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## 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.**

*Attn: Scott Cross  
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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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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



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**Kenai/Soldotna AC Comments for Region II BOG proposals**

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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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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

**Game Proposals:**

#149 - Change season date for beaver trapping in Unit 7 & 15 to open October 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> -- December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

*Allen Scott  
SC - BOG  
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Paul Shadura motioned to amend to read November 15<sup>th</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, Bill Tappan second. Motion carried unanimous based on concern that Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup>.

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. 1<sup>st</sup> – Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.

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.



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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.
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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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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:**

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#172 – Allow aerial taking of wolves in Unit 15 under intensive management. Motioned forward by D. VanDever, second by C. Brandt.

12 – 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.

1 – 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. Motioned forward by S. Meyer, second P. Bernecker.

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

#163 – Modify the population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 15A. Motioned forward by S. Meyer, second P. Bernecker.

12 – 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.

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.



## 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

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



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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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**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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**NAKNEK/KVICHAK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of January 20, 2011

Meeting was called to order by Co-chair William (Sonny) Regan at 7:11 PM.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Richard Wilson, seconded by Everett Thompson, Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2010 was made by Everett Thompson, seconded by Kevin Cossairt, Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Ken Pulice is concerned with the number of bears in the local area. His daughter cannot play outside unsupervised because of the bears wandering through their yard at all hours of the day. Something needs to be done before something terrible happens.

**Elections:** Richard Wilson, Joe Klutsch, and Joey Klutsch- Two member seats and one Alternate seat are up at this time. See Election/Nomination Record Page for results of election and re-organization of the committee.

**Fisheries:** By teleconference, Abe Williams has a question for Slim Morstad, concerning the set net allocation in the Kvichak River. Set net allocation in 2010 was Naknek section 11%, Kvichak section 9%. Abe was concerned with the Kvichak setnetters being allowed to fish while it is closed to the drift fleet. Slim went on to explain that it was important to keep the drift fleet in the Naknek section and keep the Naknek setnetters fishing to make sure a big push of fish didn't get up the Naknek River early. Allowing the Kvichak setnetters to fish, keeps them on track as far as the allocation goes. The allocation is Naknek set net 8%, Kvichak set net 8% for a total of 16%. Escapement goal on the Kvichak River is 2 million or 50% of the total projected run which ever is greater, up to 10 million. This is why the Kvichak escapement goal may change mid-season, if the projected run to Kvichak increased. A question was asked if this included the Branch River and the answer is no. It has it's own escapement goal last year the escapement was 1.1 million with a harvest of 1.4 million.

Richard Wilson asked about the 7 foot tidal openings. This came about in the late 80's and has not changed in regulation. Richard thinks this may need to be revisited.

Joe Klutsch asked about the Kings; he is concerned about the by-catch in other fisheries, such as Pollock, North Peninsula and Bristol Bay Sockeye fisheries. There is generally an aerial count done by ADFG but 2010 there was not due to the poor weather when the count should have taken place.



**Game:** Lem Butler, area biologist, by teleconference will go through the **GAME PROPOSALS:** BOG meeting will be held March 4-10, Best Western Lake Lucille Inn, Wasilla, AK.

**PROPOSAL 114:** Motion to approve by Richard Wilson, seconded by Fred Pike. This would liberalize bear hunting to rid the area of problem bears. Joe Klutsch would not be in favor of this proposal if it were to include non-residents. As it stands it does not.

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

**PROPOSAL 1:** Motion to approve by Richard Wilson, seconded by Kevin Cossairt. Lynx season has run until the end of March in the past and furbearer numbers are good.

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

**PROPOSAL 2, 3:** Motion to approve by Everett Thompson, seconded by Marc Watson. Same reason as in Proposal 1.

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

**PROPOSAL 4, 5, 6, 7:** No Action due to the action taken on Proposal 114.

**PROPOSAL 9:** No Action, deferred to action taken on Proposals 10, 11.

**PROPOSAL 10, 11:** Motion to approve by Everett Thompson, seconded by Marc Watson. Members felt it was necessary to provide the extended opportunity to hunt and provide game for families. Added days means added daylight for travel, which is necessary to get to present caribou populations. The downside is that it will allow the airplane hunters from the Kenai Peninsula the same advantage.

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

**PROPOSAL 14:** Motion to approve by Fred Pike, seconded by Richard Wilson. Lem Butler spoke to the advantage of getting more information from a registered hunt. Abe Williams, Paug Vik Corp. president, spoke to the added information provided about private land usage. Fred Pike was concerned that a registered hunt could lead to selective permitting by other than ADFG agencies (villages, village corporations, landowners).

**Motion Passed 5-2.** Minority opinion was stated by Fred Pike above.

**PROPOSAL 15, 16:** No Action due to the action taken on Proposal 14.

**PROPOSAL 17:** Motion to approve by Joe Klutsch, seconded by Marc Watson.

The areas proposed to be extended, have had good moose counts recently and can stand the added hunting days. Richard Wilson suggested looking at adding the days at the beginning of the hunt to assure the quality of the meat harvested. Joe Klutsch stated that the quality is dependent on the handling of the meat and that he has not had poor quality (rutty)meat in the late season.

**Motion Passed 6-1.** Minority opinion was that there was a concern of getting into the rut and that some harvested game would be uneatable.

**PROPOSAL 18:** Motion to approve by Sonny Regan, seconded by Joe Klutsch. The proposed portion of 9E is accessible from South Naknek with ATVs. Moose hold in the area early (9C)season but are on the move when the 9E season begins. A friendly amendment was made by Fred Pike, seconded by Everett to align that portion of 9E with the Naknek River Drainage portion of 9C. Concern was voiced on how to identify the area. Dale Meyers, local hunter, made a suggestion and would get together with Lem



Butler with recommended identifications on the map. **Motion on the Amendment Passed unanimously.**

**Motion on Proposal 18 Passed unanimously**

**PROPOSAL 19, 20:** Motion to approve was made by Richard Wilson, seconded by Kevin Cossairt. The intentions of the proposal were unclear and it was felt this was intentional.

**Motion Failed unanimously.**

**PROPOSAL 21:** Motion to approve by Everett Thompson, seconded by Kevin Cossairt. It was felt that there was not enough information for ADFG at this time. Some felt that involved Federal agencies did not want to engage in this discussion. Megan Riley, ADFG assistant biologist, stated the USFWS website has a open comment period at this time and recommended all to voice their opinion.

**Motion Failed 3-4.**

**PROPOSAL 22:** Motion to approve by Richard Wilson, seconded by Joe Klutsch. It was suggested that this could be implemented on state land right away and than work on a plan with the Feds to expand to a larger area.

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

**PROPOSAL 104:** Motion to approve by Marc Watson, seconded by Fred Pike. Richard Wilson was concerned that this would extend the season out too far into the spring when kits were being born. Area trapper, Joey Klutsch stated that the pelts at this time were not of good salable quality.

**Motion Failed unanimously.**

**PROPOSAL 110:** Motion to approve by Richard Wilson, seconded by Kevin Cossairt. This has been done in the past and should be considered again.

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

**PROPOSAL 111: No Action. Present regulations satisfy the need.**

**PROPOSAL 112:** Motion to approve by Richard Wilson, seconded by Everett Thompson. Joe Klutsch stated that coyotes hit the sheep hard during the spring. There was a question of shooting with no intention of salvaging anything?

**Motion Failed 3-4.**

**PROPOSAL 119:** Motion to approve by Everett, seconded by Kevin Cossairt. This is supported by ADFG and we are very aware of the need.

**Motion Passed unanimously.**

**PROPOSAL 120:** Motion to approve by Marc Watson, seconded by Kevin Cossairt. ADFG does not recommend increasing the management objective. Past experience has dictated that too large a number will invite a future crash.

**Motion Failed unanimously.**

**PROPOSAL 121: No Action due to action taken on Proposal 119.**

**PROPOSAL 122:** Motion to approve by Marc Watson, seconded by Kevin Cossairt. Too much "Big Brother" for Alaskans.

**Motion Failed unanimously.**



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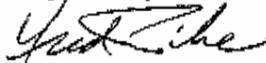
### **Other Business**

The December Wolf Trapping class was held in Naknek at the Village Council Building (Dolly's Hall) and was a great success. Twenty-four individuals attended and were in agreement that it was well worth their time. Thanks to Megan Riley (ADFG) and the Alaska Trappers Association and presenter Jim Masek.

Co-chairman Sonny Regan will try to attend the BOG meeting in March, if not he will appoint someone to take his place and represent the AC.

The next meeting date for the Nak/Kvi AC will be determined at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted,



Fred Pike, Nak/Kvi AC Secretary

### **Nak/Kvi AC members**

Co-chairman, Sonny Regan (2012), Co-chairman Abe Williams (2011)  
Secretary, Fred Pike (2011)

Members: Levelock Rep., Ryan Willson (2011), Kevin Cossairt (2012), Everett Thompson (2012), Marc Watson (2012), Joe Klutsch (2013), Richard Wilson (2013)  
Alternate members: Russell Phelps (2011), Ken Pulice (2013)

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Dick Myers	King Salmon
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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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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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**Fish and Game Advisory Committee**  
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**Proposal #1.** Extend lynx trapping season through March 31<sup>st</sup> in unit 9B.

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

**Proposal #3.** Extend wolverine trapping season through March 31<sup>st</sup> in unit 9B.

This is about the same as proposal 1, except that wolverine can be taken on a hunting license through March 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

*Auth: Scott Cross  
AC Comments  
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 24<sup>th</sup>. 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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**Committee Action:** Failed 0-10

**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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**Committee Action: Failed 0-10**

**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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**Committee Action: Failed 0-10**

**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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**Committee Action: Failed 0-10**

**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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**Committee Action: Failed 0-10**

**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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**Committee Action: Failed 0-10**

**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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**Committee Action:** Adopted 9-0

**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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**Committee Action:** Failed 0-9

**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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**Committee Action:** Adopted 9-0

**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.



**Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2011**

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 15<sup>th</sup>, December 21<sup>st</sup> and January 4<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>.  
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 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Ninilchik School to continue preparing comments on Region 2 game proposals.

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## VOTER RECORD/COMMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Central PeninsulaDATE: 1-25-11 PAGE 3 OF 7Board 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, Gives 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	<del>Those</del> 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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194	0	8	0	No conservation issues on waterfowl. Bird move bag to bag. 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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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.







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[F&G]

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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**Public Present:** Tom Prochazka

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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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members pertaining to proposals considered follow along with the vote of AC members present. The maker and the second to the motion to consider are noted. There were no members of the public who wished to comment on any proposal.

Proposal 123                      Campbell/Collman                      0-9-0  
Negative reaction to allow specific seasons for specific hunting groups or weapon types

Prefer generic hunts with no specific benefit to a user group

See the congregating of bears in salmon stream mouths as increasing their vulnerability

Does not foster the idea of fair chase in this type of hunt

Archers can hunt with the rest of the bear hunters in the established season

Proposal 128                      McRae/White                      0-9-0

Closing this area would certainly displace effort onto the Kenai Peninsula which already sees enough pressure.

The proposal is directed at wolverines, but it is not possible to target only wolverines with leg hold traps which would still be open to other species of furbearers.

Releasing an irritated wolverine from a leg hold trap might be somewhat difficult. Since this is an area typically worked by Anchorage trappers, we would like to hear their comments.

Proposal 127                      Campbell/Collman                      0-9-0

There was no justification for the increase in bag limit for grouse

Pheasants were introduced in Homer and have done well because they are fed corn and grains by certain people and have learned to live among the subdivisions.

Thoughts were that the wet heavily forested islands of PWS would not foster a pheasant population. Probably no wild foods for them.

Pheasants are not a native specie and if they did survive might impact indigenous species.

Proposal 149                      McRae/Campbell                      0-9-0

This proposal is a sure way to catch every beaver on the Kenai Peninsula.

