

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
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Mid-Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

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

Chair: Stan Shepard, Mountain Village

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



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

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

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

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

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

Other Business:

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

XI. Adjourn: 6:50 PM

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

Minutes Approved By: SUB-Committee

Date: 12-22-14



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MINUTES- TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Wednesday, November 12, 2014, 1:00 pm

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I. Call to Order Time: 1:20 by Chair Stan Shepard

There was a delay because the agenda that was faxed out had the wrong access code on it. Regional Coordinator (RC) Holly Carroll re-faxed corrected agenda to all Village and City offices and called some of the members to make sure they had correct code. But it may have affected attendance of non-AC members that planned to join call. (No members present from Marshall, Pitkas, or Russian Mission)

II. Members Present: Stan Shepard, Paul Beans, Bill Alstrom, Sven Pauken, Peter Tyson, and Evan Polty (quorum met). Chair: Stan Shepard, Secretary: RC Holly Carroll agreed to help take minutes for this meeting, but explained a secretary needs to be elected for future meetings.

III. Approval of Agenda: approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

a. Motion to approve tabling for next meeting- unanimously approved

b. There are no meeting minutes from the March 2014 teleconference meeting, last known minutes are from the Sept 16th, 2013 meeting (before AC was split into Mid-Lower from Lower Yukon AC as a whole).

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

ADF&G Boards Support Western Regional Coordinator, Holly Carroll

ADF&G Wildlife biologists (Bethel office) Patrick Jones

VI. Guests Present:

Marshall TC- Francis –secretary/receptionist, John Agyak (Mt. Village), Robert Meyers (Pilot Station) TC, Charlotte Tikiun (Mt. Village)

VII. Old Business: none

VIII. New Business:

IX. People to Be Heard: Questions/Concerns of the AC members and public- none

X. Update from new Regional Coordinator Holly Carroll

- Assign secretary and Holly can assist with providing templates, finalizing and submitting minutes
- Membership- 5 members appointed in 2013, not sure alternates were officially named, would like to get that figured out before face-to-face meeting. Holly will follow up with tribal councils. We need to clarify if they are 3-year terms, and they need to be staggered so everyone doesn't expire at once.
- Packets on the way, suggest tabling Fish issues below until you have time to read proposals, and because deadline is later.
- Reviewed Deadlines: BOF proposals due April 10, 2015, BOG proposals due May 1, 2015



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XI. Get AC recommendations and/or comments on the following: SEE TABLE BELOW FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD

Stan Shepard: attended YKDelta RAC Oct 2014 in Bethel- gave update: he explained the votes of that committee, all were failed or no actions.

Bill Alstrom asked for clarification on which RAC.

- Board of Fisheries Issues: (On time comment deadline March 3, 2015)
- Consider changing the date during which drift gillnet fishing for summer chum salmon may begin in the upper section of Yukon River Sub district 4A (proposal 273)

Group supports or opposes (include vote count)? **Motion to table this proposal until next meeting: passed unanimous. Comments: None.**

- Consider allowing fish wheel fishermen in the Yukon Area to retain king salmon when some harvest is justified based upon in season run assessment. Proposal 274

Group supports or opposes (include vote count)? **Motion to table this proposal until next meeting: passed unanimous. Comments: none**

- Formerly ACR 8- Kuskokwim River: Consider providing the commissioner of ADF&G emergency order authority to restrict gillnet gear in the Kuskokwim River drainage (new proposal 272)

Group supports or opposes? **Motion to table until next meeting: passed unanimous. Comments: none**

XII. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Decide date and time for next meeting and face-to-face location? **Dec 18, St. Mary's 1:00 pm with teleconference as well. Holly explained this may be contingent on finding out and clarifying who members are.**
- Bill Alstrom suggests Stan Shepherd being chair for next meeting, roll call vote (unanimous) to support Stan as chair. H Carroll suggested officers are usually 2-yr term, the group confirmed Stan could do a 2-yr. term
- Paul Beans nominated to serve as secretary for 2-yr officer term, motion passed unanimously.
- There is confusion about which St Mary's member is the main, and which is the alternate, Sven commented confusion about seats came from TC having appointed Peter Tyson. St Mary's has 2 tribal council entities- so one from St Mary's and one from Andreafski, but H Carroll read from the Administrative code written since 2013 Joint Board met and split the Lower Yukon AC into the Coastal Lower Yukon and the Mid-Lower Yukon, there is one member each from: Andreafski, Mountain Village, Pitkas Point, Pilot Station, Marshall and Russian Mission. Paul Beans explained that Mountain Village had requested the creation of its

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own AC and it used to have an active committee of about 10 members. He had a question/concern that if the members on the committee (like himself and Stan) were not a member of the Tribal Council they may not get appointed. Holly explained that she was unsure if it was the TC's sole discretion to appoint members, it is possible to have a public election, she said she would find out/get clarification from the Executive Director of Board Support and follow up with information to the group.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	39		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.
supports	5	0	PASSES WITH UNANIMOUS SUPPORT- NO DISCUSSION
BOG	43		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
			NO ACTION TAKEN Group had questions for Patrick Jones- is it for sport hunting too? He clarified that for all Alaska residents it would be free, but a charge for non-residents. Stan:- concern "all Alaska residents" residing in cities, and Alaskan resident acting as guide, comes out here to hunt brown bear- does he have to pay or gets it free? Patrick Jones: He would not have to pay for the tags (this has been the case for 4 years), the case for all Alaska residents no matter where they are from.
BOG	43		Change BOG to a 3-yr cycle
supports	5	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holly Carroll reads from a Questions and Answers fact sheet about the proposed changes that details the benefits. Patrick Jones also spoke in support of the 3-year cycle as it allows more time to collect enough data to make good decisions on MOTION TO SUPPORT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjourn Time: 3:05

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

Minutes Approved By: _Committee _____

Date: ___12/18/14_____



Bethel Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 9, 2014, 6:30 pm

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

INVOCATION:

ROLL CALL/ MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

NUMBER NEEDED FOR QUORUM: 6 QUORUM PRESENT: **Yes**

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

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS: **none**

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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



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

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

OTHER BUSINESS:

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

Motion to allow Chair to approve Minutes unanimously approved.

