2011

Prop #	Description	AC Vote (Support/ Oppose/A bstain)	Amendments, if any	AC Comments (include minority view)
175	Allows use of artificial light to hunt wolfs, coyotes and black bears	12/0/1	remove "black bear" from proposal	Support as amended, use of artificial light is already allowed for wolfs and coyotes if one has a trapping license thus making this consistent with hunting as well. May promote additional wolf and coyote harvest. Hunting black bear with artificial light presents a safety concern for wounded bears at night. Abstain - no opinion
171	Changes the bag limit for wolfs to five wolfs for all of unit 7 & 15, including the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.	13/0/0	N/A	Support- Aligns the bag limit for the area and may promote additional harvest of wolfs on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.
192	Restricts trapping near trails and roads in all of Region II and Region IV. "No trapping within 50 feet of state roads and trails.	0/12/0	N/A	oppose - Regulation would be too broad in scope and unenforceable
197	Allows same day airborne hunting of black bears at bait stations in Region II and Region IV.	11/2/0	N/A	Support - Promotes more harvest in areas that would otherwise not be utilized in taking black bears. No detrimental effect on the resource at present. Oppose - Just doesn't feel right.
193	Modify the bag limit for waterfowl in Region II and Region IV. Changes the regulation to read no more than two Goldeneye may be part of the aggregate general duck bag limit.	0/13/0	N/A	Oppose - No biological evidence that Goldeneye populations are anything healthy in Alaska. There is minimal harvest of ducks in general, and Goldeneyes in particular and no need to restrict this resource to those who wish to utilize it.
194	Change the regulation for waterfowl in Region II and Region IV. Would allow separate regulation/bag limit etc...for commercial waterfowl guiding operations if there is a conflict between users of the resource.	1/10/2	N/A	Support - liked the presentation Oppose - This appears to be a veiled attempt to isolate hunters from certain areas for completely non-biological reasons. Abstain - History of the issue.

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177	Close a portion of Unit 7 to trapping. Would close the Portage Creek Valley floor south of Portage Creek to all trapping.	1/12/0	N/A	Support – Does not want to see/hear of dogs being caught in traps. Oppose – Closes off a significant area that has historically been trapped. Trappers are aware and are taking precautions concerning dogs being caught in traps. Eliminates a traditional and historical area from utilizing viable renewable resources.
178	Allow the use of motorized vehicles in the Unit 15 C Controlled Use Area to retrieve meat.	0/12/0	N/A	Opposed – Individuals are aware of the difficulties presented in retrieving meat from this area and should plan accordingly. The regulation is already being abused by moose hunters in the guise of bear/bird hunters.
180	Eliminate the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C.	0/12/0	N/A	Opposed – see comments for proposal #178
183	Allow disabled hunters to use ATVs in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area.	10/3/0	“Allow hunters permanently confined to a wheelchair for mobility to utilize licensed highway vehicles during the closed periods.”	Support – Proposal as amended is spelled to specifically allow those who are truly disabled to hunt this area with aid of a vehicle. The simple use of the word “disabled” would open this up to more abuse an advantage many with no real impairment. Oppose – Fear that even as amended would encourage abuse. Believe that it should either be opened or closed period.
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172	Allow aerial taking of wolves in Unit 15 under intensive management.	12/0/1	N/A	Support – With the restrictions that would preclude aerial hunting in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge there would be limited opportunities however, given the predator issues facing Unit 15, those in support are sending a message that predators need to be controlled in this unit. Abstained – General opposition to any aerial hunting but not sure on this issue.
162	Establish check stations for moose hunters in areas of Unit 15	4/6/2	N/A	Support – A valid enforcement tool. Opposed – Would be a significant drain on available budget resources and there are better uses for the budget at this point. Abstained – No opinion
163	Modify the population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 15A	12/1/0	N/A	Support – The concept of a healthier moose population kept at carrying capacity seems valid giving the general moose condition experienced in Unit 15A. There seems little hope of significant habitat management anytime in the foreseeable future. Should that change, harvest opportunities would go up accordingly. Oppose – Concern that the Department of Fish and Game may lack direction at resolving the habitat and predator issues facing Unit 15A.
181/182		13/0/0	N/A	No action taken based on action taken in proposal #180
158, 160, 164, 166		13/0/0	N/A	no action on proposals #158-#160, #164, and #166, based on action taken on proposal #169.

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of January 24, 2011**

Members Present: Mike Crawford Paul Shadura, II, Norm Darch, , Rik Bucy, Dick Dykema, John Joseph, Reubin Payne, Dyer Van Devere, Bill Tappan, , Andrew Carmichael, Michelle Maher, Bob Ermold, Tom Corr, Greg Anderson

Jeff Sellinger, ADF&G present

Members Absent Excused: Nate Corr, Pegge Bernecker, Chris Brandt, Gene Darby

Public Present: Dan Foust

Meeting called to order by Chairman Crawford at 6:40 PM.

Old Business: N/A:

New Business:

Regions: Mr. Sellinger outlined changes made to game regions I-V. They are now as follows:

Region I -- South East

Region II - Cordova/Anchorage/Kenai/Kodiak

Region III - Interior McGrath/Fairbanks

Region IV - Glenallen/Palmer/King Salmon/Dillingham

Region V - Nome/Kotzebue/Barrow

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Game Proposals:

#149 - Change season date for beaver trapping in Unit 7 & 15 to open October 10th. Bob Ermold motioned to bring forward, Rueben Payne second:

Amended to require underwater sets only. Called to adopt as amended.

13 in favor - No harm to resource/more trapping opportunity

2 Abstain - No opinion one way or another. "No dog in the fight."

#145 - Provides for a Road System hunt with archery or muzzleloader for youth 18 years of age or younger from November 1st - December 31st. Paul Shadura motioned forward, Rueben Payne second.

Ric Bucy motioned to amend to include firearms, Bob Ermold second. Motion failed, 13 apposed, 2 in favor.

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Paul Shadura motioned to amend to read November 15th – December 31st, Bill Tappan second. Motion carried unanimous based on concern that Nov. 1st date would interfere with the regular archery/muzzleloader season.

#145 approved unanimous as amended.

#150 – Increase bag limit in Unit 7 & 15 to five black bears per year. Bob Ermold motioned forward, Rueben second.

10 support – Black bears continue to be a chief predator on moose calves in unit 7 & 15, few will take advantage of the increase but should be available to those who will

5 apposed – potential for overharvest in southern regions of peninsula.

#151 – Increase the bag limit in Unit 7 & 15 to three black bears per year. Andrew Carmichael motioned forward, John Joseph second.

Concern for overharvest by non-resident hunters in the southern coastal areas of unit 7 & 15. Fish and Game recommend to amend to restrict non-resident hunters to one bear south of Homer and Seward.

Paul Shadura motioned to adopt with Fish and Game amendment.

14 in favor – Black bears continue to be a chief predator on moose calves in Unit 7 & 15. Provides more opportunity while protecting from overharvest in the coastal area of the peninsula.

One abstained – not enough information

#152 – Increase number of hunting tags for brown bear in Unit 15. Motioned forward by Bob Ermold, second by Rueben Payne

Unanimous in favor – Brown bears are a significant predator to moose calves as well as adults. Evidence of a high brown bear population is ample and there is strong support for reducing the brown bear population in Unit 15.

#153 – Modify the harvest objective for brown bear under intensive management in Unit 15C. Paul Shadura motioned forward, Dyer VanDevere second.

Available permits for issue are currently 50 in Unit 15.

Paul Shadura motioned to amend to increase available permits to 75, Bill Tappan second. Motion for amendment carried unanimous.

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With explanation by Mr. Sellinger as to permit allocations, this would allow additional permits to be issued and therefore allow an opportunity to further reduce brown bear numbers in Unit 15.

Adopted as amended unanimous.

#154 – Establish a registration brown bear hunt in Unit 15. Motioned forward by Bob Ermold, second by Rueben Payne

11 apposed – available resources can be better utilized with drawing permit hunts

4 abstained – not familiar enough to judge.

#103 – Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan in Unit 16. Motioned forward by Bob Ermold, second by Paul Shadura

13 in favor – the current intensive management plan provides for predator control in efforts to enhance ungulate populations – more harvestable moose and more opportunity for bear and wolf hunters.

2 -- abstained not enough information

#155 – Changes the season and bag limit for coyotes to no closed season, no limit. Motioned forward by Paul Shadura, second by Michelle Maher.

Michelle Maher motioned to amend to no closed season, Ric Bucy second. Motion carried 9 in favor, 5 apposed, 1 abstained.

Adopt #155 as amended. 12 in favor, increased opportunity and reduction in predator numbers. 3 apposed, coyotes are also a furbearer and should be utilized as such and coyote fur in the summer is not desirable.

#188 – Change the bag limit for coyote in Region II to “no limit”. Motioned forward by Rik Bucy, second by Paul Shadura

Already addressed in #155, Paul Shadura motioned to take no action, Rueben Payne second. 12 in favor, 3 apposed.

#189 Implement a no closed season and no bag limit for Region II. Motioned to take no action by Rik Bucy, second by Paul Shadura. Unanimous to take no action.

#186 – Allow same day airborne hunting of black bear at bait stations in Region II units. Motioned forward by Michelle Maher, second by Bill Tappan.

12 in favor, allows more opportunity for black bear harvest and decreases pressure in road system stations allowing more opportunity to those hunters.



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3 apposed, to broad a scope and opposition to any aerial hunting.

#173 – Implement certain conditions for the Unit 15A Intensive Management Plan and change allocation of moose permits. Motioned forward by Bill Tappan, second by Dyer VanDevere

13 in favor, eliminating spike/fork harvest the first step toward increasing bull/cow ratios in Unit 15A. Allows for some bull harvest in area of unit that has a good bull/cow ratio and promotes managing predator numbers in Unit 15A.

2 apposed, want to be able to take spike/fork moose.

#174 – Approve a habitat based intensive management plan for the 15A Northern Kenai Intensive Management plan. Motioned forward by Paul Shadura, second by Bill Tappan

Unanimous in favor – promotes a strong program to increase habitat availability to ungulate population, allows for more intensive predator management.

#156 – Changes the registration permit distribution for goats in Unit 15C. Motioned forward by Dick Dykema, second by Bob Ermold.

Unanimous apposed – non-resident allocation issues and possible conflict with subsistence users and resident hunters.

#165 – Reauthorizes the antlerless moose season in the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area of Unit 15A. Motioned forward by Bill Tappan, second by Michelle Maher.

Unanimous in favor – reauthorizes an existing season that is reasonable and protects the option for this hunt.

#168 – Reauthorizes the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C. Motioned forward by Paul Shadura, second by Tom Corr.

Unanimous in favor – reauthorizes an existing hunt and protects the option for future need.

#160 – Changes the antler restriction for moose in Unit 15 to allow 50 inch or three brow tines only. Motioned forward by Bill Tappan, second by Greg Anderson.

Paul Shadura motioned to table this proposal, Bob Ermold second, all in favor.

#169 – Change the antler restrictions, close non-resident hunting, and increase predator permits in Unit 7 & 15. Motioned forward by Paul Shadura, second by Greg Anderson.

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Bill Tappan motioned to amend to include a moose season change to Sept. 1st to September 20th.

Unanimous in favor of amendment.

Dyer VanDevere motioned to amend to include spike/fork moose in the harvest, Tom Corr second.

13 apposed – restriction on spike/fork harvest needed to rebuild bull/cow ratios

2 in favor – ant to be able to harvest spike/fork.

#169 as amended to include season dates for moose Sept. 1st – Sept. 20th.

14 in favor – rebuilding the moose population, control predators, increase moose habitat

1 apposed – wants spike/fork hunting

Additional business:

At the next AC meeting Paul Shadura will present re-write of by-laws pertaining to Guide and Commercial Fish alternates.

Chairman Crawford encouraged all to read and comment on letter of recommendation written by Bob Ernold for Ted Spraker to remain on the Board of Game.

Next meeting will be at the Central Peninsula Sports Center on February 2, 2011, at 6:30 PM. Business will be focused on commercial fish proposals. An additional meeting is tentatively planned for February 3, 2011, at 6:30 PM at the Central Peninsula Sports Center. This meeting will finish up any additional needs for commercial fish proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Kenai/Soldotna AC Comments for Region II BOG proposals

Prop #	Description	AC Vote (Support/ Oppose/Abstain)	Amendments, if any	AC Comments (include minority view)
149	Change season date for beaver trapping in Unit 7 & 15 to open October 10 th .	13/2/0	Require sets to be underwater	S/No harm to resource/more trapping opportunity. A/ No opinion one way or another. "No dog in the fight."
145	Provides for a Road System hunt with archery or muzzleloader for youth 18 years of age or younger from November 1 st – December 31 st .	15/0/0	To read November 15 th – December 31 st	S/Allows youth opportunity without affecting adult archery season
150	Increase bag limit to five black bears in Unit 7 & 15.	10/5/0	N/A	S/Black bears continue to be a chief predator on moose calves in unit 7 & 15, few would take advantage of the increase but should be available to those who will. A/ potential for overharvest in southern areas of units.
151	Increase the bag limit in Unit 7 & 15 to three bears per year.	14/0/1	Amended to restrict non-resident hunters to one black bear south of Homer and Seward	S/Black bears continue to be a chief predator on moose calves in Unit 7 & 15. As amended provides more opportunity while protecting the southern areas of the units from overharvest. A/Not enough information
152	Increase number of hunting permits for brown bear in Unit 15	15/0/0	N/A	S/Brown Bears are a significant and growing predator on moose calves and adults. Evidence of high populations of brown bears is ample and there is strong support for reducing these populations.