Open water trapping with submerged sets would catch kits, otters, as well as adults

This far south, the quality of early pelts is highly questionable

There already is a possible open water time to trap at the end of the season



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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-March5, 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



Mt. Yenlo Fish & Game Advisory Board  
Meeting of 1/11/11  
Meeting Called to Order 11:00am by Tom Payton (Acting Chairman)

Members Present:

- Tom Payton
- Eric Johnson
- Tom Brion
- James Ivey
- Bob Miesner
- Barry Stanley
- Bonnie Childs
- Sara King (Newly Elected)
- Mark Torkelson (Newly Elected)

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Quorum Present: Yes

Notes:

- Bonnie Childs - Relected 3yr Undesignated, Unanimous
- Steve Childs - Relected 3 yr Undesignated, Unanimous
- Barry Stanley - Relected 1 yr Undesignated, Unanimous
- Bob Meisner - Relected, 1 yr Undesignated, Unanimous
- Sara King - Elected 3-year undesignated - Becomes Secretary, Unanimous
- Eric Johnson - Becomes Vice-Chair, Unanimous
- Tom Payton - Remains Chair, Unanimous
- Mark Torkelson - Elected 2-year undesignated, Unanimous

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Motion by Eric Johnson - Vote on the Mat-Valley/Susitna Valley Subcommittee Minutes as a whole from the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Fisheries meeting. Tom Payton explains the Proposals discussed during the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting that were pertinent to the Yentna area.

Proposal 267 - Eric Johnson - concerned about the Lake Creek proposal restriction on horsepower. Consensus is that limits are unnecessary and unwarranted.

Eric Johnson concerned about state sonar management plans on Yentna River keeping count numbers away from public to avoid public outcry.

Proposal 103 - United Cook Inlet Drift Association proposal is to limit Skwentna area subsistence to 500 salmon/year. Disagreement that the area in question no longer qualifies for subsistence fishery. There are still no roads to the area, and the only public runway is still in the Skwentna area.

Petition on Proposal 103 - Community Fishwheel Petition against restricting Yentna/Skwentna subsistence fishery submitted to Board.

Vote: Passed. Unanimous. Mt. Yenlo Fish and Game Advisory Board supports January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes of the Mat-Valley/Susitna Valley Advisory Sub-committee.

Meeting continues with individual Game Proposals from the Alaska Board of Game:

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Proposal 74 - Barry moves to discuss Proposal 74, Bonnie seconds. Eric Johnson agrees with removal of more bears from area. General consensus is there are too many bears in the area. Barry thinks the proposal will help more guides take more moose. The Board has historically supported the predator control issue and the removal of bears. Tom Brion - thinks it would help expand into the more remote areas to help get black bear population off the main river system under control. Barry- there are some concerns that bait stations will start to get bears interested in human-produced food in general. Everyone seems to be in agreement that this proposal will help make the area in alignment with the rest of the state.

Vote: Unanimously in Favor of the Proposal.

Proposal 76 and 77, Eric Johnson moves to discuss Proposal 76 and 77. Barry Seconded. Eric is opposed to the proposal, thinks that it might affect hunting guides' ability to make a living. The pelts on a brown bear aren't worthwhile during the summer and the meat is inedible. Tom Payton agrees that taking a brown bear in the summer is a waste of a trophy animal. Tom Brion thinks that we would take a big publicity hit if it was allowed to kill brown bear during summer.

Vote: Unanimously Opposed to the Proposal

Proposal 78, Barry makes a motion to discuss Proposal 78. Bonnie Seconded. General consensus is that the proposal goes against the predator control system that this committee has been working towards to aid in the recovery of the moose population of this area.

Vote: Unanimously Opposed to the Proposal

Proposal 93, 95, 96, Barry makes a motion to discuss Proposal 93, 95, 96. Bonnie Seconded. The general consensus of the committee seems to be that they support the concept of the later season on moose hunts. Generally in favor of a later season.

Vote: Unanimously Support the Proposal

Proposal 94, Eric makes a motion to discuss Proposal 94. Barry seconded. The general consensus of the committee seems to be that if there are extra bulls in the area, then guides should be allowed a chance to generate an income from nonresidents. However, there is discussion that people in the Lake Creek area haven't seen many bulls, and if a resident isn't able to find a moose to hunt, how is it justified to allow a nonresident hunt? We're in favor of the proposal as long as the Fish and Game continues to monitor the bull to cow ratios and those ratios continue to be in surplus population of bulls, to be reauthorized yearly based on current counts.

Vote: All in Favor of Proposal, None Opposed

Proposal 97- No Action

Proposal 98 - No Action based on our previous action on Proposals 93, 95, 96

Proposal 99, Eric makes a motion to discuss Proposal 99. Barry Seconds. Many board members take part in the subsistence winter hunt. General consensus is that restricting the taking of bulls for subsistence in winter is not going to raise the total moose population. Further, it is maintained that the subsistence winter moose hunt has been a customary and traditional way of life for this area.

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**Vote: Unanimously Opposed to Proposal 99**

**Proposal 100, Barry makes a motion to discuss Proposal 100. Bonnie Seconds.**

**Vote: Unanimously in Favor of Proposal 100.**

**Proposal 101 - No Action**

**Proposal 102 - No Action**

**Proposal 103, Eric moves to discuss Proposal 103, Bonnie Seconds. General consensus is that the Advisory Committee fully supports the proposal. In favor of predator control in this area.**

**Vote: Unanimously in Favor of Proposal. Reasoning: Without this program, depleted moose populations in the area might never recover.**

**Sara King moves to send Tom Payton to the next Board of Fish and Game meeting in Anchorage to testify on behalf on the Mt. Yenlo advisory council. Tom Brion seconds. Tom Payton accepts, will be attending for the Mt. Yenlo Advisory Board.**

**Eric moves to Adjourn at 1:45pm. Barry seconds. Bonnie thirds. Vote: Unanimous. Meeting Adjourned.**



Tom Payton - paytonplace@gci.net

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**Members Present:** Bill Folsom, , Tony Jones, Jeff Tuttle, Gerrit Dykstra, Mark Chryson, Brian Campbell, Max Sager, Eric Beckman, Dan Montgomery, Kathy Thompson, Bennet Durgeloh, Guiseppa Rossi **Alternates:** Keith Westfall, Ben Allen

**Junior members present:** None (all excused)

**Members excused:** Steve Bartelli, Andy Couch, Mel Grove

**ADF&G representatives:** Tony Kavaloti, Sam Ivey, Len butler, Tim Peltier.

**Guests present:** Jennifer Ehmann, Pete Zazalinsky, Earl Bragg, Kenny Barber, Pat O'Conner, Tony Russ, Peter Barela,

*Call to Order at 7pm*

Bill Folsom called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

January 12, 2011 minutes approved with no objections or changes

Acceptance of the Agenda:

### Upper Cook Inlet BOF Proposal discussion

We all received a copy of the recommendations of the Kenai River Sportfishing Association. Mark moves that we accept the Kenai River Sportfishing Association recommendations on the proposals on the agenda, except #194. *Motion passed unanimously* to support Kenai Sportsmen's Association recommendations.

Proposal 194. Would prohibit dipnetting from boats in Kenai River personal use fishery from ADF&G regulatory markers located on the Cook Inlet beaches outside the terminus of the river upstream for a distance of one mile. ADF&G (Sam Ivey) states the department's stand is no recommendation, as this is a redundant proposal. *Vote 0-14-0*

Proposal 196. Increase season dates and expand area for Beluga River personal use fishery. ADF&G (Sam Ivey) states the department has no problem expanding the area for handicapped and seniors, as the numbers of fish caught are well below the 500 acceptable, but stated hesitancy in opening season earlier due to increased probability of catching Kings. The FG will be neutral. *We did not vote on this proposal.*

7:15 p.m. Bill calls for a break, to see if ADF&G (Tony Kavalok) can come to the meeting.

7:35 p.m. Bill recalls the meeting to order

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### Central / SW BOG Proposal Discussion

Chairmen Bill Folsom entertains motion to drop the game proposals 39-60 from the Glennallen Area Units 11 and 13. *Motion passed.*

Bill states his reason is that, on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, we can have the area ADF&G biologist Becky Schwanke from Glennallen present. This will give us 2 weeks to prepare for that visit. *No opposition.*

Proposal 94. Open a nonresident moose hunt in Unit 16B. Mark Chryson moves to accept. Bennet 2nds. ADF&G (Tony Kavalok) comments "no recommendation" as this proposal addresses an allocation issue in addition to the fact the moose herd in this unit is still rebuilding with not the desirable numbers of cows. Group discussion, that the first priority is for the moose population to rebuild within this unit. *Vote 0-11-3*

Proposal 95. Delay the moose season for residents in 16B. Change the opening date to September 1 and close it September 20<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>. ADF&G (Tony) states FG intends to change the season to coincide with Unit 14 season. 8/25-9/25. Also, they don't feel the pressure on rutting moose will be advantageous. Discussion was that taking 5 days off the season is not desirable. *Vote 0-10-4.*

Proposal 96. Delay the moose season for residents in Unit 16B. Change opening date to Sept 1-30. ADF&G (Tony) states FG does not, again, feel the pressure on rutting moose will be advantageous. *Vote 0-14-0*

Proposal 97. Close all moose hunts in Unit 16B except the Tier II moose hunt. Continue subsistence-Tier II ONLY moose harvest only in area until moose aerial counts supports proper bull/cow ratios and higher animal count. ADF&G (Tony) states the Department will take no action because regulations are explicit for moose harvest for Tier II general and drawing. Moose harvest numbers are 199 for Tier II only, 200-240 is Tier I general, over 240 general season and non-resident. *Vote 0-14-0.*

Proposal 98. Change the season for moose in Unit 16B. Open dates- September 1 to September. ADF&G (Tony) suggests the Departments strong desire to change seasons to coincide with Unit 14 in order that all dates are aligned. *Vote 0-14-0.*

Additionally ADF&G (Tony) states more moose in 16B than earlier thought. Cow/calf component is flat, less than 20 calf survival per 100. Calf survival increased during wolf control, but is now dropping.

Proposal 99. *Tabled*

Proposal 93. Delay the moose season date for residents in Unit 16B. Postpone opening date; shorter season will work. Motion to amend to coincide with ADF&G recommendation 8/25-9/25. *Vote 14-0-0.*

Vote on 93 as amended: 14-0-0.

Proposal 99: Eliminate the winter moose hunts in Unit 16B. Eliminate these hunts entirely. Tony says there is harvestable moose that are harvested as Tier II moose. He states changing the Tier II season to coincide with general hunt would cause extensive pressure. ADF&G (Tony) suggests to not adopt this



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proposal as Tier II winter draw permits were established for subsistence and the Department is opposed to moving this hunt to a different time of year in order to prevent different hunts (Tier I & II) occurring simultaneously.

Discussion : Dan feels winter harassment of moose is unhealthy, at a time when moose need to feed and survive. Dan states he used to see many moose along the river corridor while flying, but now sees none. Bennet feels shortening the hunt and moving it earlier would help. Tony suggests the AC make recommendation to change the season dates. *Vote 1-12-1*

Proposal 101. Reduce the bag limit for wolves in Unit 16A and close the nonresident season. ADF&G (Len Butler) states hunters never take 10 wolves daily. *Vote 0-14-0*

Proposal 102. Modify the amount necessary for subsistence for wolves in unit 16. ADF&G (Len) states current take of wolves are 12-20, so no biological concerns at this time. *Vote 0-14-0*

Proposal 103: Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 16 in regards to predator control. ADF&G (Len) states the Department recommends to adopt. *Vote 14-0-0*

\*End of Board agenda.

Bill asks for member comments.

Brian would like to review the newly added proposals for Region IV 228,229 and 231, at next meeting's agenda. Bill states we will add those.

Guissepe asks that Bill contact Sherry Wright in regards to using Wasilla City Hall as a meeting place.

Dan informed the group on total moose harvest data suggesting no impact for nonresident drawings in Unit 13, 2009 50 permits, 12 moose killed. 2008 100 permits, 12 kills.

Eric asks FG to provide specific data about the wolf population. He also states Sweden and Norway have a larger population of moose and take a lot more moose. He discussed resource management in terms of Forestry (harvest, burning etc...) in order to maximize browse.

Tony states the Matsu borough has been an impediment to management. For example, timber sales have been challenged.

Bennet states he found Div. Of Forestry has also been an impediment.

Eric asks if FG is considering brown bear over bait in Unit 16. Tony states that is being considered.