BOG Proposal 39 Discussion:

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

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

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

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

BOG 3 year cycle

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

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

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

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



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

Adjourn Time: 8:45pm

Minutes Recorded By: *Ross Boring*_____

Minutes Approved By: _Chair Kevin Carter____(signature unavailable)___

Date: ____12/21/14_____



Delta Advisory Committee

11/19/2014 Delta Jct City Hall

I. Call to Order: 6:45 by Vern Aiton Vice- Chairman

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Tony Williams, Tim Webb, Carl Taylor Secretary, Vern Aiton Vice Chair, Ross Baker, Alternates, Paul Dudgeon,

Members Absent or Excused: Jacob White, Don Quarberg Chair, Rusty Craig , Jeff Lipscomb, Don Bunselmeier, Jeff Mason, Mike Rogers, Jack Windsor,

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 6 needed, 6 present

III. Approval of Agenda: Motion and 2nd to approve

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from April motion and 2nd approved as amended

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandy Baker, Bob Schmidt,

VI. Guests Present: Jim Cummings, Elizabeth Niepert

VII. Old Business: none

VIII. New Business:

Vern Aiton, 40 mile caribou report, The idea of the youth hunt split with 15 tags on the Taylor and 15 on the Steese was discussed and it was decided to just leave it at 30 and let the hunters choose. Herd is mostly in Canada now. There are a few caribou on the Steese with the Dec 1 hunt about to open. The herd has been crossing into Canada near Eagle into 25B and there is some concern that hunters could over harvest if the 40 mile herd is targeted in that area where the limit is higher. Canada is very happy that the herd is returning there to some of its former ranges. Ross baker asked how the calf weights were- They were high this year. Canadians are not hunting the 40 mile herd as they do not want to turn the herd back from migrating into Canada.



Biologist reports,

Brandy Baker, November 4th Coho surveys were completed, 4285 fish counted, did not meet the escapement goal but was no surprise but was a decent return. Goodpaster chinook run was about 1600, no report on the Salcha river. Local F&G staff will be rotating on seasonal leave, recommend calling if anything is needed. No report on the Clearwater salmon take until statewide report comes out. Brandy doesn't think many fish are retained in that fishery.

Bob Schmidt, Bison harvest at 45, 35 bulls so far, moose surveys are ongoing. McComb caribou counts were completed but seemed low, will recheck if weather and conditions allow.

Plan to go over statewide game proposals 58-95 before the next meeting. Jeff mason is attending the sheep meeting. Also we will go over the sheep proposals next meeting.

Delta AC vote to support the proposal to change the statewide regs for any bull moose to any antlered moose, motion and 2nd to support, vote 6 in favor, unanimous support.

Discussion of grouse bag limits, Vern Aiton brought up that Delta Jct has been receiving some good publicity about the grouse hunting opportunities here and wonders if the bag limits on Ruffed and spruce grouse should be looked at. At present sharp tails are limited to 5 per day of a total bag limit of 15 but that can also be filled with 15 total ruffed or spruce grouse also. He asked if we could think about the issue and talk about maybe changing the limits on all grouse species.

Interior Region Reauthorization Proposals,

Proposal 138, reauthorization of antlerless hunts, motion and 2nd to support, 6 in favor 0 opposed unanimous

Proposal 139, Reauthorization of brown bear tag fee exemption, motion and 2nd 6 in favor 0 opposed unanimous

Tentative agenda for next meeting,

Grouping and vote on sheep proposals

Unit 11 & 13 proposals

Election of 4 seats, Jacob White, Don Quarberg, Tony Williams and Jeff Mason

Motion and 2nd to adjourn, 7:20 pm

Old Business: Next meeting will be held Nov 19th, 6:30 at the Delta Jct City Hall

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10pm

Minutes Recorded By: Mike Rogers and carl Taylor

Minutes Approved By:

Date:



Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee Recommendations for BOG to consider

#1. Recommendation for changing open sheep hunts,

Aug 1-9 youth hunt

Aug 10-19 drawing hunt for both residents and non-residents

Aug 20- Sept 20 regular general season

11 in favor

#2. Change same day airborne to after 6am from the current time.

11 in favor

#3. We recommend that the DNR, Alaska F&G and Federal land managers cooperate in coming up with a state wide motorized vehicle policy.

9 in favor 2 abstain

#4. Recommend that the degree of kindred be changed from 2nd degree to 1st degree of kindred.

11 in favor

#5. Recommend that the low income license be done away with. We feel that the \$25 cost more than pays for itself in harvested game. If social services thinks it is too expensive then they should pay for it. The feeling here is it is being abused.

Delta Advisory Committee



**Minutes
Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Teleconference
December 16, 2014 / 11 a.m.**

BOF issues take up most of these minutes –

BOG issues are highlighted in Blue & Comments listed in the Template following the Minutes

Boxed portions of minutes are germane to the BOF Kuskokwim Subsistence Salmon Panel Jan.15 &16, 2014

Call to Order

The chairman, Doug Carney, called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

Roll Call & Quorum

SHAC members present were

Rick Breckheimer & Fred Bobby - Lime Village

David Bobby – Stony River

Doug Carney & Susan Hubbard - Sleetmute

Barb Carlson & John Zeller – Red Devil

Absent was

Charlie Gusty from Stony River.

Others Attending -

Holly Carroll, Boards Support

Doug Molineaux, Fisheries Biologist

Aaron Tiernan, ADF&G Region V assist. Area fisheries Biologist

Jim Simon, ADF&G Subsistence Division

Hiroko Ikuta, AD&FG Subsistence Division

Members' Concerns

- Lime Village fishermen were prevented from fishing for sockeyes, due to the restrictions on fishing Chinook. Lime Village has a very negligible chinook run, and that species is in poor condition by the time they reach Lime, so are neither targeted or desirable.
Rick said that when he has had a net set, and caught Chinook, he moves the net.

- BOF & BOG Proposals for 2016 will have to be put in before May 1, so we will need to have a regular meeting after the planned moose count in March,

Approval of Agenda –

The agenda was approved unanimously

The reading & approval of minutes from SHAC Jan. 15, 2014 meeting was deferred till the next SHAC meeting.

SHAC Chair, Doug Carney

BOG proposals that concern us are -

- BOG cycle change from 2-years to 3 years.
- Proposal 139 – the reauthorization of tag fee exemption for brown bear in GMU 19, and other units
- Most of the meeting will deal with fisheries issues, so Barb will handle the majority of the rest of things today.



Vice Chair, Barb Carlson

- Gave an overview of the 2014 preliminary Kuskokwim Salmon Season Summary for Chinook.
- Problem to address – Upriver villages a 63% lower harvest than in most years – much higher loss than downriver villages.