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153	Modify the harvest objective for brown bear under intensive management in Unit 15C	15/0/0	Ameded to increase available permits in Unit 15 to 75	S/Brown Bears are a significant and growing predator on moose calves and adults. Evidence of high populations of brown bears is ample and there is strong support for reducing these populations.
154	Establish a registration hunt for brown bear in Unit 15.	0/11/4	N/A	O/available resources are better utilized with a drawing hunt. A/Not enough information
103	Re-authorize the Intensive Management plan for Unit 16.	13/0/2	N/A	S/Curent intensive management plan provides for predator control in efforts to enhance ungulate populations - more harvest opportunity for moose and more opportunity for bear and wolf hunters. A/Not enough information
155	Changes the sesaon and bag limit to no closed season, no limit for coyotes.	12/3/2000	Ameded to read no closed seas	S/Increased opportunity to reduce predator numbers. O/Coyotes are also a furbearer and should be utilized as such. Harvest in warm months not conducive to prime hides.
188	Change the bag limit in Region II to no limit.	N/A	N/A	Already addressed in #155.
186	Allow same day airborne hunting of black bears at bait stations in Region II.	12/3/2000	N/A	S/ Allows increased aopportunity and reduces pressure for road system hunters. O/to broad a scope and opposition to aerial hunting
173	Implement certain conditions for the Unit 15A Intensive Mangement Plan and change allocation of moose permits.	13/2/0	N/A	S/Eliminating spike/fork harvest first step in increasing bull/cow ratios in Unit 15A. O/ Want to hunt spike/fork
174	Approve a habitat based intensive management plan for 15A, Northern Kenai Intensive Management plan.	15/0/0	N/A	Promotes a strong program to increase habitat availability to the ungulate population and allows for more intensive predator management.
156	Changes the registration permit distribution for goats in Unit 15C	0/15/0	N/A	O/Non-resident allocation issues and possible conflict with subsistence users and resident hunters.
165	Reauthorizes the antlerless moose season in the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area of Unit 15A	15/0/0	N/A	S/ Reauthorizes an existing season that is reasonable and protects the option for this hunt.
168	Reauthorizes the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.	15/0/0	N/A	S/ Reauthorizes an existing season that is reasonable and protects the option for this hunt.
160	Changes the antler restriction for moose in Unit 15 to allow harvest of bulls with 50 inch or 3 brow tines only.			Tabled



169	Change the antler restrictions, closes non-resident hunting, and increases predator permits in Unit 7 & 15.	14/1/0	Amended to include season change to September 1st - September 20th.	S/ Addresses rebuilding moose population, control predators, increase moose habitat. O/ Wants to have spike/fork hunting.
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Members Present: Mike Crawford, Pegge Bernecker, Rik Bucy, John Joseph, Reubin Payne, Dyer Van Devere, Bill Tappan, Michelle Maher, Tom Corr, Greg Anderson, Gene Darby, Chris Brandt, Steve Meyer

Jeff Sellinger, ADF&G present

Members Absent Excused: Paul Shadura, II Nate Corr, Dick Dykema, Bob Ermold, Andrew Carmichael, Norm Darch

Members Absent Unexcused: N/A

Public Present: Dan Foust

Meeting called to order by Chairman Crawford at 6:40 PM.

Old Business: Proposal #126 needs to be added to the matrix as it was missed in the submission.

New Business: C. Brandt handed out papers explaining the process for speaking at the board of fish/game meetings. Individuals committee members who are planning on attending the fish board meeting: Norm Darsh, Christine Brandt, Paul Shadura, Dyer VanDevere, Tom Corr, Rik Bucy. Discussed the specifics of AC testimony vs individual testimony and how one can do both. Be prepared to utilize time wisely in what you are promoting.

B. Tappan suggested AC members chip in to assist Michelle Maher in covering the costs incurred while providing for food at each of the recent AC meetings.

Game Proposals:

#175 - Allows use of artificial light to hunt wolfs, coyotes and black bears. S. Meyer motioned to bring forward, D. VanDevere second:

Amended to remove "black bear" from the proposal, unanimous for amendment.

12 - Support as amended, use of artificial light is already allowed for wolves and coyotes if one has a trapping license thus making this consistent with hunting as well. May promote additional wolf and coyote harvest. Hunting black bear with artificial light presents a safety concern for wounded bears at night.

1 - Abstain - No opinion one way or another.

#171 - Changes the bag limit for wolves to five wolves for all of unit 7 & 15, including the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge. B. Tappan motioned forward, D. VanDevere second.

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13 – Support Aligns the bag limit for the area and may promote additional harvest of wolves on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.

#192 – Restricts trapping near trails and roads in all of Region II and Region IV. “No trapping within 50 feet of state roads and trails. B. Tappan motioned forward, D. VanDevere second.

12 oppose – Regulation would be too broad in scope and unenforceable.

#197 – Allows same day airborne hunting of black bears at bait stations in Region II and Region IV. B. Tappan motioned forward, D. Vandever second.

11 – Support – Promotes more harvest in areas that would otherwise not be utilized in taking black bears. No detrimental effect on the resource at present.

2 – Oppose – Just doesn’t feel right.

#193 – Modify the bag limit for waterfowl in Region II and Region IV. Changes the regulation to read no more than two Goldeneye may be part of the aggregate general duck bag limit. Motioned forward by P. Bernecker, second S. Meyer

13 – Oppose – No biological evidence that Goldeneye populations are anything healthy in Alaska. There is minimal harvest of ducks in general, and Goldeneyes in particular and no need to restrict this resource to those who wish to utilize it.

#194 – Change the regulation for waterfowl in Region II and Region IV. Would allow separate regulation/bag limit etc...for commercial waterfowl guiding operations if there is a conflict between users of the resource. S. Meyer motioned forward, D. VanDevere second.

1 – Support – liked the presentation

10 – Oppose – This appears to be a veiled attempt to isolate hunters from certain areas for completely non-biological reasons.

2 – Abstain – History of the issue.

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4 – Support – A valid enforcement tool.

6 – Opposed – Would be a significant drain on available budget resources and there are better uses for the budget at this point.

2 – Abstained – No opinion

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1 – Oppose – Concern that the Department of Fish and Game may lack direction at resolving the habitat and predator issues facing Unit 15A.

B. Tappan motioned to take no action on proposals #181 & #182 based on action taken in proposal #180. D. Vandevere second. Unanimous support.

B. Tappan motioned to take no action on proposals #158-#160, #164, and #166, based on action taken on proposal #169. D. Vandever second. Unanimous - support.



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Additional business:

B. Tappan motioned for the Kenai/Soldotna AC to write and submit a letter of support for Chairman Mike Crawford to the Board of Game.

12 – Support

1 – Abstain

Peggy Bernecker and Bob Ermold will co-write the letter.

Chairman Crawford asked for any additional business that would require an additional meeting before the Boards meet. None offered. Next meeting to be announced

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.



Tyonek Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2011

Members Present: Al Goozmer, John Standifer, Larry Heilman, Chad Chickalusion, Donald Standifer, Jr, Randy Standifer

Members Absent Unexcused: Aaron Jones

Members Absent Excused: Christy Moon, Brandy Standifer

Upper Cook Inlet BOF proposal comments

There is a need more information about the UCI hooligan smelt fishery. Concern of it becoming like the North Pacific cod fishery and wondering where the sea lions are going. The same thing occurs here, they feed the eagles, the beluga, the people, etc with increased harvest since 1978.

On the salmon – there is no equity in the distribution of salmon in the Upper Cook Inlet. King salmon caught in Tyonek, with no harvest on the other side of the Chuitt River is believed that the king salmon were headed up the Chuitt River. But also the Central District commercial fleet is believed to be harvesting a large portion of those fish. Greed is governed by the golden rule (he who has the gold, rules) in the Central District.

Tyonek gets left hanging due to costs of getting the fish out, so they have had to resort to flying the fish out – and the number of fish harvested has continued to decline due to a lack of fish. The quality of the fish delivered in Tyonek are top quality – they are immediately iced, but the opportunity is just not there. The 41,000 harvested used to be one boat catch in one season. Used to be a lot more limited entry permits in the Northern District than there is today. If left up to Tyonek, they would split the Central District right down the middle to Kalgin Island. Those fish headed for Susitna / Doshka River are going outside the Tyonek District boundaries. This affects not only the Tyonek commercial fishing, but also the Upper Cook Inlet sport fishery, who are trying to harvest fish for their freezer and feed their families.

AK State Trooper took one of the members fishing net – he had only caught one king salmon and he took his net (this occurred last spring). He was told his net was too close to the Chuitt River.

There was one proposal by ADF&G to open up Central District for an escapement corridor, but it was too ambiguous, so was opposed. However, they do support a corridor and put in a proposal to address that.

A good example was during the Exxon Valdez oil spill, the Central District drift fleet was closed, and the Tyonek fishing was excellent during that time. The continual loss of power, due to lack of economic benefit in the upper district, only confounds the problem. More people are getting rid of their permits and again, this contributes to the overall decline.

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Even though there have been studies done on the DNA, finding even Kodiak was intercepting fish, nothing seems to be done to address the problems. If you look at a map, you can see that the natal streams of the fish are primarily in the Northern District.

196 – Sr citizen quarter mile above the bridge July 10 - Aug 31 on the Beluga River.
6-0 Support

Unit 16 Game proposal comments

We don't accept the bear survey statistics because there are conflicting numbers there from the guides (Tyonek Native Corporation) and the numbers the department provided. The official predator control on black bear number is much lower than what was reported to the chair.

The wolf count report that was received was OK.

The moose count survey is also not agreed upon because they only did the southern district, did not specify what grid was used, or what tactical analysis data did they use to come up with those numbers. They believe that the numbers are inflated and that it is politically motivated. Planes are coming over and moving moose away from local hunters. Enforcement is very lacking. Supercubs were like an invasion last fall.

AC opposed all the proposals pertaining to Unit 16. If they want to open up Unit 16, they better have the enforcement to support it.

Meeting adjourned in order to go to the school and talk to the students about the AC and the Board process.

There were eleven students who will form a "mini" Fish & Game Advisory Committee. The students elected Jean Leigh Shanigan as Student Chair; Ryan Baker as Student Vice Chair; and Randall Jones as Student Secretary.



**Tyonek Fish and Game Advisory Committee
2010 election meeting
January 18, 2011
Tribal building, Tyonek, Alaska**

Chairman Al called the meeting to order at 11:15 am

In attendance:

John Standifer, Al Goozmer, Jessica Standifer, Betty Valka, Aaron Jones, Donald Standifer Jr. Larry Heilman, Brandy Standifer, Lindsay Bismark

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AC Comment*

Chairman Al opened the floor for discussion on the *moose survey*.

All agreed that there are more moose in our area but the estimated number submitted ADF&G seem to be much higher than what noted by individuals and pilots.

What formula was used?

Why was not the middle and upper area surveyed?

What area in the Southern district was flown?

Predator control The number of bears killed reported by the Dept. seems to be lower count than what was reported to us. By other guides

Hooligan catch. The report indicates a sporadic catch; with the highest catch of 160K tons.

Where is the catch going?

Who is buying?

What are the prices?

More discussion on the matter.

Chair Al will report at or before the next meeting.

Elections:

Lindsay nominated John, seconded my Larry

Motion to close

Closed my unanimous consent.

John was reelected

Lindsay nominated Aaron, seconded by Randy

Motion to close

Closed by unanimous consent

Aaron was reelected

Lindsay nominated Betty

Betty nominated Jessica

Vote between Betty and Jessica

By a vote of 6-3 Jessica was elected as a new member

Officers vote:

Chairman, Lindsay nominated Al, John was nominated, declined

Al was voted Chair

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Vice Chairman Lindsay nominated John, second by Brandy
John was selected as Vice Chair

Secretary, Don nominated Jessica, second by Randy
Jessica was selected as secretary of the committee.

No further business before the committee.
Adjourned 1:50

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Lake Iliamna

Fish and Game Advisory Committee- Meeting Minutes

11:00 A.M., Wednesday, February 2, 2011

Igiugig Village Council Building

Igiugig, Alaska

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 am.

2. Roll Call/ Establish Quorum

Committee members present at the meeting:

Harvey Anelon- Iliamna, John Nelsen Jr.- Kokhanok, Terry Wassillie- Newhalen, Tinny Hedlund- Iliamna at large, Jim Tilly-Pope-Vannoy Landing, Randy Alvarez-Igiugig, George Alexie-Nondalton, and Lyle Wilder-Port Alsworth. Absent: Carl Jensen-Pedro Bay

3. Approval of Agenda

Harvey moved to approve agenda, Tinny seconded motion. Motion carried 8-0.

4. Approval of Minutes

Harvey moved to approve the meeting minutes for October 29, 2009. Tinny seconded motion. Motion carried 8-0.

5. Introduction of Staff and Guests

Staff present at the meeting: ADF&G Sport Fisheries Biologist, Craig Schwanke, Board Coordinator, Andrew DeValpine, Board Coordinator for BBNA, Joe Chythlook, on speaker phone, BBNA representative, Frank Wood, on speaker phone, and Area Biologist, Lem Butler, on speaker phone.

Guests present were: George Wilson, Annie Wilson, Mike Andrew Sr., Dollia Andrew, Tom Tucker, Carl Hill, and Mary Olympic



6. New Business

A. Staff reports

Craig Schwanke- The Kvichak River was studied in 2010. The indexes for rainbow trout are at 500 for 2010, down from the averages of 700- 800 in the 1970s. There are fewer 30" or bigger fish in the river now. Reasons discussed and given are huge increases in angling pressure, hook sizes, and mortality due to poor catch and release practices. Lower water levels may also be a factor.

The Aleknak has had lower escapement in the last few years, and combined with the large high seas King by catch, has reduced the numbers of rainbows.

Lem Butler- Unit 9 area biologist- Lem reports that there are 30,000 caribou in the so-called Mulchatna herd, even though they are over in the western part of the state. When asked about a more liberal season, he stated that when the cow-calf ratio hits 30-40/100 it may happen. Right now the ratio is 23/100.

Tinny brings up the Lake Clark moose survey that reports zero moose calves sighted.

Harvey asks about river corridors.

B. Proposals

Proposal 1. Extend lynx trapping season through March 31. Harvey moved to adopt. Lyle seconded motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Proposal 2. Extend wolverine trapping season through March 31. No action taken.

Proposal 3. Extend wolverine trapping season through March 31. Harvey moved to adopt. Lyle seconded motion. Motion passed 8-0

Proposal 104. Extend beaver trapping season in units 9 and 17 until May 31st. There are very few trappers and lots of beaver in these units. Harvey moved to adopt. Lyle seconded motion. Motion passed 8-0.



Proposal 114. Establishes a registration permit hunt for brown bear throughout unit 9, near communities, to harvest problem bears. Unit 9b is literally crawling with bears, creating problems with local residents in many villages. Frank Woods suggested amending dates. Joe Chythlook said that this is a step in the right direction, with moose numbers on the decline. Harvey moved to adopt. Terry seconded motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Proposal 4. Changes the bag limit for brown bear in unit 9. This will allow 1 bear every two years for both residents and non-residents. Jim moved to adopt. Tinny seconded motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Proposals 5 and 6. These proposals were discussed, but no action taken.

Proposal 9. Extend the unit 9b caribou hunting season. The season is not long enough, making it difficult to harvest caribou. Tinny moved to adopt. Harvey seconded motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Proposal 10. Lengthen caribou hunting season in unit 9b. This will lengthen the season from August 1 through March 31st, as caribou lately haven't been migrating through till March. Harvey moved to adopt. Terry seconded motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Proposal 11. This proposal is the same as proposal 10. No action was taken.

Proposal 14. Establish a registration hunt for moose hunters in unit 9. Reason for dwindling moose numbers with no reduction in effort. Items discussed- river corridors, possible restriction on fly-ins, local only areas. Frank Woods reports that registration has been working in Unit 17 and recommends it. Lyle moved to adopt. Harvey seconds motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Proposals 12,15,and 17. These unit 9 moose proposals were discussed, but no action was taken.

Proposal 19. Modifying the amount necessary for subsistence wolves in unit 9. This is a "save the wolves" proposal. Harvey moved to oppose. Lyle seconded motion. Motion failed 0-8.