Bill states at the next meeting we will have Becky from Glennallen. Bill encourages the AC to read all the proposals starting with #39.

Bill states AC members can amend the agenda, but the changes must be on the agenda when it's mailed out.

Patrick states there will be a meeting at the Spenard Sports Center on 1/26 from 6:30 to 8:30,



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discussing the government taking a large portion of Unit 13 for a bombing range. He encourages attendance at this meeting. Bill requests that someone ask, at that meeting, if fly-overs can be eliminated during hunting season. ADF&G (Tim Peltier) states there are some changes of concern by military aircraft, that in some areas they will be flying as low as 500 feet. ADF&G (Tony) states this will cause considerable concerns for FG flying to do their job in the area, not to mention small planes. Kenny states the military is looking for input from the public at the meeting.

Dan will attend the meeting as a representative of the AC. Kenny says there will be meetings also in Fairbanks, Talkeetna, Healy and other areas.

**\*Next meeting of the AC to be 2/2/2011. at the VFW Post 9. \*Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.**



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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

Attn: Shannon UCI  
Scott Central BOG  
AC Comments

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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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&amp;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***

Guiseppe 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: Guiseppe 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 Guiseppe 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 ¾ 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

*Attn: Scott Cross  
AC Comments  
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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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**Meeting Dealing with South Central Game Proposals.**

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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. Guiseppe 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.



## **Togiak advisory committee meeting minutes – February 4, 2011**

### **Togiak Senior Center**

Call to order at 11:18 a.m.

Present: John Nick, Billy Bartman, John T. Bavilla, Julius Henry, Gust Bartman, Moses Kritz, Frank Logusak, Sr., Peter Lockuk, Sr.

Agenda approved: John Nick moved; seconded by Gust Bartman.

Minutes from previous meeting of 11/09/09 minutes read and approved. Julius Henry moved and John Bavilla seconded.

### **New Business:**

Two members need to be elected to AC. John Bavilla and Moses Kritz's terms are expired. Moses Kritz, John Bavilla and Jonathan Forsling are nominated before Peter Lockuk moves to close nominations.

Moses Kritz and Jonathan Forsling each receive 13 votes; John Bavilla receives 9 votes. Moses Kritz nominates J. Forsling to be chair and Frank Logusak as vice chair.

### **Staff reports:**

Matt Jones, ADFG fisheries biologist: escapement this past season was 188,298 fish, with concerns about the Chinook escapement. Chinooks could become a stock of concern. The department's proposal for drifting in the channel is designed to avoid that designation. Frank asks for catch records from department; department has that information and will provide.

Moses suggests setting up a time to discuss how best to bring these concerns before the Board of Fisheries. Fall would be a good time.

Herring: There is a local concern that, although the biologists say the herring biomass is healthy, local residents observe that it is not – less spawn-on-kelp, minimal spawn. Noticeable when travelling along the coast – areas are depleted. Layers of spawn not as thick on kelp. Emperor geese feed on herring eggs, and there are fewer geese.



Still time to compile information on this before fall meetings. Subsistence – Ted Krieg, on the Bering Sea project, Frank Woods on bird survey project. Sarah Evans on DASA and spawn on kelp surveys.

Draft moose management plan – Concern that if the population reaches 1400 other non-locals can participate in the hunts.

Draft is not final and it is suggested that all involved need to discuss and plan for all entities agree.

Moses moves to accept the draft, seconded by Frank Logusak. Motion carries. Primary representative will be Frank Logusak, secondary representative is Peter Lockuk.

Comment that the Board of Game needs information about the local wolf population increasing compared to previous years.

### **Proposals**

Motion to adopt votes taken by the Nushagak AC that do not directly affect the Togiak area. Carries, 7-0.

Proposal 26: Fails, 0-7. Discussion – lots of bears, unafraid of humans, coming in to the villages, numbers inaccurate in the proposal.

Proposal 29: Carries, 6-0, as amended by department and by Nushagak AC and so that the salvage requirement is head and paws.

Proposal 34: Fails, 0-6. Discussion – This vote is based on support of the moose management plan. It's premature to adopt that proposal and change regulations in light of the plan and all the time spent on it. Need to stick to it.

Proposal 104: Carries, 6-0

Proposal 119: Amended to include all of Units 17C and 9. Carries as amended, 6-0.

Proposal 120: Amended to support Nushagak AC numbers of 60-110,000, because the range is so large. Carried as amended, 6-0.

Adjourned at 4:35 p.m.





TO: Alaska Board of Game  
FROM: Southern Norton Sound AC  
DATE: February 18, 2011  
RE: SNS AC Comment on Proposal # 223 – Spring 2011 BOG

At a duly constituted meeting on February 1, 2011, the Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee took unanimous action to let the Board of Game know that it wishes to allow the department to continue to have discretionary authority on subsistence hunts as described in Proposal 223; a proposal made by the Board of Game to review the nullification of the trophy value of animals taken under a subsistence permit. The meeting minutes are forthcoming.

**Proposal 223 Amended.** 5 AAC 92.052. **Discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures.** Retain [REVIEW] the department's discretionary authority allowing [REQUIRING] the nullification of trophy value of animals taken under a subsistence permit.

5 AAC 92.052 (5) ... the trophy value of an animal taken under a subsistence permit may be nullified by the department;

ISSUE: In some hunts, it is necessary for the department to allow the nullification of trophy animals taken under subsistence hunts as a tool to manage the resources. The meat is always a priority for subsistence hunters and when the pressure to hunt certain units or sub-units becomes too high, allowing the nullification of the trophy value of animals has proven to be an effective tool that allows subsistence hunters their opportunity to participate in the hunts.



# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Meeting Minutes Provided Courtesy of the  
Bristol Bay Native Association

**COPPER BASIN F&G ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Feb 17, 2011**

VOTER RECORD/COMMENT  
 For Board of Game/March 4, 2011 meeting  
 (9 of 16 board members present)

*Attn: Scott Cross*  
*AC Comments*  
*on time*  
*BOG Central SW*

Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion
39	0	9		Only been in effect for 1 year. We would like to give it more time to see what happens. Also plenty of other areas to hunt in.
40	0	9		Current seasons are not detrimental to the bear population.
41	4	5		Oppose: Don't want to set a precedent for other units. Don't want or need predator control for bears in this unit. Support: Small scale, only about 20 People would qualify right now. Brown bears are becoming habituated to the areas of baits in some areas, causing problems. Allows take with your normal bag limit for the year. Reduce number of brown bears in this area.
42				No comment.
43	0	9		Have to leave in the exclusionary language or it will open up the area to too many caribou hunters.
44	1	8		Support: In support of draw system. Oppose: The argument that you don't have equal access doesn't apply because it's your choice if you decide to hunt only unit 13.
45	0	9		Don't want to get rid of the Paxson Closed Area.
46	9	0		<b>AS AMENDED: Amend with: In years that the harvestable surplus exceeds the ANS of 600 animals, drawing hunts will get no less than 10% of the harvestable surplus.</b>
47				Refer to proposal 46 as amended.
48				Refer to proposal 46 as amended.
49				Refer to proposal 46 as amended.
50				No comment.
51	9	0		



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52	0	9	No early season anywhere else in state.
53			Refer to proposal 51.
54			No comment.
55	0	9	This is an isolated population in which the goats move between the Richardson Hwy, where they are hunted, and the Copper River.
56	0	9	Bull numbers declined in some road accessible areas.
57	0	9	Non resident harvest is very small. Still not meeting population objectives.
58			No comment.
59			Refer to proposal 56
60	0	9	People do hunt the Tonsina Controlled Use Area. People do walk in and hunt.
61			Refer to proposal 62
62	7	1	<b>AS AMENDED: Amend with: Community moose harvest; Bulls, August 10 to September 20. Spike/fork, 50 inches, or 4 brow tines.</b> Discussion: Bull numbers dropped already in accessible areas, so no Any bull, but still give advantage for Community Harvest with a 3 week advance of the general season. Opposed: not in favor of a Community Harvest.
63	0	8	Leave the season consistent, don't change right now.
64	0	8	This proposal gets rid of the spike/fork option. Don't like that.
65			No comment.
66			No comment.
67			No comment.
68			We were told this proposal has been withdrawn.
69			No comment.
70	0	8	Members didn't see it as a problem. Using boats to get 4 wheelers to the harder to reach areas that need some harvest is ok.
231	8	0	F&G needs to be able to stop



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**Feb 17, 2011**

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population growth if needed by an antlerless hunt.

Support: Should not penalize a hunter just because they are subsistence hunters, all parts of the animal have value to people.

Oppose: Subsistence hunts are for meat, should cut horns.



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## Central Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes 1/31/2011

Members Present:

Bill Glanz, Dean Willis, Jack Hendrickson, Jim Wilde, Hannelore Wilde, Stan Gelvin

Members Absent:

Denny Cooper, Laurel Tyrrell

Community Present:

David Smith, Nolan Peterson, Brandon Juszczak, Casey King, Mike Thompson, Kelli Callaghan, Debbie Baker

Fish and Game Representatives:

Roy Nowlin, Tony Hollis

Meeting called to order by Bill Glanz 2:30 P.M.

Minutes from 2/10/10 meeting approved.

Laurel Tyrrell, Bill Glanz and Jim Wilde were reelected unanimously to three year terms.

Jim Gelvin was elected to a three year term.

Bill Glanz introduced Fish and Game guests.

Bill Glanz proposed drafting a letter urging State of Alaska Attorney General to assert state rights to the Yukon River within the mean high water mark. The decision by the Federal Magistrate in the case of United States vs. James Wilde should be appealed. This decision clearly violates the State of Alaska rights as well as the civil rights of the citizens of this state to hunt and fish on the Yukon River.

Proposal approved unanimously.

Tony Hollis presented 2010 harvest report for GMU 25C.

Roy Nowlin reviewed Forty Mile Caribou Herd Plan achievements (51,675 head count), objectives and goals.

Board of Game Proposal #202 to reauthorize the resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Artic was unanimously supported.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 PM



## *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



From McGrath AC - antlerless moose reauth.

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> Nissa

I have poled all the members I could reach on reauthorizing a cow moose hunt in Unit 19. This is the result:

Yes 10 members  
No 1 member

2 could not reach  
2 seats vacant

This gives us a strong majority of 10 of the 15 members. I may be able to reach one more member before going on vacation but this will not change the results.

We need to arrange for elections in Takotna and Nilolai before our next meeting. We will hold the election for McGrath and the at large seats here in McGrath at the meeting.

Sincerely Raymond Collins, Chair McGrath Advisory Committee.

> [redacted] McGrath roster

> [redacted] [redacted] resigned

Hi Nissa

I contacted the first two member at a meeting the evening of Jan 11 and the others thru the 16 the with the last one after my first message to you on the 19th>It involved phone messages and callbacks in some cases so that spread it out.

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Ray

> [redacted]  
> [redacted]



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ATTN: Board of Game Comments

Alaska Department of Fish and Game Boards Support Section

The Middle Nenana Fish and Game Advisory Committee oppose Proposal 232. Controlled Use Areas

This Proposal makes a fundamental change in a long standing Controlled Use Area, in effect since the 1970's. Opening an area to motorized use for hunting (even though there is currently motorized use for recreation) introduces a new level of impacts and safety issues. This Proposal requires vetting in a wide arena and not simply in the context of intensive management needs.