- For a possibly needed SHAC proposal she gave a synopsis of probable components to include.
This proposal would have the aim of providing a reasonable opportunity for harvest of chinook in the upper river Kusko villages, at times when there is a harvestable surplus available.
Components discussed were –1 -a nested ANS for sections of the river /
2 -an in-river run goal, (this includes escapement, ANS, & sufficient fish to provide a reasonable opportunity for success.)
3 – Some sort of permit system, (household, community, Tier II)

Doug Molineaux Presentation & Discussion – SHAC members all had hard copies of Doug’s presentation. There are graphs and explanations that Doug explained and answered questions about. Included were -

- Graphs were used to illustrate the problem - that in the last 5 years, villages above Bethel had a larger decrease in harvest compared to Bethel and villages below Bethel.
- **Defined what ANS, “reasonable opportunity”, & in river goals mean in this context.**
- Defined a **“Nested ANS”** as being part of a larger ANS that already exists, (on the Kusko River)
- How nested ANS would aid upriver village chinook harvest – provides a defined number & a measureable outcome at season’s end, to judge the success of management tools that had been used
- **In- river goal** provides an “in-season guide” to judge management decisions/ how to set that goal. (escapement/ANS/enough fish to ensure a reasonable opportunity for success)

Discussion, Questions & Answers

- Rick/Doug M. - Reasonable Opportunity is set by BOF
- John/Doug M. -There is no long term/5-year forecast – only one issued in the spring - for the coming summer.
- Federal control was from Aniak to the mouth of the Kusko.

- Fred/Aaron -(Down river has larger villages & boats, and cheaper fuel) Why doesn’t the ADF&G limit net size? Ans. –If approved, proposal 272 will allow limits to be put on the length of any net.
- **Fred -Lime Villagers are prevented from fishing for reds – don’t fish for kings.** Reds are the important runs for human use in Lime. Kings are in poor condition & not wanted. I caught 50% less reds in 2014, due to restrictions – not the Red run health.
- The Red run was early, overlapped with King run, so restrictions affected Red fishing ability more than in a normal year.
- Rick – When I set a net, if I’m catching kings – I move it. I don’t want them – are poor quality.

Doug Molineaux – on Escapement

- The entire escapement goal range is below the median King escapement from 1976 thru 2013.
- Due to the low escapement goal - a directed commercial chum fishery is more likely to be opened & will result in a higher incidental King catch. (No directed chum opening in 2014)
This will cause a lower King escapement and lowering the abundance of Kings passing above the commercial fishing districts below Bethel



Lower abundance = Less reasonable opportunity for subsistence Chinook harvest above Bethel – and a minimum effect on subsistence King catch opportunity below Bethel, (which occurs prior to a commercial Chum opening.)

OPEN COMMERCIAL CHUM = POOR SUBSISTENCE KING

More discussion, questions & answers / RE: Doug's talk, potential SHAC proposal, Lime Village fishery

DRAFT BOF Proposal for nested ANS with in-river goals for Chinook. (2015-16/due April 10))

Barb – How to arrive at nested ANS #s, and what areas in which to apply them must be determined by user input, and interaction between ADF&G subsistence division and BOF

Options for arriving at an in-river goal –

- Combining escapement/ANS/enough fish to ensure a reasonable opportunity for success)
- Use the historical average King salmon escapement +/- 30% + ANS range

Options for monitoring the in-river goal –

- Bethel test fishery
- Upriver test fishery above the Aniak. (The subsistence Chinook fishery below Aniak is under federal control.)
-

Possible types of permits to limit Chinook catch in times of shortage – (household, community, Tier II)

- Under state regs – household & community permits can be used at the same time / in same community.
- Can have household with no community permits
- Tier II

Discussion & preferences –

David – household

Rick & Fred support a SHAC proposal and getting rid of unreasonable regs affecting Lime fishing

Susan – household

Barb – Hard to believe it, but many people don't realize the effect on the Lime Red harvest.

Fred Lime is only 70 miles from Stony, and Stony gets **good** Kings. As late as 1970s -Kings used to go up creek in Lime

Doug M. - a pocket of Kings spawn on the Stony in tributaries just below Two Lakes.

Read/ Discuss / Vote on support of –

- Proposal to change BOG cycle from 2 to 3 years (2015/due Dec.26) - **Opposed Unanimously**
- **Proposal 139 – Support Unanimously** -Reauthorize no Brn Bear tag requirement for GMU 19 & others.(Due Jan.30,2015 –Central/Southwest Region BOG meeting)

Comments on proposals 271 & 272 for March, 2015 BOF/statewide meeting/ACR (due March 3)

Proposal 271 — Supported Unanimously / 4” mesh must be used for set nets – not drifting

Closes the loophole in State regs - that allowed people to drift with, target, & catch Kings

This is not allowed below Aniak, which is operating under federal regulation

Proposal 272 – Supported Unanimously / Lists gear types and methods of operation to be used in Kusko King fisheries (A good list of tools & would provide ADF&G ability to limit length of any net at its discretion.)

**There is unanimous SHAC member Support -**

for a potential SHAC proposal, authored by Barb Carlson, which was discussed previously– in this meeting. Whether or not this proposal has life will be dependent on whether or not the **Kusko Salmon Panel, (a BOF subcommittee)**, generates a proposal that meets the needs of SHAC villages.

Adjourn at 1 p.m

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG			BOG CYCLE CHANGE
OPPOSE	0	7-Unan.	SHAC doesn't want to see public input reduced /If a proposal is not approved, SHAC doesn't want to wait 3 years rather than 2, for another chance to remedy issue.
BOG	139		Reauthorize the current resident tag exemptions for brown bear in Unit 19and others..
SUPPORT	7- Unan.	0	Brown bear are targets of opportunity & SHAC area folks want to help reduce hunting competition due to Brn. Bear predation

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BOF	271		4inch mesh gear not allowed for Drifting – only set nets to be allowed
SUPPORT	7-Unan.	0	Closes the loophole in State regs - that allowed people to drift with, target, & catch Kings This is <u>not</u> allowed below Aniak, which is operating under federal regulation. It would be best to have the same regs both above & below, to discourage possible abuse / targeting of Kings.
BOF	272		List of Gear types & methods of operation for Kusko Chinook fishery
SUPPORT	7- Unan.	0	This is a good list of tools & would provide ADF&G the ability to limit length of any net at its discretion. Down river has larger villages & boats, and cheaper fuel Why doesn't the ADF&G limit net size? If approved, proposal 272 will allow limits to be put on the length of any net.



Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee

MINUTES- TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Monday, December 8, 2014, 1:00 pm

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CALL TO ORDER TIME: 1:09 by Chair: James Charles, Secretary: Sandra Nicori,

INVOCATION: Lord's Prayer

ROLL CALL/ MEMBERS PRESENT:

NUMBER NEEDED FOR QUORUM: 7 (Bec. Oscarville seat vacant) QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

Present by phone was: Phillip Peter Sr., Akiachak; Jackson Williams, Sr., Akiak; James Charles, Tuntutuliak; Arnold Brink Sr., Kasigluk; John Andrew and Sandra Nicori, Kwethluk; William Brown, Eek; Henry Tikiun Sr., Atmauthluak; Earl Samuelson, Sr., Napaskiak. Henry Parks, Nunapitchuk came on line at 1:50 p.m., Melvin Egoak, Atmauthluak, came on line at 1:57 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: approved

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: **ALREADY APPROVED**

FISH AND GAME STAFF PRESENT:

Boards Support Western Regional Coordinator, Holly Carroll

Wildlife biologists (Bethel office) Patrick Jones and Philip Perry; Aaron Poetter-

Kuskokwim Area Manager –Commercial Fisheries; Hiroko Ikuta, Subsistence Division,

GUESTS PRESENT: none

OLD BUSINESS: **none**

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- Update from new Regional Coordinator (R.C.) Holly Carroll
 - Meeting minutes format and Secretary duties, officer update-officers are James Charles, Sandra Nicori and Jackson Williams, Sr. their terms expire 6/30/2015.
 - Napakiak- John Wassilie resigned, and Oscarville membership is vacant, so may not count toward quorum until filled. Holly will send official letter to Oscarville
 - James Charles says IRA council can appoint member for Napakiak
 - Arnold Brink didn't get packet, gave address and phone to RC
 - Review Deadlines: BOF proposals due April 10,2015, BOG proposals due May 1, 2015
 - Suggest make a committee or chair to approve minutes

Samuelson makes a motion that chair can approve the drafted minutes so that they can get submitted to the BOG quickly. (Peters seconded). No discussion. Motion passed unanimous.

- **Get AC recommendations and/or comments on the following: SEE TABLE BELOW FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD**



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- Formerly ACR 8- Kuskokwim River: Consider providing the commissioner of ADF&G emergency order authority to restrict gillnet gear in the Kuskokwim River drainage (new proposal 272)

There is a March 3rd deadline for AC recommendations or comments to the Board of Fisheries.

Proposal 272, formerly ACR 8, wants to have Tier 2 but it was made into a proposal in Juneau. The document is in the packet. Kuskokwim Salmon Management wants to restrict gill net gear to conserve the Chinook: use lawful gear and specifications to use gillnet. Holly read part of the article on proposal 272. Comment from (Akiak member) Jackson Williams, in previous meetings with AC the elders have stated that using the 6" gear will eventually produce smaller and smaller salmon. Lot of elders oppose restrictions because gradually fish will decline with this size of mesh, elders say that fish, after caught, going back to the water (i.e. falling out of the net), is doing more harm than good (because those fish may die before they reach spawning grounds). Also, a former Yukon resident said that dip netting in the Kuskokwim will not work because he has tried it here. John Andrew stated that dipnetting is to be used only in times of Chinook shortages.

See more discussion and vote below. 9 yes, 1 no (from Phillip Peter Akiachak).

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Discuss moose quota/season and discuss need to write proposal-suggested by 2 members

William Brown (Eek) asked if the 24 hour time frame to call in for a moose kill can be extended another day due to traveling and distance but the answer was to keep from going over the 100 limit of moose that it would have to stay the same to keep from overharvesting the moose. When the snow is favorable for counting, sometime in February, they will have a better idea of what the limit (quota) will be and can be adjusted accordingly.

Jackson Williams asked about a winter hunt in the Kuskokwim area but the answer was that the numbers are not favorable at the present time, maybe in 3 to 5 years it may be feasible.

Earl Samuelson commented changing the boundaries for easier access and the answer was it would take several meetings to do it. It would also result in people having to use two different permits to hunt in the same area. Phillip Peter asked about the opening date for portions of Johnson River. It poses confusion because the Yukon and Kuskokwim are close together in that area. (Long discussion in yugtun followed). Holly suggested delaying the moose subject for in-person meeting. James Charles concurred with her.

Melvin Egoak asked if the quota can be increased to 125 moose but the answer was to do that an updated moose count would have to be done.

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William Brown (Eek)-River at Eek for making 24 hr. report when someone gets moose or partner still hunting, not easy for him to go home in 24 hours because river is too shallow. He's worried would he be cited for late reporting? Phillip acknowledges this is an issue for any hunters that go a long way up the tributaries, but he asks that people try their best, use satellite phone, or let someone else know to call Phillip, because the need for harvest reporting as a tool to keep harvest at reasonable level.

- Choose member to send to Kuskokwim Subsistence Salmon Panel (KSSP)-before January 15th

Napaskiak –Earl- makes motion to appoint James Charles to attend the KSSP January 15th and 16th. Akiak seconds. John Andrew question. Henry Tikiun, 2nded. If James can't make it, Earl Samuelson from Napaskiak was chosen as an alternate. Motion passed unanimously.

- Decide date and time for next meeting and face-to-face location?

Earl Samuelson suggested January 5, 2015 at 9 a.m. in Bethel in-person meeting, seconded by Henry Tikiun, Sr. When further information was given by Holly, Earl and Henry withdrew their motions and it was left to call-of-the-chair and the coordinator to schedule the in-person meeting and was unanimously consented by the committee.

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BOF	272		Consider providing the commissioner of ADF&G emergency order authority to restrict gillnet gear in the Kuskokwim River drainage
			<p>Earl Samuelson commented that the tundra area fishermen were unable to fish because the 4 inch mesh was unavailable for purchase in the stores. The 4 and a half inch mesh might be better to use. Thinks if could use 4.5" mesh size it would be good to catch smaller salmon like reds and chums.</p> <p>The representative can bring it up at the Board of Fish meeting. Henry Parks agreed with Samuelson. William Brown said that generally the 4 and half inch mesh if used for white fish, most people have it, he made a motion to change 4 to 4 and a half inch mesh be used, as an amendment to Proposal 272.</p> <p>Phillip Peter said fish and game came and inspected nets in Akiachak and confiscated 70, 50, 60, 45 mesh. Charlie clarified that you can amend the motion to include a depth. Earl thinks if we select 45 meshes deep, it should meet all of our needs, instead of one area. But the proposals don't say anything about depth, so it should be included.</p> <p>ADF&G Aaron Poetter clarified in subsistence fishery current regulation</p>