Proposal 21. Implement a predator control plan for wolves and bear in unit 9b. Everyone in attendance relates to the dwindling moose population and almost complete loss of caribou. With a teacher eaten, dogs disappearing and being killed in yards, and numerous wolf tracks in villages, the wolves are becoming more bold and hungry. Our biologist will once again look at numbers, and evaluate the situation. Harvey moved to adopt, with Jim seconding motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Proposal 22. Predator control in unit 9e. The lower Alaskan Peninsula has huge wolf problems. They want to add brown bear into their predator control program also, as moose harvests are well below what they normally have harvested in the past. Harvey moved to adopt. Lyle seconded motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Proposal 119. Implement a predator control plan for the range of the Mulchatna caribou herd. This is another call for predator control on what's left of the Mulchatna caribou herd. Harvey moved to adopt. Lyle seconded motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Proposal 120. This proposal was discussed, but not adopted.

Proposal 121. Allow aerial shooting of wolves in units 9b and 17. This is a straight forward proposal to try salvage our moose population, and stop the predation on the minimal caribou herd left in unit 9b. Harvey moved to adopt. George seconded motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Proposal 122. Review and repeal discretionary hunt conditions and procedures. This proposal is overwhelming and complicated. Lyle moved to oppose. Jim seconded motion. Motion failed 0-8.

Proposal 110. Brown bear tag fee exemption. The \$25.00 resident tag not required for brown bear in unit 9b (our unit). Harvey moved to adopt. Terry seconded motion. Motion passed 8-0.

Proposal 192. Restricting trapping near trails and roads. This proposal is geared more towards big towns and cities, not for the areas around villages and small settlements. Harvey moved to oppose. Terry seconded motion. Motion failed 0-8.



Proposal 195. Black bear salvage. This proposal was discussed, with no action taken. It is not applicable for unit 9b.

7. Old Business

There was no old business worth discussing.

8. Time and Place of Next Meeting.

John Nelson Jr. suggested Kokhanok for the next Iliamna Advisory Committee meeting.

The Iliamna Advisory Committee voted to send Jim Tilly to the Board of Game meeting in Wassilla. Harvey moved to adopt. John Nelsen Jr. seconded motion. Motion passed 8-0.

9. Adjournment

Jim moved to adjourn the meeting, and George seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Minutes done by Jim Tilly

Courtesy of BBNA



We concluded that this is an overwhelming and complicated proposal. IAC voted against 0-8.

Proposal # 110. Brown bear tag fee exemption.

This is a good idea. Many GMU have this, and it seemingly increases bear harvests slightly. This proposal passed. 8-0.

Proposal # 192. Trapping near trails and roads.

This proposal is geared more towards bigger villages and towns, and the road system. There have been no conflicts that we are aware of in unit 9B. IAC voted against this proposal 0-8.

Thankyou for the opportunity to present these matters to the Board of Game.

Lake Iliamna Advisory Committee.

Jim Tilly - Secretary



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Proposal #1. Extend lynx trapping season through March 31st in unit 9B.

Units 17, and 19 adjourn our unit, and their lynx season runs through March 31st. We'd like to see the same for unit 9B, as the fur is still prime.

Proposal #3. Extend wolverine trapping season through March 31st in unit 9B.

This is about the same as proposal 1, except that wolverine can be taken on a hunting license through March 31st. The fur is still prime, and is utilized locally, or sold to tourists.

Proposal #104. Extend beaver trapping season in units 9 and 17 until May 31st.

Almost all beaver are used and is usually sold locally. With very few trappers in these units, there is an abundance of beaver everywhere.

Proposal #114. Establishes a registration permit hunt for brown bear throughout our unit 9B communities, to harvest problem bears.

The intent of this proposal is to legally harvest bears that habituate around villages in 9B, as opposed to DLP's, and possibly not reporting the kills at all. Lake Iliamna is located in between two national parks with no hunting, and we are overrun with bears. A lot of bears are killed in the villages, and DLPs are very common.

Proposal # 4. Changes the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 9.

This proposal changes the bag limit to a bear every two years. We support this as it includes all of Unit 9.



Proposal #s 9 and 10. Extending and lengthening the 9B hunting season for caribou.

These both address the need to prolong the season until the end of March. The caribou don't usually show up until mid March on the Kvichak, and this would give the residents of 9B a little "more" than a slim chance to get a caribou or two.

Proposal # 14. Establish a registration hunt for moose hunters in unit 9B.

Put together by Unit 9 Moose Working Group. The registration system will allow ADF and G to collect more data on who and where moose are being taken. Possible quotas and keeping hunters better appraised of private land holding can come from having registered hunts.

Proposal #19. Modifies the amount necessary for subsistence wolves in unit 9.

This is a "save the wolf proposal". Iliamna Advisory Committee voted against this proposal with a 0 for and 8 against.

Proposal #21. This addresses predator control in unit 9B. Every year locals are harvesting less moose, and with hardly any caribou to speak of the situation is not good. Aerial hunting for wolves, and a more liberal hunting season on brown bear may help replenish the moose and caribou populations.

Proposal #22. Predator control in unit 9E.

They also have huge problems in the lower Alaska Peninsula with predators, and we voted to support their efforts.

Proposal # 119. This proposal is another call for predator control for the range of the Mulchatna caribou herd. Most present at the IAC meeting haven't seen a caribou in years. What's left of the herd has moved far west into Goodnews Bay and Lower Kuskowim country.

Proposal #121. This is another straightforward proposal to implement predator control in units 9B, 17B, and 17C.

Proposal # 122. Review and repeal discretionary hunt conditions and procedures.



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Members Present: Tom Carpenter, Brad Sapp, Mike Collins, John Greenwood, John Renner, Dave O'Brien, Tory Baker, Troy Tirrell,

Members Absent Excused: John Bocci, Jason Fode, Ardy Hanson, Paul Kelly, Mark King, Keith van den Broek, John Wiese

Members Absent Unexcused: Mike Babic, Dan Nichols

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BOG SC & Central SW*

Public Present: Bill Webber, Tim Joyce, Kory Blake, Bill Reid, Ken Hodges, Vic Jones, Ken Jones, Kenny Renner, Diana Riedel,

Agency Staff Present: Milo Burcham (FS), Glenn Hollowell, Sam Hochwalter, Dave Crowley and Sherry Wright(ADF&G)

Meeting began at 7:04 pm.

Elections were held with the following results: Vic Jones, John Renner, Mike Collins, Troy Tirrell and Bill Webber were elected for 3 year seats; Ardy Hanson and Jason Fode were elected for 1 year alternate seats. Officer elections were as follows: Tom Carpenter – Game Chair; John Renner – Fish Co Chair; Jason Fode – Secretary

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BOG Proposal Comments:

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Cordova Area – Unit 6

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123. Open an archery season for black bear in Unit 6.

Discussion: Reduction and cap of the harvest for black bears has been a concern here. It is believed that the tunnel opening in Whittier corresponded to the increase of black bear harvest in the Sound. Steps to slow down the harvest have been taken by the committee the last several board cycles.

Action: 0-10 Oppose

124. - 126. Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6A, B & C

Discussion: No antlerless hunts are planned, but prefer to keep them on the books as a tool for management.

Action: 10-0 Support

127. Establish a bag limit for pheasant and modify the bag limit for grouse and ptarmigan in Unit 6.

Discussion: Pheasant are a deleterious species and introduction of them to an island where waterfowl are already present is not desirable.

Action: 0-10 Opposed

128. Close wolverine trapping in Units 6 and 14C.



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Discussion: There is no reference to anything in GMU 6. 6D doesn't even bound Chugach State Park and trapping doesn't occur there.

Action: 0-9 Opposed

Region-wide and Multiple Units

184. Replace the deer hunter survey with deer harvest reports in Units 6 and 8.

Discussion: Since postage has increased and with the ability to report online, the deer harvest report will be a better way for the department to collect information. SE Alaska has already done this. It would be reported at the end of the season

Action: 9 – 0 Support

Proposals 192-201 will also be considered at the Central/Southwest meeting.

192. Restrict trapping near trails and roads in all Region II and Region IV Units.

Discussion: There are regulations requiring distance from trailheads. These types of proposals come up every year instead of dealing with the problem situation. A member of the public reported getting their dog caught in a wolf snare just a few feet off a trail and this incident turned a recreational user that was not anti-trapping into a serious anti-trapper. Advice given was to stay away from the trails. Community intended to provide education to trappers on areas that are better. AK Trappers' Association provided education under the MAPS program and it brought in a different bunch of users – Coast Guard, etc and Dave Crowley also has provided some education to dog owners.

Action: 0 – 10 Opposed

193. Modify the bag limits for waterfowl in Region II and Region IV

Discussion: There does not seem to be a conservation concern in the PWS.

Action: 0-10 Opposed

194. Change the regulations for waterfowl in Region II and Region IV.

Discussion: Same rationale as Prop 193.

Action: 0 – 10 Opposed

195. Modify the salvage requirements for black bear for Regions II and IV:

Discussion: Discussion of the PWS spring / fall salvage requirements. Populations in PWS are more vulnerable than Interior region. Bear season in PWS opens later than this proposal also. Sealing bears provides data to the department. One of the concerns seems to be the effort to remove the hide intact. Personally, wouldn't shoot a bear without taking the hide.

Action: 0-10 Opposed

196. Eliminate black bear sealing requirements where harvest tickets or registration permits are required and provide necessary harvest data.

Discussion: Same discussion as Prop 195 regarding sealing data.

Action: 0-10 Opposed

197. Allow same day airborne hunting of black bear at bait stations in Region II and Region IV.

Discussion: This may be useful in some areas with predator control, but don't believe a lot of black bear are harvested via aircraft. This would be difficult to enforce.

Action: 0-9-1 Opposed



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199. Implement various hunt conditions and change hunter education to reduce meat spoilage for Region II and Region IV.

Discussion: This is already taught in Hunter Ed.

Action: 0-10 Opposed

200. Modify the time period for harvesting big game after being transported in Units 6-11 and 13-17.

Discussion: The perception is that transporters are acting as guides. It is an enforcement problem. A transporter in PWS and Kodiak are able to live on board a boat for several days in the process of hunting.

Action: 0-10 Opposed

201. Modify the time period for harvesting big game after being transported in Units 6-11 and 13-17.

Discussion: Similar to 200 – Same discussion as Prop 200.

Action: 0 – 10 Opposed

Statewide

214. Establish a statewide requirement for second-degree-kindred relatives taking nonresidents on certain big game hunts. *(This proposal will also be considered at the Region IV – Central / Southwest meeting)*

Discussion:

Action:

215. Re-adopt regulations establishing a bonus point system. *(This proposal will also be considered at the Region IV – Central / Southwest meeting)*

Discussion: This passed in 2009 and Dept of Law recognized that the legislature had to establish a fee system to accompany the bonus system. Bonus points for 50% of the available hunts to everyone that applies, and for those who participate in the bonus point system, they will receive 50% of the permits available. Only for bison and Dall sheep.

Action: No action

218. Allow Alaska Wildlife Troopers the authority to seize animals under certain circumstances.

Discussion: Hard to figure out how a person is supposed to know the circumstances a deer may have been harvested when someone offers them some deer ribs. Air taxi pilot lands in the field and picks up an animal to transport it out and the wording makes him somewhat nervous. The “should have known” leaves a gap. Airboat comes up on someone with a stranded boat with meat – they would want to help salvage the meat, but this causes room for pause.

Action: 0 – 9 Opposed

(Brad Sapp left the meeting during previous proposal discussion).

220. Provide authority to the Alaska Wildlife Troopers to inspect taxidermy businesses.

Discussion: Legal harvest and transport of game poses conservation concerns and one member spoke about unethical taxidermist dealings.

Action: 9-0 Support

222. Review the antler destruction requirement for proxy hunts.

Discussion: Discussion centered on the reason for the regulations.



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Action: 6-3 Support

223. Review the discretionary authority requiring the nullification of trophy value of animals taken under a subsistence permit.

Discussion: This doesn't currently apply to GMU 6.

Action: No action

Concerns of the federal subsistence hunt – asking for a reduction in the number of days for moose. Tom asked if the committee had any interest in submitting a proposal to the FSB. Season date to end concurrently with the state season was discussed. 15 - 20% with tags harvested in November – December, so concern of disturbing the moose on the winter range may be more perception than reality. Subsistence staff put the season end date of December 31, it was not requested by the local community. Opening earlier (in August) to allow more time before the hunt was preferred to the later season date. An earlier season would interfere with those in the fishing industry. No motion was made on this.

Game proposals for FSB are due by March 24th. Milo offered to assist.

BOF – PWS proposals for submission discussion

Sam Hockhalter ADF&G SF and Glenn Holloway ADF&G CF were available to address PWS issues with the committee as they prepare to write proposals for the upcoming PWS BOF cycle.

SF - Catch and release in an inter-tidal area with the potential for such a huge mortality (as much as 70%) creates a social problem in a community that 80% derives its income from commercial fisheries. One person catches his 3 fish and is done – another person may stay there for 10 hours, catch and release 50 fish and release them all. The proposal would prohibit the use of bait, which should reduce the mortality rate – would also prefer single hook, rather than treble hook. Depending on hook placement in the fish, there really isn't a huge difference in mortality, unless the fish is gilled and a large amount of bleeding occurs. Most die within a 48 hour period if there is significant bleeding. Handling the fish doesn't seem to be a big contributing factor in mortality. They tend to swallow the bait more than they would a lure, which increases the bleeding.

Closures to anglers fishing on spawning grounds to allow for escapement was discussed. There was discussion of a reduction of use of the terminal fishery at Fleming Spit, with the road system fishery seeing an increase. Suggestion to PWSAC for some hatchery fish to re-establish the terminal fishery at Fleming Spit would potentially address this issue. Brood stock was cut back to allow more fish for Esther. A proposed closure on the Delta with the highway serving as the boundary line was discussed. An increase in the sport fishery on the Delta is not a popular thing in the community. Egg harvest is supported, but the foot traffic into the headwaters of the spawning streams is just as damaging. Taking pressure off those areas should help see better returns.

There was discussion of coho salmon. John Renner had a proposal he will bring to the next meeting.

SF regulation that was put in place for catch and release in an area that a road was planned, but never built. A small harvest of the trout should be allowed on that fishery. The amount of angler effort is small. The nice thing about even a one bag limit is that a fish caught in the gill could then be kept, rather than released only to die anyhow.



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CF has 8 proposals in draft form and one they are working with Subsistence Division. Glenn spoke to the committee about these. The committee would like a Subsistence Division person to attend the next meeting.

Next meeting will be held March 1st at 7 pm at the Moose Lodge. On the agenda will be finalizing proposals for the BOF deadline. People are encouraged to bring proposals to the meeting for committee discussion and potential support.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 pm.



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Committee Comments

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Proposal Number: 123

Committee action: Failed 0-10

Proposal: Unit 6D black bear archery season September 1-9, archery only; September 10- June 10
General season

What will happen if nothing is done: More harvest potential

Who is likely to benefit: Archery hunters

Who is likely to suffer: Black bear populations in 6D

Committee Comments: There are conservation concerns, last board cycle this committee along with the department petitioned the board for a reduction in the length of the black bear season in 6D, and the board shortened the season by delaying the opening to September 10. Currently the harvest goal is below 400, with the 2010 harvest levels surpassing that at 450. The pressure on the west side of PWS will only continue to increase.