1. This in an Interior Proposal being offered at a non-Interior meeting. Offering a Proposal of such significance out of cycle may be legal but it is not appropriate. This important decision may have flown under a lot of folks' radar because it was not proposed by their own AC. Please drop it now and address it at an Interior BOG meeting, if you must consider it.
2. The Proposal itself is vague, inaccurate, and not restrictive enough to prevent problems.
  - a. The Proposal's suggestion that it will mitigate impacts to Rex and Ferry by spreading them to yet another region is fundamentally flawed - there is no proof that spreading the impacts will produce any meaningful reduction of those same impacts in any of the areas. It will simply spread the impacts of motorized use for hunting to a new area. This spreading of impacts is not justified simply by its unproved benefit for intensive management.
  - b. Many problems with access in the Yanert exist, including 1) a sole 17 b easement from the Parks Highway, 2) absence of a safe highway trailhead for vehicles and trailers, 3) potential for destruction of habitat by use of larger vehicles to carry a full camp and haul out moose parts, 4) Potential for destruction of exposed, shrubby, moist tundra habitat in the upper reaches of the creeks where moose are likely to be in winter, 5) Avalanche dangers in these same areas are more easily triggered and made more severe by motorized uses.
  - c. The Proposal suggests that access will be from October through December with "mostly snow machines." However, October is a transition month, often snowless. **ATVs or OHVs will use the Yanert** at this time if not restricted.
  - d. the Fairbanks AC appears to believe that hunting the Yanert will avoid the problems of open water encountered in other parts of 20A. However, the Yanert is traditionally a very unstable river with periodic overflow throughout the winter, making travel unpredictable. This is of course true for all forms of access, but to allege that the Yanert is somehow better and more reliably frozen is untrue.
3. Past surveys done by F&G show this area has a very low density of moose. The impact on habitat by motorized vehicles can not justify the limited numbers of moose that may increase harvest quotas, set artificially high by Intensive Game Management mandates.
4. The non motorized recreational value of this area for quality hunts in intact wilderness, for moose, caribou and ptarmigan along with the harvesting of berries, mushrooms and other natural foods should be given consideration.
5. Increasing motorized use of this area will create added pressure on already stressed wildlife populations in winter, particularly for sheep, caribou and moose.



**FAIRBANKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTS REGARDING  
CENTRAL/SOUTHWEST REGION, UNIT 13 PROPOSALS**

Fairbanks Advisory Committee (FAC) took public comments at its meeting on February 9, met through correspondence, and reiterated its prior disapproval of a community harvest hunt program (CHP) for Unit 13 caribou and moose. FAC submits the following comments with respect to the identified proposals.

**Proposal 50.** In October, 2010, the FAC advocated for the Board to replace the unconstitutional CHP with a carefully regulated registration hunt based on the highly successful model established by the 40-mile registration caribou hunt.

At the October meeting, there was considerable support for a registration hunt, and the Board's Attorney General Advisor advised against adopting any form of CHP.

Some Board members, however, expressed concern over the large number of Alaskans who had previously registered for Nelchina caribou hunts in the 1990's, and despite the acknowledged success of the 40-mile registration hunt (after a few years of fine tuning), the majority of the Board was reluctant to adopt a registration hunt that would apply equally to all Alaskans, and instead, advanced a complicated hunt regime that continued to draw distinctions among Alaskans.

We have reviewed the ADF&G Division of Subsistence Community Harvest Permit Program "draft for external review" published on November 23, 2010. This document contains several important details concerning Proposal 50.

While the proposed 2011 CHP will be open to any group of 25 or more Alaskans, those willing to participate in such a group will be severely limited by continued confusion over the details. In particular, the duties and obligations of the group leader. That person, though not officially a "hunt administrator", has many obligations imposed upon them through Proposal 50. Among other things, this individual must provide detailed personal information about each hunter in the group (5 AAC 92.072(1)(A)), must ensure the delivery of validated harvest reports, biological samples, or other information required by the Department,<sup>1</sup> must provide harvest information, including federal subsistence harvest information, a final report of all game taken within 15 days

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<sup>1</sup> 5 AAC 92.072(1)(B)



of the close of the season,<sup>2</sup> and most onerously, **“must make efforts to ensure that the applicable customary and traditional use pattern described by the Board, and included by the Department as a permit condition, if any, is observed by subscribers including meat sharing...”**<sup>3</sup> This section would require each individual hunter in the group (as reported by the group leader) to adopt and exhibit the AHTNA caribou hunting, salvaging, sharing, and consuming traditions as interpreted by the Board in its findings 2006-170-BOG.

Having to adhere to AHTNA customs and traditions imposes significant hardships on many Alaskan subsistence users, including AHTNA villagers, who choose not, for whatever reason, to subscribe to the alleged customs and traditions found by the Board in 2006.

One “tradition” that would be imposed on all community harvest hunters would be to salvage the heart, liver, kidneys, stomach, and fat of the caribou. Over the years, the Board has heard testimony from many Unit 13 hunters, including many AHTNA’s, that they simply have no interest (or any continuing tradition) to harvest such parts of the animal. Notably, the FAC remembers one Board meeting where the AHTNA Tene Nene’ subsistence committee specifically testified against salvaging the stomachs of caribou. Their testimony was that the stomachs were simply not used anymore, and that requiring salvage of such parts lead to nuisance bear problems and litter along the roadway, because hunters had to haul the stomach from the field, but then would quickly deposit them in the nearest dumpster or roadside ditch, often near villages.

Further, to qualify and abide by the terms of the proposed CHP permit, all hunters, non-AHTNA and AHTNA, would have to adhere to AHTNA ceremonial traditions. Specifically, the Department’s Draft for External Review requires all edible products of caribou taken under the terms of a Copper Basin CHP hunt be;

“primarily shared with community or group members... and demonstrate a pattern of sharing...including a ceremonial occasion where successful hunters share with elders and the disabled. In addition, hunters who have harvested their first caribou should give all edible portions to other members of their community or group, not within the

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<sup>2</sup> 5 AAC 92.072(1)(C)

<sup>3</sup> 5 AAC 92.072(1)(D)

immediate family, and there should be a ceremonial aspect of the sharing, such as a potlatch.”<sup>4</sup>

These cultural and ceremonial requirements should not be imposed by ADF&G on any hunters. Because potlatches have religious significance for the AHTNA, the Department would unconstitutionally be imposing AHTNA religious ceremonies upon every Alaskan who chose to apply for a group CHP permit.

There is no authority in State law to justify the Department of Fish & Game requiring a first time successful hunter to give away all edible portions of his animal to other Alaskans to the exclusion of his own family, yet this would be a required permit condition. Under Alaska law, the animal belongs to the hunter once it is harvested. The government can't make any hunter give their subsistence meat away to third parties.

In sum, there are significant limitations on any non-AHTNA's ability to comply with the AHTNA cultural requirements of a group CHP. The FAC is concerned about such cultural requirements being imposed on CHP's elsewhere throughout the state, with the Board of Game determining, establishing, and ultimately enforcing any particular customary and traditional practices the Board identifies. The Board should stick with the business of managing our commonly owned resources under the law, and leave the cultural anthropology work to others, such as the subsistence division of ADF&G.

At a recent trial in Point Hope, subsistence caribou hunters from that region testified that it is customary and traditional to not salvage any part of a gut shot animal, and to instead, leave the entire animal to rot in the field.<sup>5</sup> The vast majority of subsistence hunters in the state of Alaska would refuse to adhere to such a custom, and the Board of Game and the Department would be on shaky legal ground every time it sought to identify, then impose, cultural, ceremonial, and religious customs upon individual Alaskans, as a necessary prerequisite to participate in a subsistence hunt.

The FAC has heard from concerned members of its constituency regarding the imposition of AHTNA cultural values on all CHP hunters. We agree with our constituents that cultural traditions concerning subsistence harvest and use vary

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<sup>4</sup> Exhibit A - ADF&G Draft for External Review, pg. 8 - 9

<sup>5</sup> Exhibit B – Press Report of Point Hope Trial, pg. 2

dramatically from hunter to hunter, and that no one set of customary practices should be imposed on others, absent a biological justification.

There is no biological justification to require every Tier I hunter that applies for a group permit to salvage the stomach, kidneys, and fat of the caribou, then carefully report, all of the circumstances of how they prepare, preserve, or share the animal.

With respect to the Tier I registration hunt, this hunt is unduly restrictive, and as noted by the Board Chair, Mr. Judkins, at the October meeting, one caribou every four years does not provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence. The Court specifically found that the 2009 decision to limit lottery hunters to one caribou every four years was also arbitrary, and not based on evidence on the record. A boned out caribou yields approximately 70 lbs of meat. No Alaska subsistence family should be required to subsist on 70 lbs of meat in a year, and be prohibited from hunting moose or caribou anywhere else in the state. This is an important distinction between the CHP hunter and the Tier I registration hunter. A CHP hunter is not limited to a household limit of one caribou, while the Tier I registration hunter's household is. If the Court continues to find that one caribou per household every four years is sufficient to meet a defined subsistence use, that limitation needs to be imposed on all Alaskans on an equal basis, otherwise, the Board continues to give CHP hunters a preference, which is illegal under State law.

If the Board refuses to scrap the CHP idea altogether, the FAC would remind the Board that it has previously supported and acknowledged that a legitimate CHP, consistent with the intent of the enabling statute, can be implemented in the Copper Basin. The CHP, however, should not distinguish among Alaskans, but should instead only recognize that some groups of hunters would like to pool their otherwise available permits for purposes of party hunting and sharing the harvest. The FAC has no objection to a CHP patterned after the original intent of the law, such as has been implemented in Chalkyitsik and the Yukon Flats, whereby no Alaskan is given any preferential hunt status, but where Alaskans who choose to pool their otherwise available permits can do so consistent with State law.

The FAC understands that approximately 3,200 Alaskans applied for the Tier I permit. This number is far below any number that should concern a Board member



regarding the ability to control an over harvest. As a practical matter, because of the significant limitations placed on the Tier I permit, most Alaskans will apply for the drawing permit for bulls that still allow them to fulfill their subsistence needs outside of Unit 13, and that would not unduly restrict their family members' ability to hunt where they please. The Board should amend Proposal 50 to eliminate the CHP allocation, and to make the Tier I permit more consistent with actual subsistence needs. A resident-only drawing for bulls could still be retained as a way to spread out harvest pressure, and to help control the potential for a very short season, or an over harvest.

**Proposal 61** - This proposal asks the Board to reauthorize a preferential moose hunt that the Court found to be unconstitutional. The Board should refer to the Department's final report on the 2009 – 2010 CHP hunts, which provide a detailed outline of the problems inherent in this special moose allocation. The FAC favors more liberal moose hunting regulations, given the success of predator control in the area, and the resulting surge in moose populations. The CHP, however, lead to localized over harvest, and provided a huge advantage to CHP hunters, with an earlier season, and unrestricted antler configuration. Moose are still a Tier I resource in Unit 13, and the Board cannot distinguish among Alaskans by awarding preferential access especially based on residency.

**Proposal 62** – see comments to Proposal 61 above.

**Proposals 65 & 66 – Oppose.** These proposals seek to stop a highly successful predator control program in Unit 13 that has been responsible for the dramatic increase in caribou and moose numbers, and that has allowed both hunts to come out of restrictive Tier II management and to feed thousands more Alaskan families, consistent with the intensive management law.

**Proposal 68** – This appears to be a backup proposal from AHTNA in the event that the Board reverts to Tier II for either moose or caribou in Unit 13. AHTNA proposes a change to the scoring criteria in a way that would award significantly more points to local residents of Unit 13. FAC opposes any attempt by the Board to restructure the Tier II scoring process at this time. There are currently no Tier II hunts in Unit 13, and historically, whenever the Board has altered the scoring criteria with the intended result

of putting more permits in the hands of Unit 13 residents, courts have stricken these as an unconstitutional rural preference.



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***Community Harvest Permit Program – Copper Basin***

***Introduction***

The community harvest permit (CHP) program is authorized by regulations adopted by the Alaska Board of Game (board) at 5 AAC 92.072 and at 5 AAC 92.074 and provides for communities or groups of 25 or more to conduct subsistence hunting in areas identified by the board.

For Game Management Unit (GMU) 13 caribou,<sup>1</sup> in 2006 the board reviewed the hunt in light of its consistency with the board’s customary and traditional use finding. The board published its results as *Findings for the Alaska Board of Game, 2006-170-BOG, Game Management Unit 13 Caribou and Moose Subsistence Uses* (“2006-170-BOG”). Findings from the October 2010 meeting are forthcoming. In the 2006 findings, the board continued its characterization of the caribou hunt as a subsistence hunt and furthermore stated that the GMU 13 caribou subsistence hunt follows a “unique pattern of subsistence use that is traceable in direct line back to the original Ahtna Athabascan and later non-Native customary and traditional use” (2006-170-BOG).

<sup>1</sup> The board included moose in the findings.