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
Supports with AMENDMENT	9	1	already states they can't be more than 45 meshes deep. Made motion to support the proposal but change current language from 4" to "4" to 4.5" "By 45 meshes deep gear. motion passes with amendment to gear size language
BOG	39	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.	
supports	10	0	Akiak- motion to support, Melvin 2 nd . Discussion: Phillip Perry (ADFG) gave recommendation from department- We have 12,000 moose, recommend keeping it in place, to authorize it. Background- with antlerless moose- Advisory committees in the area need to decide if they want it to continue each year. Motion passes unanimously
BOG	43	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
supports	10	0	Discussion: Phillip Perry (ADFG) gave recommendation from department- Advisory committees in the area need to decide if they want it to continue. This proposal just talking about metal locking tag exemption, we want to continue to have that to make it easy for hunters and consistent with other rural Alaska areas to NOT require the metal tags. Question- if we need to harvest a brown bear (DLP) do we have to return that to fish and game or can we keep it? Phillip clarified it depends on the time of year if it's during the hunting season- you just have it sealed as usual. This bill just removes the metal tag requirement- doesn't affect the DLP rules. Question- regarding tribal residents. Perry clarified that this law is for all Alaska residents and whether or not they have to buy a locking tag and the State doesn't differentiate between a rural or urban person- just Alaska residents. Motion to support: passes unanimously
BOG		Change BOG to a 3-yr cycle	
			R.C. H. Carroll read BOG handout points clarifying the department's reasons for supporting the change to a 3-yr cycle. Much discussion about the proposed savings if go to 3-yr cycle, they want to



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	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
Supports	9	0	<p>ensure that if \$50,000 is saved, that it could go to the advisory committees. Holly re-iterated that in light of severe department budget cuts, saving that money may just help to continue to provide same services to the AC process. Members noted it is Not easy to work for the people; AC members want people to earn money for AC process, if cycles change just to save money, move the money to Advisory committee or members. William Brown and Melvin Egoak asked if there was any way they can be given stipends.</p> <p>Patrick Jones-(ADFG Wildlife), supports 3-yr cycle, because they can miss surveys because they're at the meeting too much. Makes it easier for us to get surveys done in more time in a timely fashion. Also gives us more time to evaluate, changing rigs every year- hard to make educated decisions about the effects.</p> <p>Motion to support- passed unanimously (1 member left conference call before this vote).</p>

Adjourn Time: 4:13

Minutes Recorded By: __Sandra Nicori (Secretary) and put in template by H. Carroll (R.C.)

Minutes Approved By: _____James Charles (Chair)

James Charles
Date: 12/16/14

Paxson Advisory Committee
11-7-2014
Meiers Lake Roadhouse

I. Call to Order: 6:45pm by John Schandelmeier

II. Roll Call:
John Schandelmeier, Advisory Chair
Greg Swope, Secretary
Gary Alcott, Member
Lee Harper, Member
Mark Schlenker, Member
Members Absent:
Alan Echols; (excused)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
List of User Groups Present: N/A

III. Approval of Agenda:

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
From meeting date....

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Frank Robbins, ADF&G Glennallen
Scott Maclean, ADF&G Glennallen

VI. Guests Present:
Dave Wilson, Meiers Lake
Andrea Wilson, Meiers Lake
Donna Russell-Swope, Paxson

VII. New Business:
Board agreed to only comment on Proposals with
direct impact on Game Unit 13 and surrounding
areas.

**ADF&G Proposal to change Board of Game from
2 year cycle to 3 year cycle like Board Of
Fisheries.**

All Members Opposed this Change.

Greg: Be as responsive as possible. Keep it 2
years

Mark: 3 year BOF cycles are okay. Fisheries are

more stable than Game. 2 Years makes sense for Game, especially given changing environmental conditions.

John: We need to be very responsive to changing weather and hunt pressure. Keep shorter cycle

Lee: Keep it 2 years

Federal National Park Service Proposals

Comments on the following two issues to be sent to Barbara_cellarius@nps.gov

Regulation – NPS proposal on prohibiting the taking wolf when they are not useable, black bears with artificial lights at dens and bear baiting are all supported by this Advisory Committee. We also support the proposal prohibiting the use of drones for any purpose in National Parks and Preserves.

The support for these proposals was 4 in favor with one member abstaining.

The Paxson Fish and Game Advisory Committee strongly opposes the recent Federal opening of portions of the Paxson Closed Area to subsistence hunting. This closed area was set aside fifty years ago as a viewing area for a few big game animals. It is also an area that the Nelchina caribou herd uses

regularly as a migration path during their October migration. Hunting in this narrow constricted corridor has the potential to seriously change the patterns of this very vulnerable, important herd. He would like to petition the Federal Subsistence Council to reinstate the hunting prohibition in this locally important area.

We would also like to remark that we believe the Federally unencumbered lands within the Clearwater Controlled Use area need to retain their non-motorized hunting status.

The opening of the Paxson Closed Area and Clearwater Creek Closed Areas to Federal Subsistence Hunting.

Opposed by All Members.

Garry: Hunting has been banned for a number of years. No need to change. Dangerous due to number of animals and proximity to highway.

Greg: Paxson Closed Area is a Funnel for Game animals. Best to leave it closed.

Review Proposals – 2014/2015 Alaska Board of Fisheries Proposal Book

Proposals 33 – 43 (Chitina Dip Net Proposals)

John: What we have is working. Not sure about Micro-managing. Let the experts handle the escapement. Sockeye returns are great. Can't control Chinook survival rate once out in Ocean. There will always be user groups that want a few more fish.

Greg: Fisheries need to look at "Big picture."

Lee: What we have is working; leave it alone.

Proposal 53:

Lee: Supports proposal. Not enough fish are being caught in Summit Lake

John: Supports proposal for Summit Lake only. Believes that we can try it for 3 years. Opposed to changing on Paxson Lake due to the potential for higher fishing pressure and

inaccurate reporting. (Paxson Lake has a campground and fairly high tourism pressure; these anglers don't have accurate reporting as they are here for a day and gone.

Greg: Opposed. Believes that actual fish catch levels are not being accurately reported.

Garry: Opposed. Already enough fishing pressure on Paxson Lake.

Mark: Abstain

Proposal 54: All members oppose: 5 grayling or 10 per day is not a subsistence issue.

Greg: Hard to enforce

John: Leave regulation alone. If you need more fish, one extra salmon equals 5 grayling.

Cottonwood gGrove, Haggard and Coleman Creeks cannot take the extra spring pressure.

Proposal 56: Supported by all members.

All members were in support of ADF&G making these decisions based on best available information.

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Proposal 58:

All in Support. This is our proposal; we believe it very important for the overall health of the local eco-system.

Proposal 59:

All in Support. This is also very pertinent. The fall moose count in this area bears out what we, as a Committee, have been saying for the past 3 seasons.

Proposal 60:

Unanimously opposed. We are opposed to cow moose hunts that have the objective of showcasing what a great job predator control has been doing. (at the expense of all other populations)

Mark: Opposed to micro managing game animal

populations.

John: Cow Hunts are a result of IM Policies. Would not be necessary without the over-aggressive IM

Greg: Keep regulations simple. Don't add layers of additional hunts to manage moose and caribou #s

Proposal 61: Comments—this has been okay on the past. Current special winter hunt is taking it's place?

No Opinion

Proposal 62: Drawing permit proposal for caribou.