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Committee Action: Approved 10-0

Proposal 124

Proposal: Reauthorize antlerless moose season GMU 6A EAST/WEST

Issue: Antlerless moose hunts must be reauthorized annually.

What will happen if nothing is done: ADF&G will lose a management tool, local subsistence could be disrupted.

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved: YES

Who is likely to benefit: Species, subsistence users, sport hunters.

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: GMU 6 is split into two sections *East* and *West*. 6A East is considered a trophy area in accordance with the moose management plan. Bulls allowable for harvest for residents must be spike, fork, 50" or three or more brow tines. Bulls allowable for non resident harvest must be 50" and larger or three brow tines. 6A West Resident allowable harvest is any bull through registration. Non resident allowable harvest is any bull through drawing. Both areas desirable population levels are between 300-350 animals. The latest census in 2008 found 275 in 6A West with 7% calves, and 230 in 6A East with 7% calves. Both areas are highly susceptible to predation by both wolves and bears. We feel reauthorizing antlerless hunts in GMU 6AEAST/WEST gives ADF&G the management tool they need to control populations.



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Committee Action: Approved 10-0

Proposal 125

Proposal: Reauthorize antlerless moose season GMU 6B

Issue: Antlerless moose hunts must be reauthorized annually.

What will happen if nothing is done: ADF&G will lose a management tool, local subsistence could be disrupted.

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved: YES

Who is likely to benefit: Species, subsistence users, sport hunters.

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: Desirable population levels are between 300-350 animals. The most recent census in 2008 found 240 animals, with 9% calves. This area is very prone to predation, especially by brown bears. The Board in the past has taken steps by liberalizing the brown bear season to help remedy this problem. It seems to have helped some with the calf survival doubling the past 10 years. Currently there is no planned antlerless hunt, but if the population continues to rebound, one will again. We feel reauthorizing antlerless hunts in GMU 6B gives ADF&G the management tool they need to control populations.



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Committee Action: Approved 10-0

Proposal 126

Proposal: Reauthorize antlerless moose season GMU 6C

Issue: Antlerless moose hunts must be reauthorized annually.

What will happen if nothing is done: ADF&G will lose a management tool, local subsistence could be disrupted.

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved: Yes

Who is likely to benefit: Species, subsistence users, sport hunters.

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: Population objectives for GMU 6C is 400. This was established in 1995, and the gain from 300 to 400 was to grow by 2006. The most recent census in January 2009 found 360 moose with 19% calves. The antlerless hunts are currently administered by the USFS in Cordova through the Federal subsistence program. We feel it is important to reauthorize antlerless hunt in GMU 6C because if the population objectives are met in the near future, this tool will be needed to hold the population within the objective level.



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Proposal 127

Proposal: Establish a bag limit for pheasant and modify the bag limit for grouse and ptarmigan

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered:. This proposal would introduce new species to PWS, while reducing the bag limit currently in place for grouse. This is an area plentiful with waterfowl, the habitat is not suitable for pheasants.



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Proposal 192

Proposal: Restrict trapping near trails and roads in all Region 2 & 4, no trapping within 50 feet of state roads and trails

Issue: Dogs being caught in traps.

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit: dogs, pet owners

Who is likely to suffer: Trappers

Other solutions considered: This situation comes before the board regularly, these problems should be looked at unit by unit or problem area's of concern should be looked at. There has been education on ethics of trapping conducted by both the department and the Alaska trappers association in Cordova. This type of education helps eliminate a majority of the problems associated with trapping near trails, roads ect.



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Proposal 193

Proposal: Modify bag limits for waterfowl in Region 2&4. No more than 2 goldeneyes per day, 6 in possession.

Issue: Goldeneyes are taxonomically classified as a sea duck, yet have been inadvertently added in general duck bag limits.

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: We feel the current bag limits should remain in place, with goldeneyes having no special restriction. There appears according to the department that there has been no significant change in goldeneye populations in PWS. Region wide proposals do not deal with areas of great concern, this should be done separately.



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Committee Action: FAILED 0-10

Proposal 194

Proposal: Change the regulations for waterfowl in Region 2&4

Issue: Commercialized migratory or resident bird hunting for profit and sport.

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: The committees comments mirror proposal 193.



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Committee Action: Failed 0-10

Proposal 195

Proposal: Modify salvage requirements for black bear for region 2&4

Issue: Modify black bear salvage requirements to the same as interior region 3.

What will happen if nothing is done: less information

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit: hunters

Who is likely to suffer: management

Other solutions considered: We strongly recommend the board keep in place the current management strategies for black bear in unit 6, most importantly 6D(PWS). Sealing of skulls, hides provides the department with valuable information for management, looking for skull reductions, and size and sex in regards to hides.



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Proposal 196

Proposal: Eliminate black bear sealing requirements where harvest tickets or reg permits are required.

Issue: Both harvest tickets and sealing are required

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: We feel the comments expressed in proposal 195 address this as well. The information gathered for management purposes outway the inconvenience to hunters.



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Proposal 197

Proposal: Allow same day airborne hunting of black bear at bait stations in region 2&4.

Issue: Unfairness to hunters who what to access bait stations with aircraft.

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: We feel this is already available in predator control areas, enforcement concerns will arise, and there will be conflicts with land or boat based hunters.



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Proposal 199

Proposal: Implement various hunt requirements and change hunter education to reduce meat spoilage for region 2&4.

Issue: Wasted meat

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: These practices are already taught in hunter education.



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Committee Action: Failed 0-10

Proposal 200

Proposal: Modify time period for harvesting big game after being transported, units 6-11 and 13-17.

Issue: illegal pursuit of big game by clients of transporters.

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Other solutions considered: This is an allocative problem, enforcement issue, there are no biological implications, also in PWS, KODIAK, clients are allowed to live aboard for periods of time.



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Committee Action: Failed 0-10

Proposal 201

Proposal: Modify the time period for harvesting big game after being transported units 6-11 and 13-17

Issue: Illegal guiding by transporters.

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: Our comments mirror the ones in proposal 200.



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Proposal 184

Proposal: Replace the deer hunter survey with deer harvest reports in Unit 6&8

Issue: Cost

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: Hunter reports are more accurate and less costly, and there is little inconvenience to hunters.



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Proposal 218

Proposal: Allow AWT the authority to seize animals under certain circumstances

Issue: This deals with illegal possession and transportation.

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: There was uncertainty with the committee in the vagueness of the language. The concern was over how an individual "should have known" an animal was taken in violation. Air taxi, transporters or even a friend lending assistance to haul or transport game could become violators without even knowing.



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Proposal 220

Proposal: Provide authority to AWT to inspect taxidermy business.

Issue: fish and game compliance to regulations at taxidermy business's.

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: Provides AWT oversight and investigative abilities, and helps to prevent violations.



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Committee Action: Adopted 6-3

Proposal 222

Proposal: Review antler destruction requirement for proxy hunts.

Issue: Review of all proxy hunt antler destruction.

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer: carvers, artist

Other solutions considered: In PWS, the department stated there has been a reduction in abuse of the system since this has been implemented. Some thought it was a waste of antler potential for alternative projects, and that PWS blacktail deer are not for the most part trophy quality.



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Committee Action: TNA

Proposal 223

Proposal: Review the discretionary authority requiring the nullification of trophy value of animals taken under subsistence hunts.

Issue: Statewide review of antler destruction deemed necessary by the board and ADFG.

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: This would not currently affect Unit 6, as there are no State subsistence hunts for big game.



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Committee Action: Failed 0-9

Proposal 128

Proposal: Close trapping for wolverine in Unit 6 and 14C.

Issue: Remainder of 14C and portions of Unit 6 adjoining 14c were not closed.

What will happen if nothing is done:

Will the quality of the resource harvested or products produced be improved:

Who is likely to benefit:

Who is likely to suffer:

Other solutions considered: Unit 6d is not in Chugach State Park, this portion of unit 6d HAS INCREDIBLY LOW TRAPPING PRESSURE, WITH ½ PER YEAR OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS BEING THE AVERAGE HARVEST. This is another grab at regulating areas without a problem.



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Meeting began at 7:05 pm.

Members Present: Greg Encelewski, Doug Blossom, Robert Clucas, Gary Deiman, Max Fjelstad, David Martin, John McCombs, Steve Vanek

Members Absent Excused: Jeff Berger, Mike Schuster, Teague Vanek

Public Present: Janet Clucas

ADF&G Staff Present: Jeff Selinger, Sherry Wright

Meeting of the minutes of December 15th, December 21st and January 4th where Upper Cook Inlet

Elections were held with the following results: Bob Clucas, Gary Deiman and Mike Schuster were elected for three year seats and Greg Encelewski was elected as one year alternate.

Officer elections were held for Dave Martin as Chair; Gary Deiman as Vice Chair; and Steve Vanek as Secretary.

Chairman or his designee to represent the AC at the Board of Fisheries Upper Cook Inlet and the Southcentral Board of Game.

Ted Spraker's term is coming up for Board of Game and this AC will send a letter supporting his re-appointment.

Jeff Selinger provided an area management overview on the game resources on the Kenai Peninsula.

Comments on BoG proposals

Kenai Peninsula Area - Units 7 and 15

Prop # / Description
Discussion / Action

149. Change the season date for trapping beaver in Unit 7 and 15.
Amended to exclude 15C from the earlier date and only allow underwater submerged sets prior to Nov 10th.
Discussion: Agree that it should be opened earlier to allow harvest.
Action: Support as amended 8 - 0

150. Increase the bag limit for black bear in Units 15 and 7.
Discussion: Same discussion as Proposal 151.
Action: No action based on 151

151. Increase the black bear bag limit in Units 7 and 15.
Amended to exclude the area south of Kachemak Bay and south of the city of Seward, only harvest of one per non-resident permit allowed in those areas.
Discussion: Historic harvest records indicate very few people harvest more than one black bear per year. This is Central Pen AC proposal.
Action: Support as amended 8 - 0

152. Increase the number of hunting tags for brown bear in Unit 15.

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Discussion: People that live in this area do see a large number of bears congregating.

Action: Support 8 -0

153. Modify the harvest objective for brown bear under intensive management in Unit 15C.

Discussion: There are an abundance of brown bears in this area and a need to increase the harvest. People that live in the area are observing a significant increase in the number of bears. The objective is off and needs to be changed. Increasing the number of hunting tags for brown bears will help accomplish that.

Action: Support 8 -0

154. Establish a registration brown bear hunt in Unit 15:

Discussion: Same comments as 152 & 153

Action: Support 8 - 0

155. Change the season and bag limit for coyote in Units 7 and 15.

Discussion: There are people that have observed coyote predation on moose calves in the area. There is no biological concern on this population. This would allow more opportunity for harvest.

Action: Support 8 - 0

156. Change the registration permit distribution for goats in Unit 15C.

Discussion: Would prefer if permits are increased they be allowed for residents and members did not like seeing a trend of averting a percentage of permits to non-residents. Abstention had no preference.

Action: Oppose 0 – 7 - 1

157. Change the moose antler restriction for Unit 15.

Discussion: This will hopefully help bring the bull / cow ratio up and there are a number of in between.

Support because of opposing eliminating spike fork.

Action: Support 6-2

158. Extend the moose season in Unit 15.

Discussion: This would increase the harvest of moose and add five days during the rut.

Action: Oppose 0-8

159. Change the antler restrictions in Unit 15.

Discussion: Proposer spends 5 – 6 weeks every fall in 15C and believes this will resolve the shortage of bull problem. If the board adopts all the Central Peninsula AC proposals, the problem will be addressed.

Action: Opposed 4-4

160. Change the antler restrictions in Unit 15.

Discussion: This proposal was a split vote and should not have been put in as an AC proposal.

Action: No action

161. Require sealing on moose antlers in Unit 15 and 7.

Discussion: None of the proposals regarding antler restrictions will do any good until and unless we have predator control. Habitat must be addressed and several of the proposals address the issue, but not the root problem. Aerial wolf hunts, liberalization of the brown and black bear, check stations and enforcement to prohibit poaching, rather than the burden put on the people that are harvesting the spike fork are all factors that will contribute to resolving the problem. One of the issues is the natural competition that occurs between the mature bulls and the young bulls. There is not good data on those numbers because it is difficult to determine from aerial surveys. Predation on the bulls is primarily the hunter. Cutting down the hunting pressure by a drawing permit is one way to allow the bulls time to recover. A high percentage of the harvest is on the spike fork bulls. Sealing the horns will give another opportunity for better data gathering and collection of



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information, which will also hopefully eliminate a lot of poaching. Oppose doesn't believe sealing will be the answer.

Action: Support 7-1

162. Establish check stations for moose hunters in areas of Unit 15.

Discussion: This would create another opportunity to keep people honest and address that concern. If people know that nobody is going to check them, they are more likely to try and or continue to illegally harvest moose. Although this may be unenforceable, it might work if placed on main roads.

Action: Support 8 - 0

163. Modify the population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 15(A).

Discussion: Concern of creating a disincentive for the refuge to be properly motivated to institute any kind of predator control was discussed.

Action: Support 6 - 2

164. Modify the bag limit for general season moose hunts in Unit 15(A).

Discussion: Good proposal but the data collection proved otherwise.

Action: No action

165. Re-authorize the antlerless moose season in the Skilak Loop Wildlife Management Area of Unit 15A.

Discussion: There has never been an antlerless hunt in this area, but counts are required. Keeping this on the books will allow for harvest if populations warrant it, but if it is removed, it will very difficult to get it back in the regulations.

Action: Support 7- 0, 1 absent

166. Change the antler restrictions in Unit 15.

Discussion: This group of hunters have hunted that back side of Deep Creek for about 30 years. Oppose due to the 3 brow tine portion.

Action: Oppose 2 -5, 1 absent

167. Change the moose season dates in Unit 15C.

Discussion: This is another area but with a limited harvest.

Action: Support 7-0, 1 absent

168. Re-authorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.

Discussion: It is sarcastic to request predator control at the same time as supporting an antlerless moose hunt. Believe if the population warrants some harvest, this should stay on the books.

Action: Support 4-3, 1 absent

169. Change the antler restrictions, close nonresident hunting, and increase predator permits in Units 7 and 15.

Discussion: Like the sunset clause portion. Much of this proposal was discussed under Proposal 161. Oppose the spike fork hunting portion of this proposal.

Action: Oppose 3-4, 1 absent

170. Incorporate controlled burns and crushing program into a management plan for Units 7 and 15.

Discussion: This proposal was submitted to raise awareness of the habitat concerns. We need to be proactive on habitat.

Action: Support 7-0, 1 Absent

171. Change the bag limit for wolves in Units 7 and 15.

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Discussion: Allows some additional opportunity to reduce predators. People should read the regs pertaining to the lands they are hunting on.

Action: Support 6 -1, 1 Absent

172. Allow aerial taking of wolves in Unit 15 under intensive management.

Discussion: Will help alleviate the wolf predation problem. The lice issue continues to be problematic for much trapping.

Action: Support 7 – 0, 1 Absent

173. Apply the following conditions for intensive management in Unit 15A and change the allocation of moose permits.

Discussion: This would eliminate the spike fork and not too keen on the drawing hunt portion.