Although the board found the original pattern of use has been adopted and modified over time, it stated that “aspects of the traditional Ahtna Athabascan use pattern are present today...” and that “most of the long-term subsistence patterns in this area are community-based” (2006-170-BOG).

In 2009, an “Ahtna” CHP hunt was adopted by the board and administered by Ahtna, Inc. The board’s actions were challenged through a lawsuit, and in July 2010 the Alaska Superior Court (Third Judicial District) enjoined the Alaska Board of Game from authorizing an “Ahtna CHP that is fundamentally residency-based.”

In July 2010, the Superior Court did not find that all CHP hunts were “unconstitutional,” but that the Ahtna CHP hunt adopted by the board was residency-based and thus unconstitutional. The court also said that “The Department [ADF&G] needs to maintain control of the determination of lawful criteria for selecting who may hunt, for establishing any special restrictions for the hunt and for the handling of the game, and for establishing the terms and conditions for a meaningful communal sharing of caribou and moose under a CHP.”

The board met in October 2010 and adopted modifications to 5 AAC 92.072 to clarify its intent that CHP programs not be fundamentally residency-based. The board also adopted regulations to ensure that ADF&G will assume the permit administration role for all CHPs.

This Copper Basin CHP program thus is authorized by regulations adopted by the board and is administered in accordance with board findings published in 2006-170-BOG and in findings from the October 2010 board meeting.

These hunt conditions may be amended by the board and by ADF&G as needed to provide for the subsistence priority in Alaska state law for common use resources, as well as the constitutionally-mandated sustained yield management of the Nelchina caribou herd.

Participation in a Copper Basin CHP hunt does not affect federal subsistence hunting opportunities.

### ***For More Information***

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### ***Hunt Administration***

As recommended in the July 2010 Alaska Superior Court decision, ADF&G shall administer and manage the Copper Basin CHP program. Hunt administration will be in accordance with statutory and regulatory authority, including managing this common use resource for sustained yield according to laws regarding the subsistence preference passed by the Alaska State Legislature.

### ***Copper Basin CHP application process***

The ADF&G commissioner or the commissioner's designee **may** issue community-based subsistence harvest permits and harvest reports for big game species where the board has established a community harvest hunt area (5 AAC 92.072). The CHP program allows a community or group of 25 or more to select, from their group members, individual harvesters who may possess particular expertise in hunting to harvest wildlife resources on behalf of the community or group.

The hunt conditions in this Copper Basin CHP program are made only for identification of the group/pool of users who are willing to use the caribou in a manner consistent with the eight factors in the customary and traditional use determination that the board adopted in 2006-170-BOG as well as in findings from the October 2010 meeting. ADF&G does not use such determinations for resource allocation.

A community or group may possess only one (1) Copper Basin caribou CHP at any given time and group members may subscribe to only one (1) Copper Basin caribou CHP per regulatory year. The Copper Basin CHP expires at the end of the regulatory year in which it was issued. Renewal of a Copper Basin CHP is the responsibility of the community or group.

### ***Deadline for application***

Applications for a Copper Basin CHP will be available from ADF&G by March 15 of the calendar year of the hunt (note that March 15 is a correction from the Tier I/II supplement published in November 2010). Applications must be returned to ADF&G and postmarked or faxed no later than 5:00 PM on May



1 of the calendar year of the hunt. If May 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, then the application is due no later than 5:00 PM on the preceding Friday.

Incomplete applications will be void. Send or fax completed applications to the ADF&G Glennallen office.

There is no limit to the number of communities or groups that may apply for a Copper Basin CHP and there is no limit to the number of hunters who may participate in a community or group, except that there must be 25 or more members.

### ***The community or group coordinator***

In addition to permit hunt conditions and procedures found in 5 AAC 92.050, the community or group applying for a Copper Basin CHP must designate a coordinator as part of the application process. The coordinator certifies that the information presented in a Copper Basin CHP application is true and correct to the best of the coordinator's ability; ensures that all the conditions of a Copper Basin CHP will be met and will be fully disclosed as requested in the Copper Basin CHP reporting requirements; and serves as the primary point of contact.

ADF&G will issue one (1) Copper Basin Community Harvest Permit to the coordinator.

### ***Hunter registration***

In the application materials, the Copper Basin CHP coordinator must provide to the ADF&G Glennallen office a list of group members, the names of all their household members, and other requested information, who are hunting under the terms and conditions of a Copper Basin CHP hunt. The coordinator may contact the ADF&G Glennallen office at any time during the season to add additional hunters to the list.

According to 5 AAC 92.990 Definitions, a "household" means that group of people domiciled in the same residence.

### ***Copper Basin CHP caribou harvest tickets and report cards***

ADF&G will issue one (1) Copper Basin CHP caribou harvest ticket/report card to each hunter on the community or group's eligible hunters list. In addition to licensing and hunter education requirements, each hunter must have a Copper Basin CHP caribou harvest ticket in the hunter's possession in order to take or attempt to take caribou under the terms of a Copper Basin CHP hunt. By subscribing to a Copper



Basin CHP hunt, a hunter acknowledges that he or she will comply with all conditions of a Copper Basin CHP.

Hunters and their household members who subscribe to a Copper Basin CHP will not be eligible to receive a Copper Basin CHP caribou harvest ticket if they have applied for:

1. Any other state caribou harvest ticket, drawing, or registration permit hunt statewide; or
2. Any state moose permit hunt outside of the Copper Basin CHP hunt area; or
3. If they have failed to comply with ADF&G reporting requirements in the previous year.

A person subscribing to a Copper Basin CHP hunt can hunt for caribou only in GMU 13 under the terms of a Copper Basin CHP hunt, and for moose only in the Copper Basin CHP hunt area.

Hunters must comply with all state hunting regulations and statutes, including, but not limited to, recording the Copper Basin CHP caribou harvest ticket number on the back of the hunting license, carrying the Copper Basin CHP caribou harvest ticket in the field, and validating the Copper Basin CHP caribou harvest ticket immediately upon killing a caribou. The Copper Basin CHP caribou harvest ticket must be in the hunter's possession until the caribou has been delivered to the location of processing for human consumption.

Copper Basin CHP caribou harvest tickets come with harvest reports attached to them. The report portion need not be carried in the field, but must be mailed or delivered to ADF&G within 5 days of taking the bag limit or within 30 days of the close of the season, even if the hunter did not hunt or did not kill a caribou.

### ***Copper Basin CHP hunt area, and area open to caribou hunting***

Although the Copper Basin CHP hunt area includes all of GMUs 11 and 13 and a portion of GMU 12 (see below), due to conservation concerns for adjacent caribou herds, **only GMU 13 is open to caribou hunting under the terms of a Copper Basin caribou CHP. Furthermore, a person subscribing to a Copper Basin caribou CHP hunt can hunt for moose only in the Copper Basin CHP hunt area.**

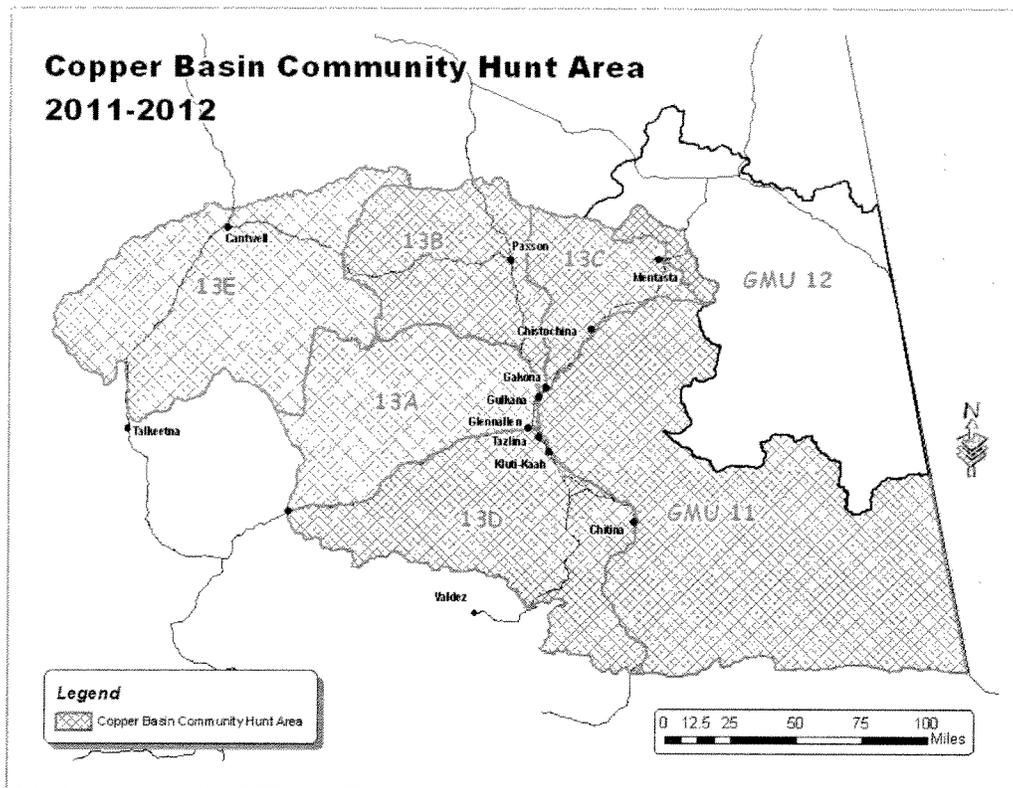
In 2006-170-BOG, the board has found that “subsistence uses involve an intimate and exclusive relationship between the user and a very particular set of places generally in close proximity to the hunter’s residence. “ The board findings furthermore say that the pattern of use by community residents “differs markedly from the use patterns found in Alaska’s urban areas.”

The Copper Basin CHP hunt area is described in 5 AAC 92.074 (d):

The Gulkana, Cantwell, Chistochina, Gakona, Mentasta, Tazlina, Chitina, and Kluti Kaah [Copper Basin] Community Harvest Area includes all of:

1. That area draining into the headwaters of the Copper River south of Suslota Creek and the area drained by all tributaries into the east bank of the Copper River between the confluence of Suslota Creek with the Slana River and Miles Glacier; and
2. That portion including all drainages into the west bank of the Little Tok River, from its headwaters in Bear Valley at the intersection of the unit boundaries of GMUs 12 and 13 to its junction with the Tok River, and all drainages into the south bank of the Tok River from its junction with the Little Tok River to the Tok Glacier, and that area westerly of the east bank of the Copper River and drained by all tributaries into the west bank of the Copper River from Miles Glacier, including the Slana River drainages north of Suslota Creek; and
3. The drainages into the Delta River upstream from Falls Creek and Black Rapids Glacier; and
4. The drainages into the Nenana River upstream from the southeast corner of Denali National Park at Windy; and
5. The drainages into the Susitna River upstream from its junction with the Chulitna River; and
6. The drainages into the east bank of the Chulitna River upstream to its confluence with Tokositna River; and
7. The drainages of the Chulitna River (south of Denali National Park) upstream from its confluence with the Tokositna River; and
8. The drainages into the north bank of the Tokositna River upstream to the base of the Tokositna Glacier; and
9. The drainages into the Tokositna Glacier; and
10. The drainages into the east bank of the Susitna River between its confluences with the Talkeetna and Chulitna rivers; and
11. The drainages into the north and east bank of the Talkeetna River, including the Talkeetna River, to its confluence with Clear Creek, the eastside drainages of a line going up the south bank of Clear Creek to the first unnamed creek on the south, then up that unnamed creek to lake 4408, along the northeast shore of lake 4408, then southeast in a straight line to the northernmost fork of the Chickaloon River; and
12. The drainages into the east bank of the Chickaloon River below the line from lake 4408; and
13. The drainages of the Matanuska River above its confluence with the Chickaloon River.





### ***Open seasons***

In 2006-170-BOG, the board found that the subsistence pattern is characterized by traditional fall and winter hunting seasons. Unless modified under ADF&G emergency order authority, there are two (2) open seasons for a Copper Basin CHP caribou hunt. Copper Basin CHP hunt participants may hunt for Nelchina caribou only during these open seasons:

1. August 10 through September 20; and
2. October 21 through March 31.

The board has established that up to 300 caribou can be taken under the Copper Basin CHP program. The Copper Basin caribou CHP hunt may be closed by emergency order to ensure that no more than 300 caribou are taken.