Greg, Mark, Gary and Lee Are opposed to a new class of hunter in Game Unit 13. Already
Enough hunting pressure

John: In favor. Why exclude non-resident hunters? Good for local businesses and the caribou population is meeting or exceeding subsistence requirements.

Proposal 63:

No Opinion

Proposal 64 and 86: proposal to divide the Nelchina caribou hunt;

Opposed by all unanimously.

John and Mark: Already confusing. Hard to manage. Better to keep it all one hunt; we never know where the caribou will be. They may be largely inaccessible during a given portion of the season.

Garry, Lee and Greg: Too complicated. Keep it the way it is.

Proposals 65 – 83, 85:

Opposed by All

John and Mark: Community Subsistence Hunts are based on allocation. They set up two tiers of hunters based largely on artificial communities. We are opposed to all community hunts.

Greg: No science behind Community hunts. Seems that it is all local politics

Proposal 84:

Supported with the following Modification: Establish

a limit at the discretion of ADF&G. We support this only if only if there is no Community Hunt or Winter moose hunt in Unit 13.

Garry: Keep hunts simple. No Community Hunts.

Greg: Let ADF&G determine hunt limits

Mark: Get rid of all these different hunts. Make management simpler and more effective.

Proposal 87: proposal requiring caribou hunters to only hunt moose in Unit 13.

Supported by all Board Members; This has never been a good proposal. It puts unnecessary and artificially high hunt pressure on Unit 13 moose. It degrades hunt quality within the area.

Proposal 88: Changing subsistence determination.

Opposed by all Board Members.

All members: Another micro-management proposal that does not have the evidence or accurate data available to be successful or fair.

Proposal 89: Tier II proposal.

Opposed by all Board Members.

All members: There are presently no Tier II hunts within Unit 13. Another micro-management proposal

Proposal 90 and 91: Goat Permits

Opposed by all Board Members

John: The hunt is already over subscribed

Mark and Greg: The current drawing permit system is working.

Proposal 93 and 94: Brown Bear baiting

Opposed by all Board Members. Bait Stations tend to be located near roads and close to populations. This proposal habituates

bears to cabins and people. There is already an occasional issue with Brown bears and cabin damage along Paxson Lake. Bait stations in the area have potential to make things much worse.

Proposal 95: Ptarmigan proposal.

Supported by all Board members; this is our proposal. While somewhat complicated, it addresses all of the current ptarmigan issues. Our main concern is

protecting the populations along the Denali Highway while still allowing sustainable harvest. The August 20 opening date is absolutely imperative for protecting young birds in this area that are not large enough to eat. This area has a much later nesting window than areas farther south and at lower elevations. Many of the chicks are still peeping on the 10th of August!

Review Proposals – 2014/2015 Supplemental Document Alaska Board of Game

Proposal 198: Modifying the drawing cow moose hunt

Opposed by all Board Members

Lee, Garry and Greg: Too many variables

Mark: Results in taking calves. (cows are pregnant-you are taking 2 moose every time you shoot a winter cow.)

John: Micromanaging, however, the proposal does address the population objectives that we support. (comment: pregnant cows usually survive the winter. Calves already born have a pretty low survival rate; maybe

we should not shoot the ones that are making it....)

Proposal 199: IM wolf management

All Board Members would support if the wolf population objective is changed to 200—spring count.

Proposal 200: Moose population objectives for Unit 13

All Board members support with following modification: Change the moose population objective in Subunit 13B to 4000 – 5000. Copper Basin Committee did not address the population objective in this sub-unit.

John and Mark: This change is based on local knowledge of current and ongoing browse and potential winter conditions. See our proposal #59.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.



01/20/2015 Upper Tanana/40 Mile Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7PM at the Tok Fish & Game office conference room.

Committee members present were: Leif Wilson, Matt Snyder, Lyle Cronk, Danny Grangaard, Mike Cronk, Thor Jorgensen, Jake Combs and Peter Talus.

Motion to approve the agenda was made with two additions. To record the minutes for compiling to submit to local committee and Fairbanks office was added at the beginning and the ACEC with BLM in the Mosquito Flats Area was added to the end of the agenda.

Guests attending were: Doreen Parker(ADF&G), Jerry Hill (FWS; TNWR), Aaron Atchley, Sue Stancliff, Russ Landers, Bob Gingue, Teresa Sager(BOG), Jeff Wells(ADF&G), Jeff Gross(ADF&G) and Aaron Bloomquist.

Minutes

Minutes from the December 16th meeting were just received and will be approved at the next meeting. The committee will now be using a tape recorder to give to Vanessa to compile the minutes for submission to local advisory committee and to the Fairbanks office, all agreed with this.

Proposal 207

Jake Combs made the motion to support, Lyle Cronk seconded. (7-0). After much discussion it was decided to change #1 from August 10th to Sept. 20th, to read August 7th to Sept. 20th and to eliminate #2 and #3. Mike Cronk made motion to support with these changes, Matt Snyder seconded. (7-0)

Proposal 208

Teresa Sager explained how proposal 208 was received and that there is still time to work on it more. The local advisory committee would like for the Board to consider their comments which are listed at the end of the minutes (page 3 & 4). The committee voted unanimously (0-7) to oppose this proposal. Matt Snyder will be the member to attend BOG meeting in Wasilla.

20E Moose Draw Permits

Jeff Wells made a presentation to the committee on DM 796 and DM794. History in the last 10 years shows that with the 70 permits being issued for DM796, 44% are being used with just 6 moose killed. In the DM794 there are 30 permits with 40% being used and 2 moose killed. Can the population support more permits? Hunt reports show that not many hunters get into these areas in the fall, so harvest could support but with both areas in declining moose populations, it was agreed to keep the same.

BOG Cycle Change Update

After what is on the schedule, no other meetings until the statewide meeting in March. No meeting in our area until 2016, however, if there is a conservation issue or emergency, one can make a motion to add to agenda of the BOG.



Proposal 201

If members of the public are able to make a call to the Troopers to request permission to dispatch/look for an animal under the term 'reasonable' then the AC might support. We do not support this proposal as written or as written with the amended language. Do not support (0-7)

Update on Forty Mile Caribou Hunt

Jeff Gross reported on how the hunt is going and the fact that no changes or closures for Zone 3, still animals available. After a 2 day opener in Zone 1, it was then closed north of Birch Creek, but folks are still able to access the area off the Quest trail and have been taking a couple animals a day. Not looking to close since minimal animals are being taken in Zone 3 and will make sure there are animals left as they make their way back towards Eagle.