Action: Opposed 4 - 4

174. Approve a habitat based intensive management plan for Unit 15A.

Discussion: The committee supports habitat management. See comments on 161 and proposals on predator control.

Action: Support 8 – 0

175. Allow the use of artificial light to hunt predators in Units 15 and 7:

Amend to remove black bears from this.

Discussion: This might increase harvest of some of the predators and opportunity.

Action: Support 8-0

176. Allow the use of artificial light to hunt predators in Unit 15.

Discussion: Same discussion as 175

Action: No action

177. Close a portion of Unit 7 to trapping:

Discussion: As long as ethical trapping methods are used, a person should be allowed to trap. Support believes there is a lot of recreational use in that area.

Action: Oppose 1-7

178. Allow the use of motorized vehicles in Unit 15C to retrieve meat.

Discussion: Prefer status quo.

Action: Oppose 0 - 8

179. Eliminate the Resurrection Creek Closed Area.

Discussion: People of the local area can deal with this.

Action: No action.

180. Eliminate the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C.

Discussion: Prefer status quo. Trying to save moose and this would potentially increase moose harvest.

Action: Oppose 0 - 8

181. Eliminate the motor vehicle restriction in Unit 15C.

Discussion: Same as 180.

Action: Oppose 0 - 8

182. Eliminate the motor vehicle restriction in Unit 15C.



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Discussion: Same as 180

Action: Oppose 0 - 8

183. Allow Handicapped individuals to use ATVs in the Lower Kenai CUA.

Discussion: Too difficult to enforce. Don't want any advantage.

Action: Oppose 0 - 8

224. Increase the black bear bag limit in Units 7&15.

Discussion: Same comments as 151

Action: No action

225. Introduce late season archery registration hunts in all sheep drawing areas in Units 7 and 15.

Discussion: Don't like special hunts.

Action: Oppose 0-8

226. Liberalize wolf hunting methods and bag limits in Units 7 and 15.

Discussion: Predator control proposals have been submitted and with the terrain on the Kenai Peninsula it would be difficult to pursue them on a snowmachine.

Action: Support 8 - 0

Meeting recessed at 10:15 pm until January 25th at 7 pm at the Ninilchik School to continue preparing comments on Region 2 game proposals.

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Board of Game Comments for _____

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Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
184	7	0	0	Have Deer Harvest reports, Give more Data to the Dept.
185	7	0	0	We favor the increase harvest of black bears
186	7	0	0	This will help increase the harvest of Black Bears which we support.
187	7	0	0	Increase harvest of Black bears
188	NO action			see # 189
189	7	0	0	Need to reduce the coyote population to protect other animals
190	2	4	1	There Those opposed felt there were enough sheep, abstanior didn't have any opinion.
191	8	0	0	(another member arrived. now 8 people) we favor getting rid of some of the ridiculous conditions.
192	7 as amended.	1	0	we amended it to say only trails designated by the state or Feds. Not every Trail. Amendment - 7-1-0 opposer felt it was not necessary.
193	0	8	0	Golden eye are not overexploited.



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Proposal #	Proposal			Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
	Support	Oppose	Abstain	
194	0	8	0	No conservation issues on waterfowl. Bird move bay to bay. Not sure if this would be legal. Both are sport hunting. Current regs. working.
195	8	0	0	We agree with the proposer that should be able to get a meat bear just like a meat angulant with husky to keep the hide. No conservation issue. Hide will be salvaged by scavengers.
196	7	1	0	We agree with the issue statement. The one opposed wanted to keep sealing.
197	8	0	0	This makes sense and is proper and justified with intensive management practices. No Conservation issues.
198	8	0	0	Our AC has a proposal similar to this no bag limit and no closed season. No Conservation concern & low harvest on Coyotes.
199	0	8	0	Most places in the world is 70' or more diving hants. Already have a wanton waste law. This is unpractical.
200	0	8	0	Current law working. Leave as is. No conservation concern.
201	0	8	0	Same comments as #200



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Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
203	1	0	7	only one person hunts and is familiar with the area. He supported this
214	8	0	0	This seems to be a fair solution and is reasonable for non-residents.
215	8	0	0	We think this is a fair system and support it.
216	5	3	0	Those opposed feel that DDT already was salt that attracts sheep so this is not needed.
217	8	0	0	This seems obvious enough.
218	0	8	0	To restrictive because it could be university land, native land and not just individual land. Resources should be used to catch poachers not trespassers.
219	0	8	0	We didn't think this was enforceable.
220	0	8	0	This would be harassment. Get a search warrant if someone is suspect.
221	1	7	0	The person supporting it felt that Tazers should not be used on people either. Those opposed thought tazers might be better than pepper spray.



**Seward Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
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City of Seward Council Chambers**

[F&GAD]

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman McCracken

Members Present: Jim McCracken, Robin Collman, , Ezra Campbell, WC Casey, Bob White, Doug McRae, Chris Bolton, Arne Hatch, Trent Foldager, Jim Herbert

Quorum present [8 required, 10 present].

Members Absent Excused: Dianne Dubuc, Carl Locke,

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Members Absent Unexcused: Joe Cziglienyi, Mark Clemens, Jim Hubbard Corey Hetrick, Dr. Matt Hall, and John Flood

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ADF&G Staff: Jeff Selinger

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Election of Officers: McCracken nominated as Chair [Herbert/McRae]; Dubuc as Vice Chair [McRae/Herbert]; Herbert as Secretary [Casey/Collman].

Unanimous election of nominees for the next two year cycle. Names to be provided to Sherry Wright for the record.

Minutes of the previous meeting (December 2, 2010) were discussed. Minor edits were noted and corrections made. Minutes approved and will be sent to AC members.

Citizens Comments – none

Presentations/ reports/updates – Selinger made brief comments on the moose survey that indicated very low bull to cow ratios and its impact on population growth. He also gave an update on brown bears on the Kenai Peninsula. In 2010 a total of 28 brown bears were killed by humans [DLP, hunting, cars, etc.]. Based on the harvest of fall 2010, there will be a permit hunt in the spring of 2011.

Old Business – none

New Business – The majority of the meeting was dedicated to the deliberation of Game proposals to be acted on by the Game Board in March. The focus was on proposals for Game Units 15 and 7. A summary of the comments by advisory



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Beaver are generally confined to a very small territory and thus easily trapped.

Proposal 150 **Foldager/Campbell** **0-9-1**
 General discussion and fact finding with Selinger over the current state of affairs with black bear harvest that apply to several proposals.
 Estimate 600 black bears taken on the peninsula last year with the bulk of the harvest on the southern coast [south of Kachemak Bay around to Nuka then skipping the National Park then up and beyond Seward]. Much less effort in the middle of the peninsula.
 The outer coast harvest is a business opportunity for many boat based companies and sees non resident hunters.
 Male bears are travelers and the refuge areas such as the national park will provide a source of new bears to adjacent areas have hunting pressure.
 The current regulation is 2 bears any time and Selinger estimates that 5% of hunters take that many.
 In many ways the black bear is the most valuable big game on the Kenai Peninsula though the moose gets more attention and is the preferred game for many hunters.

Proposal 151 **White/McRae** **0-10-0**
 The limit was once three bears
 Many closed areas on peninsula that are refuges for black bears
 SEE COMMENTS IN #150

Proposal 155 **Campbell/White** **0-10-0**
 Current season is 11/10-3/31, but no bag limit under trapping regulations
 Hunting season with a 10/day harvest is from 8/10-5/25
 F&G says there is no documented predation by coyotes on moose calves on the peninsula or anywhere in the state.
 F&G says it is not a biological issue
 There is though that this might border on wanton waste as the pelt would be poor during the warm part of the year
 The perception that this is a pest eradication program
 Given the current regulations there is ample opportunity for motivated hunter/trappers to harvest abundant coyotes.

Proposal 157 **Campbell/Foldager** **0-5-5**
 General comments and background discussion on this proposal applies to others that follow.
 This will be a big change in antler restrictions



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It is noted that the Seward AC had recommended this type of proposal in the past and it had been rejected by the BoG and F&G.

If there is a significant harvest of 3 brow tine moose, there is a decrease in the large bulls that are important for the breeding of cows.

Currently 60% of the peninsula harvest is spike or fork.

For the past 25 years or more F&G has told us of low bull to cow ratios and its impact on the population, i.e. calf recruitment.

There is a feeling that hunting has a significant effect on male moose while predation is the major factor with both males and females

Discussion of spike, fork, tine configurations and the difficulty in identification at times

Also the determination of a 50" or greater width at a distance or in the brush

Estimate that 50% of yearling bulls bigger than fork or spike

Previous data indicated that under adverse conditions up to 80% of young bulls died by winterkill conditions

Historical data show the 300,000 acre burn and the 90,000 1969 burn were the major Kenai Peninsula conditions to radically change habitat to favor large moose populations.

Without very large habitat improvements it is highly unlikely that large moose populations can be sustained on the peninsula regardless of the role of predators.

F&G says the situation is not as dire in 15c as it is in 15A, but it is coming

There is a nutritional constraint on moose pregnancy due to poor nutrition [F&G data] Predators on moose seem to be attracted to relatively narrow habitat bands.

15c has better bull to cow ratios than other areas probably due to habitat regeneration.

We are in a crisis situation regarding the low moose population that must be addressed with improved habitat, improved bull to cow ratios, and predator management.

To aggravate the whole problem we have a significant road kill problem [78 Kenai moose in December in spite of low snow levels, but associated with browse near the roads].

Many of the same indicators mentioned above were present on the peninsula 25 years ago and actions taken thus far have not been effective.

Without drastic action now, the problem will not get better and the solutions just get pushed further out into the future.

Crushing of 100 acres for regeneration is too little to be meaningful.



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Clearing of the road shoulders will have the best impact if it is done in the fall rather than spring and early summer.

See the very real possibility that in the future only subsistence hunters will be allowed to hunt on federal land, [subsistence take only, no general public harvest].

We understand the F&G will provide the BoG with a cafeteria approach proposal that suggests a variety of methods to enhance the moose population.

We encourage more drastic changes such as we have suggested in the past and are reflected in the comments above.

Proposal 158 Campbell/Herbert 0-10-0

With a crisis in the moose population we do not need longer seasons especially when the bulls become so much more available after 9/20.

Proposal 159 Campbell/Foldager 8-2-0

Agreement [10-0] to amend to say "50 inches or greater or 3 or more brow tines on at least one side."

Agree with the intent of the proposal.

Proposal 160 Campbell/Foldager

See #159 as amended

Proposal 161 Campbell/Foldager 0-6-3

Local Seward experience indicates it is very difficult to connect with the proper authorities to get the required wildlife products 'sealed' currently

We were informed that a local person can be trained and provided proper equipment to accomplish the requirement.

We prefer biological as opposed to enforcement efforts to be the primary way to address the bigger problem.

Proposal 162 Campbell/Foldager 0-10-0

Members were familiar with the concept as check stations did exist once upon a time.

Feel it is impractical due to the numbers of roads that would have to be monitored and staffed at many hours of the day.

Feel scofflaws would easily circumvent the system

The Seward AC feels strongly that money and effort should be invested in the biology of the moose problem and not policing.

Proposal 163 Casey/Campbell 7-0-3

We understand the intensive management situation for 15A and encourage habitat turnover in order to sustain a moose density at a goal of 2 moose per square mile.



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Proposal 164 Casey/Campbell no vote taken/motion
withdrawn

Note confusion as presented in the proposal book

We were told F&G will use this as amended as a part of their cafeteria presentation to the BoG

We understand they will suggest elimination of 'forks', but maintain the same seasons.

See comments above

The Seward FGAC took a break from 2100-2115 hours

Proposal 165 Casey/Campbell no vote taken/motion
withdrawn

Noted several typos and confusion in the presentation in the proposal book, ex. Unit 13 not 15, permit vs. general hunt

Proposal 164 Casey/Campbell 3-2-5
Agree with the intent of no spike and no fork in Units 15(ABC) as per arguments mentioned above

Proposal 167 White/Campbell 0-9-1
We see the situation as moose in crisis and this would set a bad precedent
Large bulls very susceptible to calling after 9/20
The BoG extended the season for this area this past year, perhaps because it was a Tier II hunt.
We feel this was a poorly written proposal.

Proposal 168 Campbell/Hatch 9-1-1
We think the moose population is fairly steady in this area
For 50 permits, there is a harvest of about 25 moose
Anecdotal information that moose starve on the bench??

Proposal 169 Campbell/ Casey 7-1-2
One member is against closing it to non-resident hunters
We understand F&G has an amend and adopt position
Campbell moved to amend to strike non-resident/Foldager seconds
Discussion on the number of non-residents participating in the hunt
Data indicates 4% in unit 7, 2% in unit 15(ABC)
Amendment fails on vote of 1-4-5
Main motion carries as above.

Proposal 170 Campbell/Foldager 9-0-1
We understand this is part of the management plan and wish to show our support for increasing the amount of moose habitat as key to the solution.



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Proposal 171 Campbell/Foldager 0-7-3
 Hunting regulations 5 wolves general/ 2 in Refuge
 Trapping regulations unlimited though assumption is that the animals are shot in a trap.
 This is probably not the typical means of taking wolves while trapping.
 Need to take a trapping course to trap in the refuge.
 Small area in our area near upper Russian River that has overlapping state-refuge status.
 It would be nice to have uniform rules to avoid confusion, but there are difficulties to get the federal system aligned with the state.
 May be better to go with status quo and let the enthusiastic wolf hunters become trappers who have been educated in the refuge program.

Proposal 173 McRae/White 0-8-2
 Per comments above, we do not need any extra seasons at this time

Proposal 174 Campbell/Herbert 8-0-2
 We endorsed wishing to make a positive statement about change through intensive management.

We note that 15A is primarily refuge=80%; private=18%; state=2%

Proposal 175 Campbell/Foldager 0-9-1

There is no official designation of bears as predators.

After August 10 hunters can shoot and call during the hunting season.

Can take them under the trapping law now.

We see this as open to abuse and creating a dangerous situation for the public.

Fraught with many problems such as judging distance in poor light conditions.

Proposal 176 Campbell/Foldager 9-0-1
 Refer to #175

Proposal 170 McRae/White 0-10-0

It is stated on the bulletin boards at the base of forest service trails that dogs need to be under control on leashes.

The leash law may not be enforced, but that is the premise of being a responsible pet owner.

Many dogs have a one track mind when it comes to pursuing game.

Owner responsibility is the key not this proposed regulation.

Proposal 192 Campbell/Collman 0-10-0
 See comments #170

Proposal 193 Collman/Herbert 1-0-9
 Tried to understand the source and accuracy of the population data for the ducks of interest.



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Seward AC **SHRIMP** Proposal extending the personal use boundary to Cape Fairfield

Moved to resubmit as written by Casey/second Collman

Vote 10-0-0

Move [Casey/Collman] to authorize Ezra Campbell as the AC representative to Upper Cook Inlet BoF meeting in the period February 20-March 5, 2011 and to the Board of Game meeting March 26-30, 2011.