Sharing may occur at any time; however, see “Reporting,” below.

### ***Bag limit***

Unless modified under ADF&G emergency order authority, the bag limit is one (1) either sex caribou per Copper Basin CHP harvest ticket.

### ***Designated hunters***

The CHP program allows a community or group of 25 or more to designate, **from within the group members as named in the application**, individual harvesters who may possess particular expertise in hunting to harvest wildlife resources on behalf of the members of the community or group.

Designated hunters must complete an ADF&G Copper Basin CHP Designated Hunter form. The designated hunter must have in his or her possession the authorized designated hunter form in addition to the beneficiary's Copper Basin CHP caribou harvest ticket while taking or transporting caribou taken under the terms of a Copper Basin CHP hunt.

The beneficiary is responsible for all harvest and permit reporting as required on a Copper Basin CHP caribou harvest ticket and harvest report form.

### ***Terms and conditions for customary and traditional use of Nelchina caribou***

In 2006-170-BOG, the board found that the subsistence pattern is characterized by thorough use of most of the harvested animal. Therefore, the permittee must salvage, for human consumption or use, from caribou taken under a Copper Basin CHP hunt:

1. All edible meat from the frontquarters, hindquarters, ribs, neck, and backbone, as well as the heart, liver, kidneys, stomach, and fat; and
2. Meat of the frontquarters, hindquarters, and ribs must remain naturally attached to the bones until delivered to the place where it is processed for human consumption.

### ***Terms and conditions for meaningful communal sharing***

The edible products of caribou taken under the terms of a Copper Basin CHP hunt must be used for human consumption and may not be sold or offered for sale. The edible products of caribou taken under the terms of a Copper Basin CHP hunt should also be primarily shared with community or group members as named on a Copper Basin CHP application.

Hunters should demonstrate a pattern of sharing that provides first for the needs of the community or group elders and disabled, as identified by the community or group. At least one (1) sharing event must include a ceremonial occasion where successful hunters share with elders and the disabled, as identified

by the community or group. In addition, hunters who have harvested their first caribou under the terms of a Copper Basin CHP hunt should give all edible portions to other members of their community or group who are not within the immediate family, and there should be a ceremonial aspect to this sharing, such as a potlatch. See “Reporting,” below.

## ***Reporting***

Successful hunters must validate Copper Basin CHP caribou harvest tickets prior to leaving the kill site; all hunters must comply with reporting requirements. Copper Basin CHP caribou harvest tickets come with harvest report cards attached to them. The report portion need not be carried in the field, but hunters must mail or deliver Copper Basin CHP caribou harvest reports to ADF&G within 5 days of taking the bag limit or within 30 days of the close of the season, even if the hunter did not hunt or did not kill a caribou.

Failure to report may jeopardize sustained yield management of the Nelchina caribou herd; therefore, failure to report according to this schedule may result in citation, revocation of a Copper Basin CHP, and/or placement of individual hunters on the state “failure to report” (FTR) list.

All caribou taken by Copper Basin CHP hunters within the CHP area will count against any established harvest quota for the population and area for which a Copper Basin CHP hunt has been authorized.

Within 30 days after the conclusion of the fall hunt and within 30 days after the conclusion of the winter hunt, the community or group coordinator must submit, in writing, a report on their community’s or group’s Copper Basin CHP hunting and sharing activities, to include at a minimum:

1. A list of the names and harvest ticket numbers for those individuals whose bag limits were filled under the terms of a Copper Basin CHP;
2. A list of the names and harvest ticket numbers of the beneficiaries whose bag limits were filled by a designated hunter under the terms of a Copper Basin CHP;
3. The number of additional caribou taken under federal subsistence hunts by the hunters also subscribing to a Copper Basin CHP hunt;
4. The extent of sharing: at a minimum, a description of how the caribou were shared, including how the sharing was prioritized with community or group elders and/or the disabled and an estimate of the number of households that benefited from the sharing events; a description of the ceremonial sharing event of Copper Basin CHP caribou;

5. The number of new youth hunters who were able to participate in the hunt; a description of how the youth hunters were educated in the customary and traditional patterns of the Copper Basin CHP hunt; and a description of the hunting lore, values, and skills passed from generation to generation; and
6. Whether the harvested caribou were prepared for human consumption at a commercial facility or in a home. If prepared in a home, a brief description of methods of preparation for human consumption; if preserved, a brief description of the methods of preservation.

If the hunt has been closed by ADF&G emergency order, the final written report must be submitted within 30 days of the hunt closure.

Some information in these reports may be subject to state confidentiality laws.



## ***Application for the Copper Basin Community Harvest Permit Program***

Note to reviewers: a modified ADF&G Division of Wildlife permit application would be inserted here. Information requested would include, but not be limited to, date of application, name of community or group, name of community or group coordinator, contact information for community or group coordinator, name and contact information of secondary community or group coordinator, information about hunters and household members (including, but not limited to name, hunting license numbers, dates of birth, Alaska driver's license numbers, mailing and physical addresses, etc.), and a certification statement.

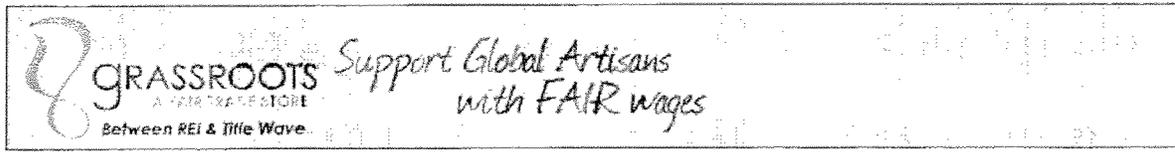
The application will include language from 5 AAC 92.050 that states the applicant or the applicant's agent shall complete the application form; a permit application that is incomplete, or that does not include, if required, an Alaskan hunting license number, or that contains a false statement, is void.

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# Point Hope caribou trial comes to a close

Jill Burke | Feb 4, 2010

Three Point Hope hunters were found guilty Thursday of wasting meat from two caribou during a 2008 hunt, but the judge refused to issue sentences or impose fines.

Aquilluk Hank had been charged with killing the caribou and failing to harvest the meat as required under state hunting regulations. Two of his hunting companions – Roy Miller and Chester Koonuk – were accused as accomplices.

Alaska Superior Court Judge Richard Erlich, who found the men guilty in a makeshift courtroom in the Point Hope community center, declined to sentence them for what amounted to a traffic violation in the hunting world. He said their actions were far different than the crimes committed by a group of five other Point Hope hunters who were also accused of wasting caribou meat in 2008.

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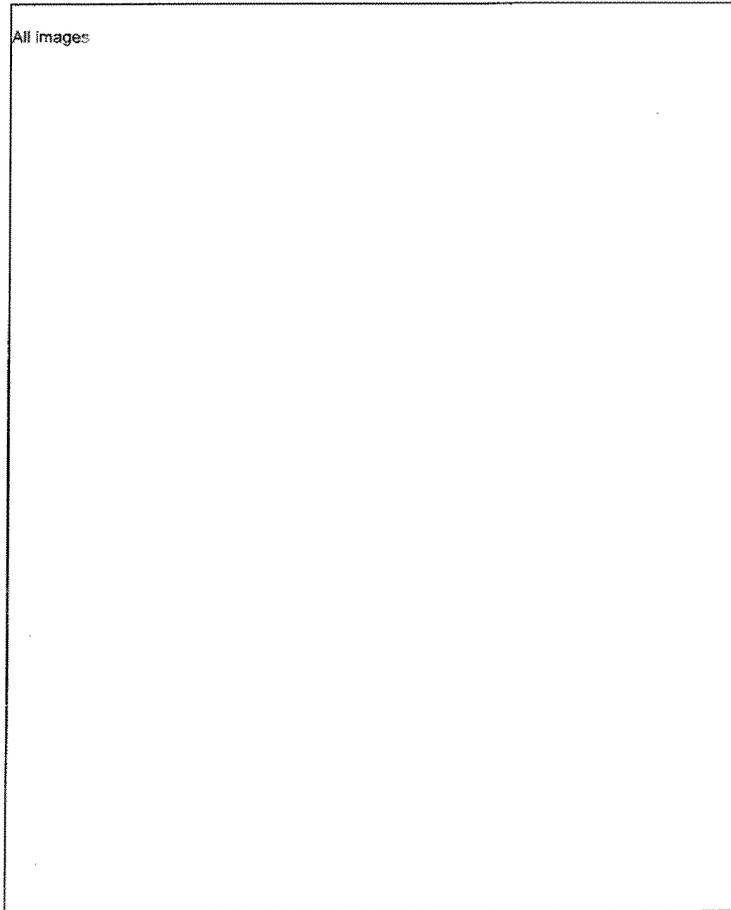


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In the latter group, four of the hunters look plea deals in recent months for wasting meat from at least seven caribou after



Investigators linked them to carcasses and kill sites. On Thursday, Erlich sentenced Lazarus Killigvuk, Randy Oktolik, Koomalook Stone and Brett Oktolik to fines ranging from \$850 to \$2,200 and ordered them to perform community service ranging from 50 hours to 120 hours. In December, the case against a fifth was dismissed outright.

Thursday brought an end to an emotional case that had pitted one of Alaska's oldest Inupiat villages against state prosecutors and troopers, who had initially claimed that some 100 caribou had been recklessly killed, the meat left on the tundra, in July 2008. That number was later reduced to 37. Most of those animals allegedly left unharvested were never connected to any suspects. For many Alaskans, questions remain over just how many caribou were actually killed and who was responsible. Those facts may never be known.

In addressing the defendants and those attending the trials, Erlich said making sure such an act never happens again won't necessarily be easy. "Folks, it is going to take a couple of generations of community education to change the values of a changing world," he said.

Absent from the trials this week were the dramatic images of calves attempting to suckle from dead mothers, clusters of caribou carcasses, and video footage of the Arctic crime scene captured during the investigation by the cable TV show "Animal Planet." And for good reason: The images had no direct connection to Hank, Koonuk or Miller, a point the judge underscored Thursday.

The state had no physical evidence against the men, instead relying on their own admission of failing to harvest two caribou. Also, there was no evidence that the two caribou the trio admitted leaving on the tundra were among the three dozen documented in the state investigation. Erlich, who flew from Kotzebue to preside over Point Hope's first-ever trial, commended the men's choice to resist plea deals from the state and their determination to spend time and money to defend not just their futures, but their honor.

Disappointed in the guilty verdicts but glad the case was coming to an end, the defendants embraced friends and family members, some of them crying, after the trials ended. Roy Koonuk Sr. beamed with pride as he considered what Miller, his nephew, had gone through and how he stood up for himself in the trial.

"I think he became twice the man he was now, and without his father," he said. "I'm real proud of him."

Miller, 20, works at the village gas station to support his mom and seven younger siblings. During the trial, he testified about his inexperience as a hunter -- the result of years spent away from home at a Sitka boarding school -- and yet his desire to provide for his family through subsistence.

After three days of testimony that included a battle between a wildlife veterinarian and a cardiologist over the risk posed to people by bacteria-carrying caribou, closing arguments reduced the case to its core.

"Ever since the constitution of Alaska was passed, there has been a consistent disregard for Native customs and tradition, and a refusal to incorporate them into our laws," Hank's attorney, Jon Buchholdt, told the judge. "So we find ourselves here with a continuing, consistent clash of cultures, values and traditions."

Buchholdt admitted his client broke the law, but argued it was for good reason. Meat from one animal was too riddled with bullet wounds to salvage. The other caribou appeared to have a disease. Acting on traditional knowledge passed down by generations of hunters, Hank feared butchering the meat and taking it home would pose health risks.

"We don't give the status of law to the ancient traditions of the Inupiat people, but we should at least keep it in mind as we render justice," Buchholdt told the judge in his closing argument.

While the sentiments may have hit strong emotional chords, state prosecutors were unwilling to concede there should be different laws for Native hunters.