ACEC for BLM of Mosquito Flats Area

It is still open for public comment and does the committee want to submit comments to support travel restrictions for summer time. Leif will write a letter of support for restrictions May 1st to Oct. 1st and support ACEC for Mosquito Flats. Committee will oppose the ACEC area to the north that has been proposed. Passed (7-0)

Bull/Cow Ratio in 20E

The current bull/cow ratio in 20E Taylor Highway Corridor is 37%. If it gets to 40% Danny Grangaard would like to propose a 50'' with no more than 2 brow tines for the last two days of the hunt, Sept. 15 – 17th. Jeff Wells will put together some numbers and feels that another moose survey for 2015 should shed more light on this issue giving a couple years data.

Next Meeting

February 24, 2015 will be the next Advisory Committee meeting.



Comments to Proposal 208

Jake Combs made a motion to approve the comments to submit for proposal in place of 208. Danny Grangaard seconded. Passed (7-0)

Mike Cronk made a motion to with draw the draw portion, Lyle Cronk seconded. (4-1-2abstain)

Mike Cronk made a motion to institute a tag fee for sheep of \$50 - \$200, Lyle Cronk seconded, Passed (7-0)

Mike Cronk made a motion, if you apply for any current sheep draw hunt, you may not hunt from August 10th – 19th in a general harvest area. Jake Combs seconded. Passed (7-0)

Meeting adjourned at 10:30

The Upper Tanana Fortymile AC has compiled the following comments/recommendations for the Board of Game to consider during the C/SW Meeting in Wasilla on 02-13-15. The AC believes that instead of commenting on each individual deferred sheep proposal that it would better serve the Board to provide comments pertaining to the overreaching concepts in the sheep proposals and issues identified in Dr. Todd Brinkman's recent sheep survey, so the Board could better understand our ACs point of views/desires.

If the Board chooses to make changes to sheep hunting regulations we recommend the following:

1. Institute a fee for a resident sheep harvest ticket (tag fee) of \$50 - \$200.
2. If you apply for any current sheep draw hunt then you may not hunt from August 10th – 19th in any general harvest area.
3. Motorized vehicle restrictions
 - a. No sheep hunting allowed the same day you've operated a motorized vehicle. Use wording similar to the Same-Day-Airborne law.
 - b. Allow use of motorized vehicles on state maintained roads.
 - c. Rational/Notes: People using motorized vehicles have a tremendous advantage over someone who flew into an area. Once a plane lands, hunters are all on foot and have to wait until the next day to hunt. With the advancements in ATVs, ORVs, boats and other motorized equipment, hunters are using them to travel long distances, spot and harvest sheep in the same day. This was the reason the same-day-airborne law was created, was to restrict hunters from doing just this with airplanes. We agree with the same-day-airborne law and feel it should apply to other motorized equipment equally to create an even playing field. The AC thought that there could be some sort of condition worked out so the at sheep could be retrieved with a motorized vehicle. In this discussion, "motorized vehicle" included land and water based machines. One member was concerned with grouping boats into this and would prefer it to just be restricted to ATVs and ORVs.



4. Starting resident season prior to non-resident season.
 - a. The AC does not support starting resident season prior to the start of non-resident season.
 - b. Rational/Notes: Resident guides, who are very familiar with their use areas, would be able to hunt while waiting for the ability to take clients in the field. This has the potential of not relieving any perceived hunting pressure, but also increasing the actual overall harvest of sheep.
5. Changes to Second-Degree-of-Kindred (SDK) regulations.
 - a. Allow SDK to hunt with their resident relative, but have SDK harvest count against the resident relatives bag limit. IF a SDK harvests a sheep, the accompanying Resident relative may not harvest a sheep in the same regulatory year and may not accompany another SDK in the same regulatory year. Non-residents would still need to purchase the required locking tag in order to take a sheep.
 - b. Rational/Notes: Many members on the AC have concern over the current SDK regulations. They believe that just because a person is a resident that does not mean that they spend anytime participating in hunting activities. Members came to the agreement that a change to how this is done is necessary. The AC believes that anyone circumventing this regulation would already be doing so by not having their relative purchase a sheep locking tag anyway.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
01.14.15 Meeting Minutes
Alpine Lodge, Fairbanks, AK
Draft

I. Call to Order: Chairman Umphenour 1837

II. Roll Call – Quorum Present

	<u>CHAIR</u> Virgil Umphenour	<u>VICE- CHAIR</u> Mike Kramer	<u>SECRETARY</u> Kirk Schwalm	Al Barrette	Chuck Derrick	Andrew Glasgow	Warren Giuchici	Emma Lee Grennan
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent								
Abs/Excused								
	Lee Hazen	Bill Larry	Jeff Lucas	Mike Tinker	Larry Morris	Valerie Baxter	Vacant	
Present		x	x		x	x		
Absent	x							
Abs/Excused				x				

III. Approval of Agenda: Unanimous with amendment by Kramer to move public comments on sheep proposals to the top of the agenda.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (December 10, 2014): unanimous, no amendments

V. Correspondence: none

VI. Fish & Game Staff Present:

Don Young, Tony Hollis, Lincoln Parrett, Doreen Parker-McNeil, Jackie Kephart, Rita St. Louis

VII. Guests:

Reed Morisky BOF, Michael Potter AWT, Clay Hamilton F&WS ANWR, Pete Busit, Hannah Solomon, Eric Hoffman, Chad Rowe, Tom Lamal, Jim Sampson, Garrett, Laurie Richards (ABH&A), Mark Richards (ABH&A), Wayne Heimer, Paul Harrell (Chitina Dipnetters), Karen Gordon (Wild Sheep).

VIII. Chair and AC Member Comments:

Chairman Umphenour—updates on the Salmon Treaty Panel meeting and reduction of bycatch in the Bering Sea.

Mike Kramer—no fish sub-committee comments



Al Barrette—no trapping sub-committee comments

Al Barrette—wood bison, management plan approved with prejudice as to private land access issues. Checkerboard ownership and new trespass law complicates access.

Al Barrette—game, update on south east BOG meeting & work session, 3 year cycle; board generated sheep proposals, proposal 201 for salvage by AWT deferred, Teresa Sager-Albaugh's term expires in June.

Chuck—reported on Cordova BoF meeting and noted the PWS aquaculture Ass'n is looking for an interior board member.

IX. Public Comment:

Clay Hamilton, USF&WS, ANWR—sheep numbers down, no hard numbers, predation and weather. Hunter numbers are steady. Updating visitor management plan to address air taxis.

Mark Young, PWS Charter Boat Ass'n—thanked the AC for opposing the ling cod proposals at the Cordova BoF meeting and the work of the Chitina Dipnetters

Wayne Hiemer—thoughts on sheep hunter, good old days weren't that good. Management plans need updated. Supports the do nothing option before the BoG.

Mark Richards, ABH&A—thoughts on sheep hunting. Was present at the meeting Kramer mentioned. Issue is conservation and societal. Supports the 40% proposal that ABH&A submitted (prop 111). Supports working group.