Vote 10-0-0

Herbert announced local Hunter Safety Class January 28 and 29 at the Fire Hall taught by Fred Moore. Sign up in advance and do the workbook. Understand some Girl Scouts will be attending.

No citizen comments on Fish and Game items.

Next meeting set for Thursday April 7, 2011. We plan to discuss Fish proposals and statewide Hunting proposals that are part of the next cycle. Note agenda item for the Kids Fishing weekend project in May

Thanks to Jeff Selinger for his attendance and the long drive from Soldotna.

Meeting adjourned 2250 hours

Draft Minutes and Comments prepared by AC Secretary Herbert

Approved for submittal to Sherry Wright by Chairman McCracken 01/29/2011 after review by the members for the benefit of the Game Board deliberations



Sitka Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Tad Fujioka, Chairman
214 Shotgun Alley, Sitka, AK 99835

This is the portion of the minutes from our February 3, 2011 (with a few excerpts of relevant discussions of earlier meetings as noted) that apply to the Central/Southwest Region and SouthCentral Region BOG meetings.

Location: SSSC
Call to order 18:32

Quorum established

Tad Fujioka- Trapping rep- Chairman	Jerry Barber- Handtroll rep-Vice chair
Floyd Tomkins-Conservation rep	John Murray-Power troll rep
Brad Shaffer-At-large	Pete Roddy-Shellfish rep
Tory O'Connell-Alternate-secretary	Eli Underhill-Longline rep
Mike Baines-Sportfish rep	Eric Jordan-Alternate
Randy Gluth- hunting rep	Jack Lorrigan- subsistence rep

Public in Attendance:

Mike White
Patrick Donahue
Hope Merritt
Florence Welsh

ADF&G staff:

Bob Chadwick (sportfish)
Patrick Fowler (sportfish)
Troy Tydingco (sportfish)
Dave Gordon (Com fish)

194: Separate regulations for guided bird hunts

Outcome: Pass 11-0-1

TF- This is out of our area, but I thought that we might want to discuss it because it looks like it might be precedental. Also it many ways it is analogous to some fishing situations.

JM MTA, RG 2nd

JM – is there commercialization of water fowl?

JB- There is some guiding for waterfowl in SE; more in other areas of the state- particularly where this proposal is being directed.

DG – you can get a card from the dept that states you are a water fowl guide.

PR - is this encouraging different regulations for guided hunters?

TF – Yes, they are asking for separate regulations for commercially guided bird hunts for profit – to distinguish these hunters from local residents hunting for their own table and enjoyment.

EJ – We do this with fishing- I like this – often times guides and their clients need to be regulated differently

JB ?

211: Antlerless Moose Season in Berner's Bay – up to 30

Outcome: Pass 10-0-2

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JB MTA RG 2nd

Discussion: JB – saves the Department a lot of paper work and time.

RG – seems harmless, they are managing it appropriately.

JB ?

212: Antlerless Moose for Gustavus – up to 100

Outcome: Pass 9-0-3

PR MTA JB 2nd

FT ?

213: Antlerless Moose for Nunatak Bench – up to 5

No motion

214: Require Resident accompanying 2nd degree kin to have hunting license and stay close to non-resident hunter

Outcome: Pass 11-0-1

JM MTA

FT 2nd

Discussion: TF – Brad Dennison was concerned that accompanying resident was not really a hunter; that they were staying on boat or not accompanying the non-resident. Apparently, the current regulations only require the resident to be "in the field", not necessarily even in the same part of the state.

EJ – I think I'm in favor of this, it is a good idea.

JB- a person staying in the boat is not a good situation.

RG – some of the issue is that bears can be misidentified (sex) etc.

BS – we give a lot of benefit to the person not pulling the trigger – this is a state resource, 2nd degree kindred can be a backdoor way to circumvent regulations

JB ?

While the language of the proposal has changed from the original, an excerpt of our minutes from the Oct 21 meeting is included below, as it is still relevant:

Discussion of Brad Dennison's original proposal prior to amendment by BOG:

44. Modify the 2nd degree of kindred approval procedures for nonresidents

Outcome: Pass 6 for 2 against 1 abstain

B. Dennison- Explains: A resident can accompany a non resident for hunting species that the non-resident would usually have a guide to hunt as long as they have 2nd degree of kindred. In the field we occasion run into situations that are abuses of that. The idea is that a son can hunt with father. An example of what happens now is that a couple from CO was brown bear hunting – their mother and mother in law were the 2nd degree of kindred, but not in the skiff. She was in a cabin or in another boat quite a ways away. ADF&G says that 2nd degree of kindred had never bought a hunting license. The Alaskan resident should be held to higher standards than this – they should at least be hunters and they should actually accompany the non-resident while hunting.

JB MTA

RG 2nd



TO – What is your real goal? Do you expect the resident to be more-or-less a guide or merely have some hunting experience? Seems like you need to really define your goals. It is hard to support because of difficulty in enforcing some of these concerns. I buy a hunting license every year, but I'm not qualified to help anybody hunt brown bear.

JM - isn't this an enforcement issue? Can't you tighten this up. What is "in the field"?

DA- I was told that "in the field" is anywhere that isn't in town. The resident and the non-resident can be miles apart from one another and that still meets the letter of the law.

TF- Seems like you are trying to address a couple of different issues here. On one hand you have the aspect of whether the resident is a suitable replacement for a hired guide and on the other hand you are also looking at how close of physical proximity the two have to stay in. I agree that the two hunters shouldn't be in different parts of the state, but would this proposal allow me to go one way around a thicket or a pond and my non-resident relative to go the other way around with the plan that we would meet up on the other side?

BD- I didn't intend to prohibit two hunters from hunting cooperatively.

JB ?

End of Excerpt- return to minutes of Feb 3 meeting below

215: Bonus point drawing hunts

Outcome: Fail 2-9-1

RG mta, JB 2nd

Discussion:

BS:I have spoken with Ben Grussendorf and others under the point system about this – there are enough issues with the bonus system and it allows abuse based on influence.

It is hard to back out of a point system. I've talked with folks in other states that have point systems and don't like them anymore, but because some hunters feel invested in the point system, the states can't get rid of it. There may be better ways around it.

FT – is this largely a fairness issue from folks that complain that they consistently apply but haven't gotten drawn.

Excerpt of minutes from Oct 21 Meeting (chaired by Vice-chair Barber) during which this same proposal was discussed:

Discussion of Instituting Bonus Point System for Drawing Hunts

46. Institute Bonus Point system for drawing hunts

Outcome: Fail 1 for 6 against 1 abstain

MTA/2nd

TF: Last time when this proposal came up, I saw that it was proposed by the BOG and seemed to make it more likely that I might draw a rare tag so I fully supported it without giving it a whole lot of thought. There wasn't much discussion at this table here, so I think that most of us did that. After the vote and after hearing from some other folks outside of the AC, I think that I made a mistake. I will not be supporting it this time around. I say that because now I recognize that there will be some negative secondary effects that I did not recognize the first time. Specifically, this proposal provides a great advantage – an



exponential advantage- to those who have the time and organizational ability to put in for these hunts year after year. Many of us are fortunate enough to be able to say, ah, it's only \$10. What's the big deal? But, it is \$10 every year and it is a commitment to spend the money every year. If you miss one year, you are back at the beginning. Also, there is no assurance that the drawing fee will remain this low. There was a proposal a couple of years back to raise this fee. Some hunters can't afford to commit this money years in advance. This proposal gives advantages to those with money. Anytime that happens, it should be expected that those with money will move to take that advantage. In this particular situation, this means giving an advantage to non-resident hunters over residents and to urban residents over rural residents. I don't think that these are good things.

Furthermore, this proposal severely disadvantages any hunter under ten years old since you need to be at least 10 to enter the drawing. Whenever they are finally old enough to enter they will be some years behind the rest of the hunters in the drawing. I don't think that this is fair.

RG: I am nervous about the complexity of this proposal. Anything this complex may have other complications that we aren't aware of. I read the argument against this written by Doug Corl, a guide from Petersburg and found it quite convincing.

EJ: Very eloquent Tad. You've convinced me to change my mind from last time too.

PM: The dept has no position on this. This will be quite controversial. That's one of the reasons for the 50%/50% split. In some states you can even buy bonus points. I don't think that we would want to go that route.

TF: Actually, that's included in the proposal. Item 6 allows an applicant to pay the drawing fee while opting to not be included in the drawing for that year, but only to gain the bonus points for the future. That's one of the reasons that I found this so offensive. It is exactly selling bonus points!

I read this advertisement for a service to join this organization that will file your permit application on time. It is directly appealing to non-resident hunters to "get in on the bottom floor" of the Alaska bonus point system. Getting a bunch more non-resident applications in the pool is exactly what we don't want if we want to increase our own odds of getting drawn.

JH: (guide rep) I'm not totally convinced that there aren't some potential benefits in giving out-of-state folks some more opportunity. Maybe 50%/50% is too much, maybe it should be reduced to 75%/25%. I think that I want to see continued out-of-state interest in Alaskan hunting since it is good for the guides. I would be willing to support this to some extent.

? called

End of excerpt

218: allow troopers to seize game taken by trespass or shooting drunk or from road

Outcome: Tabled

JL – MTA



MB – 2nd

RG – not clear if this regulation is actually expanding authority into trespass, alcohol, etc. Support wildlife protection but am not comfortable expanding their authority without clear understanding of scope.

JM – this one along with the next one – If the troops think that it is important enough that they want to expend their very limited energy & resources on this, they must have pretty good reasoning for this. I support it.

PR - it could be simply that they are looking at another charge to add to a violation.

RG – there are some issues with native lands and crossing land to get to hunting area.

TO – what about withdrawing the motion as we don't seem well enough information

EJ – move to table

BS – 2nd

TF ?

Motion to Table passes: 11-1-1

220: allow troopers to inspect taxidermy business

Outcome: Pass 8-4

JM mta JI 2nd

Discussion: JM: If Troopers are willing to expend their efforts on writing this proposal and doing what it would allow them to do, I support it.

BS – this one is clear because if you have reason to make any inspection for wildlife. Giving authority to make inspection of businesses – they should get a court order.

MB – will vote against this one.

TO – I support this because I feel that all businesses involved in processing resources should be open to inspect.

EJ question

221: prohibit tasing game

Outcome: Pass 7-2-3

PR MTA, JL 2nd

EJ – does this taser apply electricity, would you get shocked?

FT – This is a silly thing for the dept to put in the proposal book. Why would anybody want to do this even if they could? Do we need a proposal about whether or not to allow blinding an animal with lasers?

JB – I guess one could take the animal home and raise it after tasing.

RG – Is the concern is more with what happens to the person who is standing next to the bear when the taser wears off?

TF – The way the proposal is written, it is under unlawful methods of taking game. Does anybody from the dept have a definition of "taking"? Specifically, doesn't "taking" by definition, require that one kill the animal?

TT-(to TF) Not sure about game, but for sportfish, yes. If you let the fish go, you haven't taken it.

TF-contining- OK, so this proposal would only prohibit somebody from killing an animal that they had first tasered? It wouldn't prohibit somebody from tasing a bear to simply train it to stay away from people; Why would you tase an animal and then shoot it? I don't get it. I don't think this proposal is fully thought out.

JB ?



NUSHAGAK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

9 a.m. January 26, 2011

**Dillingham City Council Chambers
DILLINGHAM, ALASKA**

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Recording Secretary: Hans Nicholson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hans Nicholson called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM

Members present at roll call were: Curt Armstrong, Dan Dunaway, Hans Nicholson, Frank Woods, Joseph Clark-Clarks Point, Moses Toyukak-Manokotak, Skin Wysocki-Koliganek, Jonathan Forsling-Togiak. Pete Andrew-New Stuyahok and Richard King-Ekwok participated by teleconference. Hans excused Robin Samuelson and Amelia Christensen because of prior commitments. Quorum established.

3. Approve agenda

After amendments, Frank Woods moved to approve, Joseph Clark seconds. Unanimous consent.

4. Elections

Chairman Nicholson tells those in attendance that there are two; two-year Dillingham seats open for elections. Both Robin Samuelson and Amelia Christensen seats had expired December 31, 2010. He explains procedurally how nominees could be nominated from the floor and then opens the floor for nominations. Nominations received from the floor were Tom O'Connor, Robin Samuelson, Amelia Christensen, and Katharine Carscallen. Chairman Nicholson instructs those in attendance that since there are two seats available to vote for two out of the four. Two nominees with the highest votes will be seated in the two expiring seats.

Hans calls for a break at 9:20 am to vote and tabulate ballots.
Back to order at 9:30.

Election ballots were counted resulting with Robin Samuelson and Tom O'Connor receiving the majority of votes.

Hans mentions that election results would need committee approval and secondly that the AC has received letters from Village Councils to seat village representatives from Manakotak (Moses Toyukak) and Togiak (Jonathan Forsling) and that they would need to be seated at the same time.



Dan moves to approve the election results and to seat the village representatives, Joseph seconds. Unanimous approval.

5. Approve January 6, 2010 minutes.

Hans instructs the committee members to take a look at the meeting minutes of January 6, 2010 and indicates that it is very unfortunate that we've only got enough money to hold one meeting annually. We do not even meet the minimum requirements of an active AC. In years of when both the BOG and BOF meet to act on proposals, we wouldn't be able to take care of business in just one year when we would need to have meetings to formulate proposals and then deliberate on them later on in the year.

Jonathan moves to approve, Dan seconds.

6. Introduce Staff and Guests

The ADF&G staff present for all or part of the meeting included: Andrew DeValpine, Boards Support; Tim Sands, Area Biologists Commercial Fish; Jim Woolington, Area Biologist Wildlife Conservation; Justin Rogers, ADF&G Enforcement; Andy Aderman, TNWR; Ted Krieg, ADF&G Division of Subsistence; Sarah Evans, ADF&G; Members of the public, Ed Heyano, Steve Perkins, Joe Chythlook, Molly Chythlook-BBNA, Sarah Evans, Robert Heyano, Katharine Carscallen, Travis Ball, Justin Player, Rene O'Connor, Gary Klien.

7. New Business

• Staff Reports

Ted Krieg- ADF&G Subsistence reported that they're planning on doing more baseline studies in Manokotak, Clarks Point, Aleknagik and Dillingham to outline and map historical subsistence use areas with a project funded by the Pebble Partnership. The Bering Sea Integrated Ecosystem Program report will be out soon. Ted encourages everyone to turn in their salmon subsistence harvest reports.

Jason Dye-ADF&G Sportfish reported that the Nushagak King run was weak. On June 25 and according to sonar counts, it was 4 days behind the escapement curve. He initiated a reduced bag limit. By June 29, they were 6 days behind and went to a catch and release with no-bait. On July 2, they were 8 days behind and he closed the season on kings July 5. He indicated that there were over 30 sport fish camps operating on the Nushagak River this season. Alagnak Kings were weak with low escapement and reduced the bag limit on July 15.

Division of Sport fish is assisting Comm. Fish in a couple projects. A genetics project to identify spawning populations in the river and to identify specific Nushagak River Drainage stocks. They are also assisting in a project to find out how well the sonar counts fish. They are using acoustical tags to check the accuracy of the sonar counting.