"These people are asking you to apply the law differently to different sets of people based on their beliefs, which is unconstitutional," said state Assistant Attorney General Andrew Peterson in his closing argument.

Peterson also pointed out that none of the men had hunting licenses during the time of the hunt. Neither did many of the witnesses who testified on their behalf. And many admitted they'd never held a license in their lives. Technically, Peterson noted, that means every animal they've ever taken is an illegal kill.

In the end, Erlich ruled that the defendants should have followed state hunting regulations and salvaged as much of the meat as possible, even if it appeared diseased or was torn up from bullets. He said he didn't buy the notion that the village is so far removed from Western ways that people don't know state rules. The people of Point Hope negotiate international treaties via groups like the International Whaling Commission, and there's no reason to think that they can't similarly engage their state government with respect to game management, the judge said.

Village elders had testified on behalf of Hank and his hunting buddies, talking about age-old customs and traditional rules followed in subsistence. But Erlich said the world village elders spoke of is not the world of today. Hunters no longer pack their kills out on foot,

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and science has helped expand people's understanding of the world and its risks.

"I understand the anger of the people of Point Hope regarding how all this came to light, and that's legitimate ... but they should also be angry and upset about what happened," said Erlich, referring to the caribou left on the tundra.

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TO: Alaska Board of Game  
FROM: Kotzebue Sound AC  
DATE: February 18, 2011  
RE: Kotzebue Sound AC Comment on Proposal # 223 – Spring 2011 BOG

At a duly constituted meeting on February 17, 2011, the Kotzebue Sound Advisory Committee took action of 5 affirmative and 1 nay vote to inform the Board of Game that it wishes to have the Department continue to have discretionary authority on subsistence hunts as a tool to manage the resources. The dissenting vote wants the Board of Game and the Advisory Committees to have more time to review and discuss the issue. The minutes of the meeting are forthcoming.

**Proposal 223 Amended.** 5 AAC 92.052. **Discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures.** Retain [REVIEW] the department’s discretionary authority allowing [REQUIRING] the nullification of trophy value of animals taken under a subsistence permit.

5 AAC 92.052 (5) ... the trophy value of an animal taken under a subsistence permit may be nullified by the department;

ISSUE: After discussion about enforcement or the lack thereof and the latest data on musk ox hunts in Unit 23, the Kotzebue Sound Advisory Committee decided to support the department’s discretionary authority to allow the nullification of trophy animals taken under subsistence hunts. It is viewed as an effective tool to manage the resources and for all users the same kinds of opportunities to hunt animals.



TO: Alaska Board of Game  
FROM: Northern Norton Sound AC  
DATE: February 14, 2011  
RE: NNS AC Comment on Proposal # 223 – Spring 2011 BOG

Subsequent to a meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, the Northern Norton Sound AC has the following comments to offer on Proposal 223. The minutes of the meeting are forthcoming.

**Proposal 223 Amended.** 5 AAC 92.052. Discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures.

**Retain** [REVIEW] the **department's** discretionary authority **allowing** [REQUIRING] the nullification of trophy value of animals taken under a subsistence permit.

5 AAC 92.052 (5) ... the trophy value of an animal taken under a subsistence permit may be nullified by the department;

**ISSUE:** When needed for hunt management, and to avoid trophy hunting in subsistence hunts, the department should have the ability to exclude trophy hunting by discretionary use of trophy nullification. The amendment to the Proposal 223 retains this authority by the department so that across the State trophies may be devalued (cut, defaced, destroyed, etc) as a permit hunt requirement implemented by the Department. This maintains the status quo and does not change the way the Department has used trophy nullification in subsistence hunts to preserve reasonable access to game in subsistence hunts. Without this authority, more hunters are inclined to hunt for easy access to trophies and this can lead to quotas being reached quickly or hunts managed with short seasons. Both of these consequences reduce reasonable opportunity for subsistence users.

There are a number of hunts in the state where allowing the retention of trophies in Tier I hunts will result in unmanageably short seasons requiring the management to revert to tier II hunts or limited registration hunts with long lines for few permits to avoid alternate year hunts due to the fact that quotas could be exceeded without these alternatives to trophy destruction. Residents of Unit 22 have extensive experience with Tier II management and long registration hunt lines. Trophy destruction is the favored management tool over these options. The BOG should realize that these options have been considered for more than a decade and we have made an informed recommendation. The Board of Game itself supported trophy destruction in Unit 22 during the time of Tier II hunts. Under the current management of the small Unit 22 muskoxen population, both meat hunters and trophy hunters have an opportunity. Sport hunt drawing permits are available in the lottery system and Tier I registration hunts are available on-line to all residents of the state. This is the most equitable distribution method of the three alternatives of the aforementioned management options. In the end, the hunters of the state all wish to maximize their opportunity to hunt while fully developing the wildlife populations to maximum sustained yield. We believe that trophy destruction on occasion is the best choice.



# 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 2<sup>nd</sup>

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 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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 2<sup>nd</sup>**

FT ?

**213: Antlerless Moose for Nunatak Bench – up to 5**

**No motion**

**214: Require Resident accompanying 2<sup>nd</sup> degree kin to have hunting license and stay close to non-resident hunter**

**Outcome: Pass 11-0-1**

**JM MTA**

**FT 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

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**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**



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

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**215: Bonus point drawing hunts**

**Outcome: Fail 2-9-1**

**RG mta, JB 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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:**

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**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.

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End of excerpt

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**218: allow troopers to seize game taken by trespass or shooting drunk or from road**

**Outcome: Tabled**

**JL – MTA**

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**MB – 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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 – 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**TF ?**

**Motion to Table passes: 11-1-1**

### **220: allow troopers to inspect taxidermy business**

**Outcome: Pass 8-4**

**JM mta JI 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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 ?**



Attn: Scott  
AC Comments  
BOG-5C

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## Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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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.



10/20/10

Craig Fish and Game Advisory Board Meeting  
Craig City Council Chambers  
7:00pm

Present

William Russell  
Chuck Haydu  
Steve Merritt  
Brian Castle  
Steve Bethune  
Ellen Hannan  
Karl Demmert  
Mike Douville  
Stu Merchant

Moved and seconded minutes from 1/20/10

Stu Merchant reported back on his attendance at the winter Board of Fish meeting in Anchorage. Stu took the tape recorder to the meeting. Comments were appreciated. Acoustics were tough at the last meeting. Electric reel discussed. Stu met with committees that BOG members attended.

Discussed Black Bear survey options for the region. Steve Bethune fielded questions and explained things. Domino effect can be avoided if regulations are region wide.

BOF prop #315- Our vote is unanimously in favor.

BOG prop # 18- Our vote is unanimously opposed. One member feels that the 14 day sealing portion is fine to encourage data and others opposed since it is unenforceable. We feel that wolf trapping is self regulating. F&G feels that maybe cheating is happening with wolf trapping, but this group doesn't feel that is happening. All the good trappers we know. Weather changes may prohibit the trapper from getting to snare or traps. (Got snowed out of an area.)

BOG prop # 19- Our vote is unanimously opposed. We feel that the USFS already covers the immediate area.

BOG prop #20- Our vote is unanimously opposed. We do not want a draw for residents.

BOG prop #21- Our vote is unamously opposed. No limits for residents.

BOG prop #22- Our vote is one vote for and the rest against. For was due to many rubbed hides. Against were not for limits for residents.



BOG prop #23- Our vote is unanimously opposed. Limits resident hunters.

BOG prop #24- Our vote is one in favor and the rest against. The one in favor felt that it is a preventative proposal. He felt 4 was to many for a non-resident.

BOG prop #25- Our vote is unanimously opposed. We will take care of the wolves.

BOG prop # 29- Our vote is unanimously in favor.

BOG prop #32- Our vote is unanimously against. We like the season the way it is.

BOG prop #33- Our vote is unanimously against.

BOG prop #34- Our vote is unanimously against.

BOG prop #35- Our vote is unanimously against. We do not want to limit resident hunters.

BOG prop #36- Our vote is unanimously in favor. We especially favor the draw hunt for non residents. We have concerns that when the number of bears that can be taken is set it may be set too low or too high and residents of the island will not have input. Who is to say where the level is set. F&G may have a different opinion than the public. Suggestions for an average of years harvest in the past. We are also concerned that we eat deer not bears. We do not want a large population of bears that hurt the deer population.

BOG prop # 37- Our vote is unanimously against. No favoring of guided non resident hunters.

BOG prop #38- Our vote is unanimously for. This helps with clean up of baits.

BOG prop #39- Our vote is unanimously against.

BOG prop #40- Our vote is split. Two vote for salvage of meat to eat, and others were still against the salvage. Lots of discussion on the perception of hunting and not eating the animal.

BOG prop #41- Our vote is unanimously opposed.

BOG prop #44- Our vote is unanimously opposed. Cannot be addressed here. Legal system should address this.

BOG prop #45-Our vote is unanimously in favor.

BOG prop #46- Our vote is one against and six for.

Discussed and prioritized a bear survey from the AC.  
Adjourned at 9:45



**LOWER BRISTOL BAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2011

City of Pilot Point Conference Room

Quorum Established 12:15 pm

Committee Members Present:

William Albecker

Daniel Kingsley

Roland Briggs

Tim Enright

Robert Dreezsen

Ugashik

Chairperson, Pilot Point

Ugashik

Secretary, Ugashik

Ugashik Lakes

Alternates Present:

Mark Kosbruck

Nancy Flensburg

Port Heiden

Ugashik

Members Absent:

Myra Olsen

Eddie Clark

Egegik

Egegik

Guests:

Mike Enright

Victoria Briggs

Byron Wise

John Bragg

Frank Woods

Ugashik

Ugashik

VPSO, Pilot Point

Mayor, City of Pilot Point

BBNA, Subsistence

ADF&G Personnel Present:

Andy Develapine

Lem Butler

ADF&G Board Support

ADF&G Area Game Biologist

Approval of January 12, 2010 minutes

Motion to Approve Tim Enright: Second William Albecker

**New Business:**

**PROPOSAL 5- 5 AAC 85.020 Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear; and 92.132. Bag limit for brown bears.** Open a spring and fall season for brown bear hunting in Unit 9E.

Change season and bag limit:

Unit 9E One bear every four regulatory years

September 6 – October 15

Unit 9E One bear every four regulatory years

May 15 – May 30

Bear hunts above open only in fall of odd numbered years and spring of even years.



**Pros:** Might encourage a few more bears to be taken by hunters.

**Cons:** The Department had no recommendation for this proposal. Lem Butler, ADF&G Area Game Biologist, felt that the proposal as written would not increase resident or non-resident participation in the harvest of area brown bears.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee voted to **Unanimously Oppose** the adoption of Proposal 5.

**PROPOSAL 6 - 5 AAC 85.020 Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear; and 92.132. Bag limits for brown bear.** Change the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 9.

Establish one bear per year for resident harvest of brown bear in 9A, 9B, 9C and 9E.

Unit 9A

Resident hunters: 1 bear every year  
Nonresident Hunters: 1 bear every 4 years

Unit 9B

Resident hunters: 1 bear every year  
Nonresident Hunters: 1 bear every 4 years

Unit 9C

Resident hunters: 1 bear every year  
Nonresident Hunters: 1 bear every 4 years\_

Unit 9D

Resident hunters: 1 bear every year  
Nonresident Hunters: 1 bear every 4 years

Unit 9E

Resident hunters: 1 bear every year  
Nonresident Hunters: 1 bear every 4 years

**Pros:** A few more brown bears might be harvested.

**Cons:** The Department had no recommendation for this proposal. Lem Butler, ADF&G Area Game Biologist, reiterated that he felt this proposal as with Proposals 5 and 7 would not increase resident or non-resident participation in the harvest of area brown bears.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee voted to take **No Action** on proposal 6 per our vote on Proposal 5.

**Proposal 7 - 5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear; and 92.132. Bag limits for brown bear.** Open a resident hunting season for brown bear in Unit 9E.

Resident hunting allowed one bear for every regulatory year. Board of Game can issue, putting in a legislative request from Board of Game to change the management directive from trophy bears to all game species.