Hans is concerned on impacts to spawning stock in the event of a poor year like we just experienced and references an article found in Fish Alaska. The article references one boat catching and releasing over one hundred kings in one single day. He is concerned on the impact that the catch and release effort in the Nushagak has with the significant effort during the king run. He's concerned about the effect 30 camps times how many boats each camp has and how many they are catch and releasing every day. He asks Jason what mortality they could expect. Jason replies that one study done indicated a range of 8-10% mortality. Hans responds and says do the math. Camps times' boats times' mortality adds up to a lot of dead kings.

Justin Rodgers –ADF&G Enforcement reported that for the most part the Herring and Salmon fisheries were pretty much in line. They had 63 misdemeanor cases, 4 marking violations, 52-closed water/closed period violations. Citations issued were a little higher than last year.

Spring Bear interest was down with less active guides working in Unit 17. Enforcement was involved in an investigation from 2003-2009 resulting in a conviction of a guide who was shooting moose for bear bait and other infractions adding up to approximately 30 misdemeanors. During proceedings the presiding judge commented that he had never seen such a disregard for wildlife and illegal procedures used.

Justin felt that the local hunter effort during the fall moose hunt was higher in past years. They issued 8 misdemeanor tickets. There were on failure to salvage cases. There was a lot of effort early season. Most common violations were failure to validate harvest tickets and evidence of sex.

Justin told the AC that he is moving. He's been here 10 years and is transferring to Tok in April.

Hans compliments Justin on his good work and diligence to enforcing regulation in Unit 17. The AC has had good working relations during his tenure here and thanks Justin and wishes him good luck on his transfer.

Break 10:38

Back to order at 10:43

Tim Sands-ADF&G Commercial Fish reported that Kings were weak and the Department had to initiate conservation measures. He responded to a concern about when reduction of subsistence fishing and timing of openings up-river would be more favorable during weekends when people who work could harvest. Tim's response was that any subsistence changes would require BOF action. He felt that he had the tools and that the schedule could be modified by emergency order.

The Herring season was again late opening on May 17. The fishery has opened late since 2006. There was a little higher participation this year compared to prior years with six

companies buying. He went over the preseason 2011 forecast with harvest basically the same as in 2010.

Jonathan was concerned about spawn on kelp opportunity. Frank added that the resource isn't available to local fishermen because markets are unavailable and processors only use the same fishermen year after year. Local villagers depend on the fish and kelp for their subsistence. The Qayassic Walrus Commission has concerns on impact to seals and sea mammals.

Tim is willing to help and work out the issues. They've tried in the past to orchestrate public meetings to talk about the issue in Togiak but there was no response.

Another public member was concerned about spawning biomass. During the early years of the fishery there used to be lots of spawning, but now in more recent years, there is very little spawn observed during the course of the commercial fishery. He asks "why is onshore spawning not happening? Even in closed and restricted bays?"

Tim is working on improving technology in conducting aerial surveys and documenting schools, spawn, etc. He is trying to do better and believes that the population is stable. Reports in Togiak indicate that people are satisfied with subsistence gathering. In earlier years there was more processing capacity, better markets, and more fishermen participating. The fishery has changed a lot.

A member of the public mentions that there was one report that indicated that the decline of kelp on the beach could partially be attributed to ice scouring. He feels that the Department estimate is always low. Seiners are not allowed to fish in Togiak and Kulukak Bays. The impact has changed due to the size of industry participating.

Tim reports that there were 1145 kings caught in 3 directed openings. There was a 36625 Nushagak king escapement and 25580 kings caught during the whole fishing season. The Nushagak failed to meet escapement goals. Genetics should help in population estimates throughout the Nushagak drainage. He has no confidence in the 2011 forecast. Since 2004, he's met with the AC sub-committee when there was large king forecasts. This year he would rather manage openings by escapement rather than directed openings recommended by the AC.

After a lot of discussion on merits, pros and cons, opinions, the committee decided that the AC would again host a public announced subcommittee meeting sometime in March to talk about king and coho openings.

Break at 12:30

Back to order at 1 pm.

Tim went over escapement numbers and harvest in the Nushagak, Wood River, and Igushik. The Department needs funding but does not have the money to install the sonar early for kings and later for coho. It will be pulled sometime mid July. Tim reports that

2010 was the 3rd largest sockeye harvest and first directed pink fishery since 1984. He is concerned that we could go back to less than average returns in the future.

The 2011 forecast is out with an above average year for the Nushagak with 7.3 million sockeye. He is concerned that the greater than 3:1 ratio between Nushagak/Wood River forecast could put it in-river if the Nushagak comes in under the escapement curve and then the Wood River Management Plan kicks in. He is hoping to stay out of the WR. He expects a weak coho run and doesn't anticipate any commercial openings unless strong subsistence indicate stronger run strength.

Tim reports that the Nushagak test boat and Nuyakuk Tower funding has been cut.

Molly Chythlook-BBNA Natural Resources reports that they've been busy dealing with requests to do surveys on Marine Mammals, Forestry, Subsistence, Environmental and Climate Changes. The Subsistence department has been conducting migratory bird, Ice Seal surveys and is into their second year of a Moose Enhancement Project. BBNA is involved in a BB Regional Vision Project started by all of the BB's in the Region to hopefully develop visioning prospects for Bristol Bay.

Gary Klien-Nunamta Aulukestai gave an update on the Pebble Mine. The organization was formed for protection of Bristol Bay against mineral extraction. They are looking to secure tribal support in-region and their main issue is conservation and preservation of the land for the preservation of animal and fish stocks native to the region. They've managed to secure a ¾ million-dollar grant to study the effects Pebble would have in-region.

BBNC has developed a website called "Pebble Watch" and is available online.

Andy Aderman-USFWS reports that the Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Working Group met to decide how many permits to issue this year. The population remains stable at a range of 550-650 animals. The working group decided to make available 30 permits to Manakotak, Dillingham, and Aleknagik. Permits are to be administered by the appropriate village councils. The Service will be conducting a caribou count on the peninsula soon and if the population has increased, additional permits could be available.

17A Moose populations are just under 1100. Recruitment indicates good calf survival and lots of calves. They are doing a joint project with ADF&G to radio-collar wolves for information gathering.

Jim Woolington-ADF&G Wildlife Conservation. Jim reports that the 2010 winter moose hunt reports are not available because he is still waiting on harvests reports. He gives stats on harvest by resident/non-local hunter effort. Reports indicate that there is a significant increase of local watershed hunter effort while harvest has remained relatively stable the last few years.

He cannot do a whole unit survey every year but tries to do one sub-unit survey per year. Last year he surveyed 17b and hopes to do 17c this year. They are usually done in late winter and is sometimes difficult when there is inadequate snow cover. 17c was done last in 2008.

The Mulchatna Caribou Herd bull/cow ratios are highest since 1990's but still low. This year the pregnancy rates were low (less than 75% of age 3 or older cows) and doesn't know why, but thinks it could be attributed to the low bull/cow ratios. Post-calving photo census is done every year during the last week of June and 1st week of July.

Hunter effort and harvest has decreased substantially since 2000 and not many people hunting now. In 2000, 1300 hunters reported hunting. In 2010, 264 reported hunting.

Distribution of harvest has changed, 67% of MCH harvest now occurs in Unit 18. Calving areas and summer migration has changed. Jim shows a map of two primary calving areas and their post calving migration to wintering grounds. Last herd estimates done by surveys done in 2008/2009 put the herd at or around 30,000 animals.

Brown bears are increasing. The season last year was extended to March. The committee agrees that bear populations have dramatically increased over the years. Some feel that DLP incidents have increased to the point where now safety is an issue. Also in protecting subsistence nets and food residents would have to prioritize what they would have to take care of first, the dead bear or their food that could spoil.

Break at 3:05
Back at 3:16 pm.

• Game Proposals

Proposal 24 Frank moves to adopt, Dan seconds.

Jim reports that there is only about 6-10 black bear harvest in Unit 17, most taken by non-residents. Hunter effort information is not useful because of limited harvest. This would provide less paperwork for the Department although would still require sealing

Question called. Support is Unanimous

Committee thinks that we should take up Proposal 29 before other DLP proposals and thinks that we can address the issues better there. Everyone concurs.

Proposal 29 Dan moves to adopt Jonathan seconds

Jim mentions that as written, the proposal would eliminate DLP salvage requirements, increase annual bag limits to 2 bears/year and extend the season from Aug 20-May 30. Jim mentions that the department is rather in favor of amending and adopting. Amendments could be 2 bears/year, Aug 20-May31, and eliminate the \$25 resident tag fee. DLP aspects are troublesome, mostly summer issues and doesn't support the shoot and shovel (bury) concept.

Discussion revolves around problem bears. Bear altercations seem to be increasing not only in the Dillingham area but everywhere. Everyone admits that we now have more bears than before and DLP occurrences are on the rise. When someone is tending their nets and shoots a DLP bear, they do not have the time to salvage the bear when they have a skiff full of fish to take care of. Legal bear harvest is difficult to encourage because most residents do not eat bear meat. Some options discussed were eliminate the hide salvage requirement and only require head salvage during closed season, address DLP in a different proposal, or let the BOG address it.

Frank moves to amend to keep existing regulatory language, but to add a new section on DLP Salvage Requirements to require the skull and feet to be salvaged and turned in to the Department during the closed season from June 1-August 19. This would eliminate the time consuming and problematic issues over dressing out the hide. **Dan seconds.**

Action on amended language is unanimous in support.
Action on Amended Proposal #29 is unanimous to support.

Proposal 25 Curt moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

Frank is in favor and refers to earlier discussion on proposal 29. One thought is to take no action but are concerned that the BOG may not address 29 before #25. Our preference is 29. Committee decides by unanimous consent that they would support the concept of proposal 25 but are rather in favor of 29.

Action on proposal 25 is unanimous to support.

Proposal 26 Dan moves to adopt, Curt seconds.

Hans opposes because the intent of the proposal would reduce harvest of bears. Dan agrees. The proponent of the proposal is 15 years behind times. Frank opposes because he questions who would benefit? Jim mentions that Brown Bear sealing records from 2000-2009 indicate that only a maximum of 8 bears were taken in GMU 19.

Committee action on 26 is unanimous to oppose.

Proposal 27 Frank moves to adopt, Curt seconds.

Jim reports that the Department is not in favor. There are similar programs in other GMU's. None to very few bears are taken here. This would result in a lot of effort but very little benefit. Hans and Dan recommend no action. Preference is for 29.

Committee consensus is to take no action.

Proposal 28 Curt moves to adopt, Skin seconds.

Frank recommends no action because this is contradictory to proposal 29. Curt likes the #3 option. Jim responds that this wouldn't change the non-resident bag limit issues.

Committee consensus is to take no action.

Proposal 30 Dan moves to adopt, Moses seconds.

Jim mentions that issues here would change regulation on Federal Lands. It would open areas south of Lake Aleknagik and west of Wood River. It would change the season from March 15 to April 15.

A member of the public comments that the proposals intent is to extend the season. The MCH regulations were standardized across the range of the MCH, across multiple GMU's, and on State and Federal hunt regulations.

Jim is concerned that this would allow hunting by all Alaska residents. This time of year would allow aircraft access. It's been a long drawn out process to standardize hunt regulations on the MCH. The Department is not in favor.

Frank questions the Nushagak Village options? The BOG could give Jim E.O. authority to open portions of Unit 17, or we could continue to petition the BOG for hunt extensions.

Peter Christopher adds that they prefer to hunt the caribou in the spring when they are more readily available and migrate closer to the villages. The season ends too early. They would like to be able to hunt later when they don't have to travel a long ways. They always have to send out a request to extend the season.

Hans comments that by spring, most villagers have eaten the fall moose and salmon that they've put up and freezers are empty by then. He can see the reasoning. They rely on fresh meat in the spring to carry them through the spring and summer until fish show up again and until the moose season opens up. We're talking about a true subsistence lifestyle that villagers depend on because they cannot afford to buy store bought food.

A lot of ensuing discussion on options of E.O. authority given to Jim similar to when he opens caribou hunting in Remainder of 17c. Jim is still concerned on impact of airplane hunters.

Frank comments that the BOG should consider and encourage options that would allow Community Harvest Quotas.

Another member of the public says that issues like this come up in times when there is not enough. He sympathizes with the villagers.

The committee decides to take no action but urges the BOG to look at committee comments. Hans will carry the message at the BOG meeting.

Proposal 31 Frank moves to adopt, Jonathan seconds.

Hans is opposed because local residents do not have enough to harvest themselves. The season requested is during the time of rut. No one in their right mind would harvest a

caribou during rut. The intent here is clear. They want a trophy and the meat would be wasted.

Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Proposal 32 Frank moves to adopt, Curt seconds.

Hans opposes, same reason as in 31.

Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Proposal 33 Frank moves to adopt, Jonathan seconds.

Jim says that the issuing dates are at the discretion of the Department. They are issued from July 15-Aug 31. The last BOG direction was to close on the 31st or previous Friday.

A public member comments that the proposal is reasonable, the IRS allows it.

Committee action is 9 to Support and 1 Opposed.

Proposal 34 Jonathan moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

Jim informs the committee that the BBRAC formulated a Moose Management Plan. It's not officially signed-off on, but is used as a guide in managing moose in Unit 17A. The plan calls for a fall hunt if moose populations reach 300. A limited winter hunt would be initiated if populations reach 600, and if they reach over 1100, then airplane use would be allowed. After 1400, an antlerless hunt would be approved and allow non-resident hunting.

Hans is opposed because the last count of 1100 doesn't warrant it under the management plan and urges the USFWS to change the "Draft Management Plan" to "Plan" so that we would have guidelines to follow and wouldn't have proposals like these. This proposal if adopted would allow non-residents to compete directly with local hunters who hunt to provide food for their families.

A member of the public commented that when the management plan was drafted, the Togiak representative had reluctance to sign-on, possibly because of misunderstanding, and because of the reference to non-resident hunting. At that time there was no evidence of "significant evidence of numbers of moose".

Committee votes unanimously to oppose

Proposal 35 Dan moves to adopt, Curt seconds.

Hans prefers status quo. The numbers of moose hasn't increased. There is no reason to liberalize the hunt when numbers of moose is limited. Dan agrees that there is not enough moose to warrant liberalizing the hunt regulations.

Justin Rodgers-Enforcement comments that the registration permit process works fine. How does it reduce effort?

Tom O'Connor responds that guides were afraid that they would lose opportunity. Justin responds that right now it's not having an impact. Peter Christopher opposes.

Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Proposal 36 Frank moves to adopt, Jonathan seconds.

Frank talks about the decline in moose population statistics. Our reaction was to implement restrictions for non-residents. Even with less competition, local hunt success rates are down. He supports the moratorium on non-resident hunting.

Peter would like to amend to include MCH but the committee thinks that we should just stick to moose.

A member of the public suggests looking at the intent of the proposal and recognizing the facts. Since the Corridor was implemented and limiting non-resident permits, moose populations in 17b have not increased. He concludes that man is not the problem, is it Predation?