**Pros:** A few additional brown bears would be harvested out of GU 9.

**Cons:** Lem Butler, ADF&G Area Game Biologist, stated that to have any substantial effect on the total population of brown bears and subsequent caribou and moose calf mortality a large number of brown bears would have to be removed. Such an action would reduce the number of large boars and diminish the interest of the non-resident and resident big game hunters. In addition, Mr. Butler felt that this proposal would not increase the amount of resident hunters targeting brown bear in unit 9.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee voted to take **No Action** on proposal 7 per our vote on Proposals 5 & 6. The Committee members felt it would be more productive to channel our efforts to implementing a wolf predator control plan in unit 9 to increase survival of our resident ungulates.

**PROPOSAL 8 – 5acc 85.025 Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou.** Establish a resident only registration for Southern Peninsula Caribou.

The Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee felt that without Department support that the committee members knew too little about the current status of the Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd to make a recommendation. LBBAC voted to take **No Action** of the adoption of proposal 8.

**PROPOSALS 9-12. All have to do with unit 9B.** Out of our advisory region. LBBAC voted to take **No Action** on the adoption of proposals 9-12.

**PROPOSAL 13 – 5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.** Establish a registration moose hunt for residents in Unit 9E.

In Unit 9E:

Resident Hunters:

1 antlered bull by registration permit available in person Unit 9E villages: August 20 – September 20

1 antlered bull by on line and easier access for regular hunt permit: September 10- September 20.

1 antlered bull by registration permit and available in Unit 9E villages: December 1 – January 20, 2011

**Pros:** Provide additional opportunity for local hunters to harvest a bull of any size. The authors thought that the adoption of this proposal would give the area biologist additional tools to manage the moose population. Lem Butler said there are probably enough bulls per cow to warrant such a hunt for bulls of any size for local residents but that in most of unit 9 we are dealing with low moose densities.

**Cons:** The Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee felt that it was not necessary to implement a local subsistence hunt for moose on State land since the bulls typically are higher on Federal land

in August and the first part of September. In addition, since we are in a low density moose area conservation of a moose is now a concern especially with the predation problems with brown bears and wolves. The Department did not support this proposal because of the lack of antlered moose restrictions for the local residents.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee voted to take **No Action** on proposal 13 per our support for Proposal 14.

**PROPOSAL 14 – AAC 85.045 Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.** Establish a registration hunt for moose in Unit 9.

Existing moose harvest regulation for all sub-sections of Unit 9 with the inclusion of **[by registration permit]**

*Pros:* Provides for more information on hunting pressure and success rate of resident and non-resident hunters. Allows the Department more flexibility when establishing bag limits and area closures within Unit 9 for moose hunting.

*Cons:* More paperwork and reporting requirements for Unit 9 moose hunters.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee **Unanimously Approved** the adoption of proposal 14.

**PROPOSAL 15 – 5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.** Limit the harvest of moose in Unit 9.

In all of Unit 9, a hunter may only harvest a total of one moose per year.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee voted to take **No Action** per the existing regulations in place that already limit the harvest to one moose per licensed hunter.

**PROPOSAL 16 – 5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.** Establish a registration hunt for moose in Unit 9.

Closes non-resident moose hunting in Unit 9 and provides for a registration moose hunt for residents.

*Pros:* Provides for more information on hunting pressure and success rate of resident hunters.

*Cons:* Department does not support this proposal because it basically allocative in nature. Mr. Butler felt that non-resident hunters mainly utilize airplanes and hunt in different areas than resident hunters. Hence, eliminating non-resident hunters would probably not increase the success rate of resident hunters. In addition, a recent Departmental survey conducted north of Black Lake and south of Naknek in 2010 showed the bull to cow ratio was approximately 60 bulls per 100 cows. Mr. Butler said the confidence interval for this survey was plus or minus 10 bulls per 100 cows. Mr. Butler went on to reiterate that this ratio was sufficient to sustain our moose population.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee **Unanimously Opposed** the adoption of proposal 16.

**PROPOSAL 17 – 5AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.** Extend the moose hunting season five days in subunits 9C and 9E.

Unit 9C, that portion draining the Naknek River

Resident	1 bull; or 1 antlered bull	Sept 1 – <b>Sept. 20</b> [Sept. 15] Dec. 1 – Dec. 31
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Non-resident

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side	Sept. 5 – <b>Sept 20</b> [Sept. 15]
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Remainder of Unit 9C

Resident	1 bull; or 1 antlered bull	Sept 1 – <b>Sept. 20</b> [Sept. 15] Dec. 15 –Jan. 15
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Non-resident

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side	Sept. 5 – <b>Sept 20</b> [Sept. 15]
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Unit 9E

Resident	1 antlered bull; however moose taken From Sept 10 – Sept 25 must have spike-fork antlers, or 50-inch antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side	Sept 10 – <b>Sept. 25</b> [Sept. 20]
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Non-resident

1 bull with 50-inch antlers or antlers with 3 or more brow tines on one side	Sept. 10 – <b>Sept 25</b> [Sept. 20]
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**Pros:** Additional opportunity for hunters to harvest bulls when they start moving around on state land. Recently, weather has been warm during the regular 10 day season and the bulls are not moving until the very last days of the season.

**Cons:** A few more bulls will be harvested. However, this is a Department proposal and they feel such a trend will not harm the reproductive capabilities of the Unit 9E moose population. Mr. Butler also pointed out that the natural mortality of bulls is greater than cows after the rut season.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee voted **Five in Favor and One Against** for the adoption of proposal 17.



**PROPOSAL 18 – 5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.** Open a portion of Unit 9E to moose hunting.

Open that portion of Unit 9E to moose hunting September 1-15 for any bull.

**Pros:** Provide hunters in South Naknek an earlier opportunity to hunt for moose south of the Naknek River without antler restrictions.

**Cons:** Department does not support this proposal because there is no real geographical landmarks to separate the two sub-units. Current regulations use the Naknek River as the geographical landmark to separate the two sub-units and appears to be working well.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee voted **Unanimously to Oppose** the adoption of this proposal because of the low moose densities and high predation levels of moose in sub-unit 9E.

**PROPOSAL 19 – 5AAC 99.025. Customary and traditional uses of game populations.** Modify the Amount Necessary for Subsistence for Wolves in Unit 9.

Wolves  
Unit 9

Amount needed for subsistence: Define an amount based on ADF&G and USF&W historical subsistence harvest data, village surveys, anecdotal information, and other sources.

**Pros:** None. No shortage of wolves in Unit 9 for subsistence needs.

**Cons:** Any more protection of wolves in Unit 9 would be detrimental to the survival rate of our decimated ungulate populations.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee voted **Unanimously to Oppose** the adoption of proposal 19. The Committee would like to see the Board of Game make a determination for wolves as negative for customary and traditional use in all of Unit 9.

**PROPOSAL 20 - 5AAC 99.025. Customary and traditional uses of game populations.** Modify the Amount Necessary for Subsistence for Wolves in Unit 10.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee took **No Action** per our vote on Proposal 19.

**PROPOSAL 22 - 5AAC 92.125. Predation control areas implementation programs.** Implement a predator control plan for wolves and bear in Unit 9E.

Under an intensive management plan, include predator control for wolves and bear in all of Unit 9E.

**Pros:** Increase calf survival rates for area caribou and moose populations.

**Cons:** Department has no recommendation for this proposal. Mr. Butler stated that ADF&G already has a wolf predator control plan in-place for protection of the North Peninsula Caribou Herd on State lands. However, without cooperation of the various Federal Agencies to be able to implement the wolf predator control measures on Federal land the wolf predator control plan will not work. Again, Mr. Butler stated that brown bear were not included in the plan because too many bear would have to be removed from the population to have any impact on the caribou and moose survival rates in GU9.

Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee voted **Unanimously to Support** the adoption of Proposal 22. However, the LLBAC would like the Board of Game to send a letter to the Director of the Alaska Department of Fish & Game requesting assistance in getting cooperation from the Federal land owners in Unit 9 to implement the already in-place predator control plan.

**Proposal 110 - 5AAC.92.015** Brown bear tag fee exemption. Reauthorize the brown bear tag fees for region IV.

- (1) Unit 9(B);
- (2) Unit 9(E), that portion including all drainages that drain the Pacific Ocean between Cape Kumlium and the border of Unit 9(D) and Unit 9(E):

The Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee would like to amend the proposal to read "no brown bear tag fees for resident hunters in all of GU 9." LBBAC voted **Unanimously to Support** the adoption of Proposal 110.

**PROPOSAL 114 – 5AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear.**

This proposal establishes a registration permit hunt for brown bear throughout Unit 9, and establishes a registration brown bear hunt in communities that can be used to harvest problem bears in a timely fashion.

GU 9E

1 bear every 4 regulatory years  
by registration permit only

Oct. 1 – Oct. 21  
(Odd years only)  
May 10-May 25  
(Even years only)

1 bear every regulatory year  
by registration permit only within  
5 miles of the communities of Egegik,  
Pilot Point, Ugashik, Port Heiden, and Port Moller

July 1 – June 30  
(General hunt only)

**Pros:** Promote the harvesting of problem bears in and around local communities. Provide the Department with additional information and record keeping for future bear management decisions. Alleviate the guess work when calculating the number of bears killed in defense of life and property.



**Cons:** The Department will still require the skull and hide be salvaged and forfeited to the State Fish and Game. Most village residents are too busy in the summer months to take the time to skin a bear. The bear hides are in poor quality because of the warm weather and in most cases not skinned properly to sustain any type of monetary value.

The Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee **Unanimously Approved** the adoption of Proposal 114 as Amended. **The amendments read** "the skull is all that has to be salvaged and forfeited to the Department. This includes brown bear killed in defense of life or property. In addition, no brown bear tag fees will be associated with the harvest of these general hunt nuisance brown bears."

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Advisory Committee member Roland Briggs requested that the LBBAC chairperson contact Paul Salamone, ADF&G Area Fisheries Biologist, and inquire about the Area M genetics results taken from fish off several tenders located in the Port Heiden region in 2009.

**Time & Place of Next Meeting:**  
**Undetermined at this time**

Motion to Adjourn: Tim Enright; Second William Albecker  
**Adjourn 3:30pm**

**Minutes Prepared by:**  
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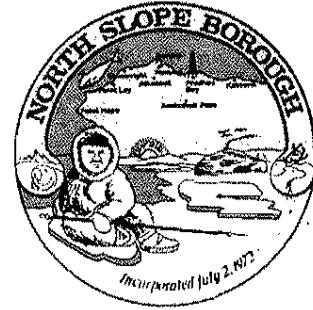


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February 15, 2011

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**VIA FAX: 907.465.6094**

Subject: Arctic Advisory Committee Comments on proposals to the Board of Game that will be heard at the March 2011 meeting.

Dear Mr. Crass:

The Arctic Advisory Committee (Arctic AC) held a meeting on January 25-26, 2011. A quorum was present including members: Enoch Oktollik (Chairman, Wainwright), William Hopson (Vice Chairman, At-Large), Warren Lampe (Point Lay), Eli Nukapigak (Nuiqsut), Charles Hugo (Anaktuvuk Pass), Ben Itta (Barrow), Ronald Oviok, Sr. (Point Hope), Richard Bordeaux (Atqasuk), and Charlie Nageak (Kaktovik).

The Arctic AC **supported** Proposal 206-5 AAC 92.015(a) (8) &(9) and 92.105 (b) (4), (7), (8) &(10) which would reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions for subsistence and general season hunts in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A.

The Arctic AC **supported** Proposal 210-5 AAC 85.045(a) (24) which would allow an antlerless moose season in portions of Unit 26A.



**Proposal 223- 5 AAC 92.052.**

The Arctic AC **voted unanimously to allow the discretionary authority** requiring the nullification of trophy value of animals taken under a subsistence permit **to be retained by ADF&G Area Biologists**. The Arctic AC believed that this was one of the few important tools that Area Biologists could use to responsibly manage resources and reduce user conflicts. Given the complexity of game management throughout the State the Arctic AC believed that it is important to allow the flexibility that this authority provides to the biologists who are most familiar with the regions that they are responsible for.

Thank you for considering the Arctic Advisory Committee's recommendations and comments on these proposals.



Michael Pederson, Executive Manager  
Arctic Advisory Committee