Tom comments that it will run off guides that harvest brown bear. He thinks that moose walked off. Guides are taking low numbers of moose.

Another member of the public mentions that when the balloon got squeezed along the river corridors, the hunters showed up in the Wood River Lake system where he traditionally hunts. They competed directly with him and he feels that they took away area where he traditionally had good success rates.

Justin agrees that hunter effort has increased in the Lake system. He's seen an increase of drop-off hunters in Lake Beverly and guides at the mouth of Peace River. It only make sense that when one area gets squeezed, it shows up somewhere else.

Dan asks how many guides would be disenfranchised? Tom responds that around 10 would be. Dan thinks that the effect of this proposal would move them closer town. Tom doesn't think so, it would be too cost prohibitive to move operations. They have to declare their guide-use areas prior to the season. A positive aspect is that they took most of the reported bears.

Jim says that guides are regulated. Each guide has 3 guide-use areas round the state. If they were taken out, it would affect the numbers of bears taken out of the area.

Tom says that the guides have a good reputation right now. They deliver good quality meat to villages and that there is no waste.

A member of the public says that we should learn from the BBRAC. The caribou hunt in Unit 9 was progressively stepped down with no positive result. We need to sit down and work this out. He thinks that predation is "the issue".

Tom agrees about the predator issue. He gave a brief story about when he was flying and witnessed one bear that was feeding on three moose carcasses. The bear had a triangle, it had a beaten path that connected all three. What impact are the bears having especially when there are a lot of them. He agrees that predation is a big component.

Committee votes 1 to support and 9 opposed.

Peter is frustrated by the results and gives his personal impression on the cause of our troubles. He feels that non-resident hunters are the problem. It's been the problem in the past and is still today. A committee member responds that we need to look at the big picture and other causes.

Proposal 37 Frank moves to adopt, Jonathan seconds.

Hans is opposed because if adopted, would allow more hunters to directly compete with local hunters.

Jonathan says that Togiak likes the current system. It would be harder for the Department to keep track of.

Hans asks Jim if it would increase costs for disbursement? Jim's response is yes.

Jim says that the current moose population would not support an unlimited distribution. It would be difficult to identify and notify hunters in the event of an E.O. closure. The general hunt opportunity already exists. It's liberal compared to other parts of the state.

A member of the public comments that the author assumes that moose are public property of other users. He wouldn't go into Anchorage and participate in Non-subsistence Use Areas.

Frank mentions Jim's graph of hunter residency. The non-local resident hunter effort has almost doubled since 1991. He is opposed.

Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Proposal 38 Dan moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

Jim points out that same-day-airborne is not authorized.

Justin thinks that the proposal puts the cart before the horse. Wolves are both fur-bears and big game. Alaska statute and regulations prohibit it.

Committee by consensus takes no action.

Proposal 104 Frank moves to adopt, Moses seconds.

Jim says that not many people are trapping these days. Skin is opposed because he feels that beaver meat is bad in the spring when the glands open up. He wouldn't eat it.

Craig indicates that he would like to see it approved because it would provide additional economic opportunity for sale of pelts.

A member of the public said that during the height of beaver trapping when prices were high, harvest ranged between 3-4000 beaver. Right now, because of the low prices, there is very little effort.

Justin agrees that participation would be low and relatively low impact to the resource. Beaver are plentiful in Bristol Bay.

Committee votes unanimously to approve.

Break at 6:45 pm

Back at 7:31 pm

Proposal 105 Dan moves to adopt, Joseph seconds.

Current regulations do not allow same-day-airborne. Jim has not issued a bait station permit since 1998.

Skin says that 20 years ago up the Big Bend, there used to be lots of Black Bears. Now you don't see any. He opposes.

Dan questions "what happens when weather prevents hunters coming back to check and tend their sites"?

A member of the public recommends no action, but carry the message to the BOG to exclude Unit 17. Hans has the same thoughts.

Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Proposal 106 Jonathan moves to adopt, Frank seconds.

Jim mentions that Black Bears in many GMU's are included in Trapping Regulations.

Hans is opposed because Unit 17 has low black bear populations and doesn't want that practice here.

Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Proposal 107 Frank moves to adopt, Dan seconds.

Dan mentions that he would support the concept of a guide taking a client into areas under that scenario but is afraid of increased participation. He would prefer closer supervision.

Jim says that we don't have enough black bears in unit 17 to really be influencing other populations.

Tom comments that this guy wants to set up stations and have others tend them and move on to other areas. It's not an issue for 17 because we have low black bear populations. He opposes it because it's not for us. It might be ok elsewhere, but not here. The BOG should exclude Unit 17.

Committee votes unanimous to oppose.

Proposal 108 Dan moves to adopt, Curt seconds.

Andy is concerned that if adopted, this could set a precedent to other species.

Committee decides to take no action, but to express concern.

Proposal 109 No action

Proposal 110 Dan moves to adopt, Jonathan seconds.

Jim says that currently, this has to be reauthorized every year. Skin asks if hides would still have to be sealed? Jim responds that it doesn't change any other regulation.

Committee votes unanimously to support.

Proposal 111 Joseph moves to adopt, Dan seconds.

Jim doesn't know too much about the bag limit. The BOG took up wolf bag limits because pelts had value. The Board didn't want coyotes in the same classification as vermin. Current regulation on wolves is no limit for trapping and 10 per day hunting.

Skin is opposed because he feels that wolves feed on them. Pete supports because it's not an important issue and he's only seen one.

Committee votes 8 to support and 2 opposed.

Proposal 112 Frank moves to adopt, Skin seconds.

Tom is opposed. Hans is too because it is a waste of the resource. He doesn't want it to occur in Unit 17.

Committee is unanimously opposed.

Proposals 113-118 No Action

Proposal 119 Frank moves to adopt, Jonathan seconds.

Frank is excited and says the main intent here is to implement a predator control plan. It's been a long time coming. A lot of people have been concerned about the predator aspect on the effects of calf mortality. We're headed in the right direction.

Hans thinks we should amend the proposal to exclude Units 18 and 19, they are not in Region IV and thinks we would have a better chance if we just focused on Unit 9 and 17.

Jim says that the herd age structure is rebounding with the younger age cows calving and the herd is more productive. He feels that the Department is now ready to implement predator control in Units 9, and 17. He agrees with Hans that the "Plan" would have a better chance if the proposal just focused on Units 9 and 17. The "Plan" could be implemented as early as Fall 2011 if the BOG approves the draft language and implementation. Right now they are planning a spring caribou calf mortality project. They will be radio-collaring wolves near the calving grounds and determining rates and causes of calf mortality. The information gathered would be used for intensive management decisions.

Jonathan moves to amend the proposal with the intent to exclude Units 18 and 19 and to only reference Units 9 and 17. Frank seconds.

Dan thinks it's a good move and supports the amendment. The BBRAC would welcome the move towards predator control especially in Unit 9 concerning the moose and caribou issues. He feels that once the move is made the USFWS would most likely follow.

Jim says that the wolf population survey will be done in Unit 17c north of the Kokwok and in all of 17b. He hopes to have it done before the BOG meeting. He's not sure what they are doing over in Unit 9b.

**Question called on the amendment. Vote is unanimous to support.
Vote on proposal 199 as amended is unanimous to support.**

A member of the public advises the AC to closely track the progress of the formation and implementation of the "Plan". We need to be cautious, it may not happen if it isn't handled properly. We want and need to be a part of the process.

Jim is positive that it will be challenged in court and wants the AC's and area support if it is challenged.

Proposal 120 Dan moves to adopt, Moses seconds.

Frank thinks that the population objective should be higher. It's too low right now and feels that if left at that level, the PO will not feed area village residents. If it's too low, it could preclude us from any predator management plans. Right now, villagers cannot get the caribou they need as they've wandered off elsewhere to other GMU's.

Dan asks what is the population objective right now.

Jim says that in 1999/2000, the legislature passed intensive management objectives for consumptive use. For the MCH, the harvest objective is in the range of 6-10%. The current population objective is 30-80,000 caribou.

Frank feels that it should be higher in the 100-150,000 range.

There was a lot of discussion on what the PO should be. The AC talked about several ranges and what potential consequences would be. Some were concerned that if it were too high, then it could cause another boom leading to another crash. Others felt that if it were too low, then the herd could continue to decline and not rebound to sustainable levels. **The message to be passed on was to determine a number that would provide a stable population for high consumptive use.**

A member of the public felt that 80,000 animals is not enough. The BOG should have been looking at this when the population went below 80,000, the Board should have reacted sooner. The whole focus had been on regulatory change to restrict human harvest. Characteristics of the herd has changed. They moved off. It can't be 30,000 because it's too low. **We need to restore abundance because right now because it's too low. He felt that the number should be somewhere around 100,000. The potential for the Kuskokwim harvest potential is high.**

Jonathan moves for an amendment to recommend that the population objective to be in a range between 60-110,000 caribou. Dan seconds.

Action on the amendment is 9 support and 1 opposed.

Action on proposal 120 as amended is unanimous to support.

Proposal 121 Frank moves to adopt, Moses seconds.

Committee was unsure what the intent of the proposal was. If its intention is to request a wolf control program, then we would support it. The committee prefers #119, but if the Board rejects it, then we would support 121. In that event, the committee wants to make sure we reference comments and discussion from #119 at the Board level.

Committee votes unanimously to support.

Proposal 122 Frank moves to adopt, Moses seconds.

Jim explains the discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures in Unit 17. In 17A, the village councils or ADF&G issues permits.

Hans likes the system we have in place now. We don't have any problems here and the system works very well. He doesn't want change because he feels that we may end up with something that we may not like. Leave Unit 17 out.

Justin agrees and says that game managers have discretionary tools to work with. We still have the process to work it out in the event and if there are any issues.

Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Proposal 192 Frank moves to adopt, Joseph seconds.

Tom thinks it is reasonable. Justin says it happened out on the Snake Lake Road. The Region II meeting are from March 26-30. He is unsure of the definition of trail?

Committee votes 8 to support and 1 opposed.

9:50 pm Frank requests to be excused for family matters. Approved.

Proposals 193-195 No action

Proposal 196 N/A based on action taken on 24

Proposal 197 N/A based on action taken on 105.

Proposal 198 N/A

Proposal 199 Dan moves to adopt, Tom seconds.

Committee feels that the request is unreasonable.

Committee votes unanimously to oppose.

Proposal 200 Jonathan moves to adopt, Dan seconds.

Justin indicates that in other parts of the state, they also transport by truck and boat.

A member of the public opposes because he feels that it can disenfranchise our local village transporters. We already have transporter regulations in place that regulate their activities. Those he feels are enforceable.

Justin says that transporters do not have to comply, the current regulations is only applicable to Guides. The issue is not a problem here in Unit 17, it's elsewhere.

Tom thinks it's a good proposal. As laws are written, they would be illegal. The question he asks is "What about those who spend the night aboard boats? They leave and they come back."

Dan says it isn't an issue for us and recommends that we take no action.

Committee by consensus decides to take no action.

Proposal 214 Joseph moves to adopt, Jonathan seconds.

Jim says that current regulation allows to the 2nd degree relative. The change is "a guide must have in possession a valid big game hunting license and be in close proximity".

Discussion revolved around the verbiage "in close proximity" and what it means.

Committee votes unanimously to support.

Proposals 215, 216 No action

Proposal 217 Dan moves to adopt, Jonathan seconds.

Justin says that this issue needed to be corrected for quite awhile. Lying on a harvest ticket was not enforceable.

Committee votes unanimously to support.

Proposal 218 Joseph moves to adopt, Jonathan seconds.

Justin says that under current regulation, closed season game can be seized. Currently, they do not have the authority on private lands or misconduct involving weapons (trespass or intoxicated).

Skin is uncomfortable with the intent of the proposal and feels that it would give enforcement more power.

Question from the public asked that would it be applicable to a convicted felon? The answer from enforcement is, possibly yes.

Committee action on 218 is 1 to Support and 8 opposed.

Proposal 219 N/A issue is on Dall Sheep, none in Unit 17

Proposal 220 Tom moves to adopt, Skin seconds.

Justin reports that 99% of his enforcement action is done by consent. The proposal relates specifically to taxidermy.

Committee asks questions on procedures to investigate and search. Question asked is if a warrant would still be required, answer is yes.

Skin feels that most businesses that he's been at, the owners are hard-working, honest, middle-class people. He opposes giving additional power.

Committee votes 4 to support and 5 opposed.

Proposal 221 No Action

Proposal 222 Jonathan moves to adopt, Dan seconds.

Dan thinks that the original intent is to get meat and not trophies.

Committee votes 8 to support and 1 opposed.

Proposal 223 Curt moves to adopt, Skin seconds.

Hans feels that the committee needs to send a message that the value and intent of any subsistence hunt is in the meat and not in the trophy (horns, claws, etc.). If there is value, then it should be devalued.

A public member asks if there are any applicable discretionary powers under the permit?

Justin's response is that it varies by hunt and species. Usually the horns are cut in half.

Another member of the public states that the intent of the subsistence hunt is for the meat and when will subsistence antlers be devalued?

Jim says that the difference and issue is those hunts that occur under a subsistence permit.

Justin mentions that anything other than a General Hunt such as Tier I or Tier II.

Jim says this would apply where there are other destruction requirements. The proposal would allow the review of current requirements at the Board level.

Dan says that the positive aspect of this would be that it has the potential of reducing competition for the resource if the value of the trophy was taken away.

A public member says he supports current practice.

Dan supports current discretionary authority.

Committee votes unanimously to oppose. The message to pass on is that we prefer current discretionary authority already authorized.

Hans asks if we want to take up the two policies on wolf and bear control programs seeing how late it is? The recommendation from the committee is to set up a sub-committee to review it at a later date when committee members can get together with Jim. Jim says that he's going to be very busy, but will hopefully be available.

Jonathan moves to approve, Skin seconds the recommendation to give the Chair authority to set up a public committee meeting by appropriate agencies, committee members, etc.

Unanimous approval.

- **RAC meeting update**

Dan reports that the BBRAC met in Iliamna, the big issue is predators. The Service is waiting to see what happens at the BOG level before proceeding. He feels that they could be in support of proposals on Predator Control Programs and Management. Everything is on the up and up and feels that we are finally making some progress on the issue.

Molly adds that they are looking for one more person from the Nushagak River Villages to send in a letter of interest to fill one vacant board seat. Hans suggests and asks Peter Christopher if he is interested? He is and Molly will help him fill out the necessary paperwork.

- **River Corridor**

Skin reports that a lot of people up-river are complaining about outsiders hunting. There are lots of guides from the Corporation Lands and upriver. They want to see a buffer zone between guides and local hunters.

Hans responds that the AC does not have the authority to do that and suggests that they could address it during the next BOG cycle with a proposal. The process would be board proposal, AC deliberation, and then Board deliberations.

8. Old Business

None

9. Set next meeting date and place

Call of the Chair.

10 Adjourn

Chairman Nicholson adjourns the meeting at 12 midnight and thanks everyone present for their diligence staying until the midnight hour to get business done.

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