Jim Sampson—spoke to 20A & 20B antlerless hunts. Lack of public process and notice.

Tom Lamal—spoke to sheep proposals. Does not agree with BoG deferring proposals. Supports reappointment of Sager-Albaugh. Supports props 109 and 119. Technology has made sheep hunting easier.

X. F&G Staff Reports:

Don Young—no moose population surveys in 20A or 20B, 20A composition surveys completed with a 5% survey showing 35/100 bull/cow ratio. Recommend no antlerless hunts in 20A.

Tony Hollis—20B composition surveys completed with a 5% survey showing 34/100 bull/cow ratio. Recommend cutting 20B antlerless permits about 30% for 2015.

XI. Old Business: none

XII. New Business:

Discussion of vacant seat and appointing Mike Quinn to fill it.

Discussion of open subcommittees without assignment—unanimous consent.



Discussion of subcommittee chairs—unanimous consent to defer to April or May.

Discussion of need for bylaws, also defer to April/May.

Unanimous support to write letter in support of the reappointment of Teresa Sager-Albaugh to the BoG.

Unanimous support to write letter in support of the reappointment of Karl Johnstone to the BoF.

Proposals 58-59—oppose 0-11, ungulate numbers okay where they are, impacts to nechina herd and twinning rates just one indicator.

Proposals 199-200—oppose 0-11, same comments as 58-59

Proposals 65-83—oppose 0-11

Proposal 138—support 10-1

Proposal 139—support 11-0

Proposal 129—amend to except liquids (must remove solid bait) support 11-0.

Unanimous to adopt the recommendations on other proposals from the game sub-committee.

XIII. Adjourn 2200

Minutes Recorded by Kirk Schwalm



**Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Game Subcommittee
ADF&G Hunter Education Indoor Shooting Range
12/16/2014
6-10pm**

I. Call to Order: 1810pm

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Andrew Glasgow, Valerie Baxter, Jeff Lucas, Lee Hazen

Number Needed for Quorum at subcommittee: yes

List of User Groups Present: none

Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis and Nissa Pilcher

Guests: Larry Morris and Dave Bump (AWT)

III. Approval of Agenda: no changes

IV. Central/Southwest Region Proposals – comment deadline is Jan 30, 2015

A. Proposals Subcommittee members want to discuss: 53-55, 57-59, 62, 93-95, 100, 102, 104, 127-130

B. Proposals from the public or agency? None

C. Discussion of Proposals & Comments

a. Proposal 53: Support as amended. Amendment is to allow the use of bait and lures only as currently allowed; no use of carcasses or the moving of carcasses. Maintain two bear limit. 4 support 0 oppose

b. Proposal 54 (sale of bear hides and skulls): We support this proposal, the sealing requirement for brown bears should establish that the bears are from Unit 17. Nushagak AC proposal. 4 support 0 oppose

c. Proposal 55 (beaver trapping regulations): We support this proposal because it makes Unit 17 more consistent with other areas; allows use of firearms or bow and arrow for the whole trapping season and removes meat salvage requirement. Also a Nushagak AC proposal. 4 support 0 oppose

d. Proposal 57 (opposite of proposal of 55): Oppose, this seeks to prevent the use of firearms to harvest beaver and imposes a bag limit. 0 support 4 oppose



- e. **Proposals 58 and 59:** Deferred to whole AC discussion. These are two proposals submitted by the Paxson AC that seek to change some IM related predator and moose trigger numbers. 58 seeks to change the wolf population trigger for IM to allow more wolves and 59 seeks to reduce the moose population and harvest objectives.
- f. **Proposals 65-83 Deal with Community Harvest system and the game subcommittee members present did not feel that they were well versed enough in the issues surrounding these hunts to comment. If any of the AC members want to take these up or discuss them, they will need to be prepared for the 01/14/15 meeting.**
- g. Proposal 93: (allow take of brown bears over bait): Support this proposal; in general, we support the ability to take brown bears over bait. 4 support, 0 oppose
- h. Proposal 94: Take no action based on 93.
- i. Proposal 95 (change hunting seasons and bag limits for ptarmigan in 13B): Oppose. We are generally opposed to road corridor closures and do not wish to set a precedent allowing them. There is also no biological data presented for changing the ptarmigan regulations here. Paxson AC proposal. 0 support 4 oppose
- j. Proposal 100 (allow take of brown bears over bait): Support as long as the salvage requirements for brown bears are the same as they are for black bears in 14B. 4 support, 0 oppose
- k. Proposal 102 (fall season for black and brown bear take over bait): Support as long as salvage requirements are consistent with current spring hunts. 4 support 0 oppose
- l. Proposal 104 (allow harvest of beaver by hunting license/season): Support. No biological issue here for beaver population, we support liberal beaver seasons and bag limits. 4 support, 0 oppose
- m. **Proposals 106 to 124 all deal with Dall sheep hunting/harvest/etc. The BOG has indicated that they will make a final finding and vote on all sheep proposals that have been deferred at this FEB meeting in Wasilla. The Fairbanks AC will need to hold a special sheep meeting and discussion to figure out our position.**
- n. Proposal 127 (remove meat salvage requirement for brown bears taken over bait in Central/Southwest region): Oppose. We think the meat salvage requirements should be the same for black and brown bears taken over bait (general hunting salvage is excluded). Anchorage AC proposal. 0 support, 4 oppose
- o. Proposal 128: take no action based on 127 vote



- p. **Proposal 129 (delete the requirement to remove contaminated soil from bait stations): There was a lot of discussion on this amongst the subcommittee members present – referred to full AC for discussion.**
 - q. Proposal 130 (allow same day airborne hunting of wolves and coyotes): Support as amended. The amendment is to delete the second sentence of the proposed language that begins, “A person must be at least 300 feet from the aircraft...” We think any distance and harassment language should not be used because it is too restrictive and would almost guarantee unsuccessful attempts at harvest. Not many wolves or coyotes are going to stay in place while you land a plane and move 300 feet from it before being able to attempt a hunt.
 - r. Proposals 132-134: These are the same proposals that we commented on for the SE region BOG meeting – no need to comment again.
 - s. Proposals 138 and 139: Require a full AC vote. 138 is the reauthorization of antlerless moose hunts in 20A, 20B, and 20D. 139 is the reauthorization of grizzly bear tag fee exemption.
 - t. **Proposals 198-200: Similar to the Paxson AC proposals but from the Copper Basin AC, these proposals seek to change IM parameters. Referred to full AC for discussion.**
- V. Next Meeting (s) – Review of Sheep Proposals and Hunter Survey; decide on FAC stance pertaining to sheep management and regulations
- A. Will need in depth session on the sheep issues – data and hunter survey
 - a. Will set this meeting at next AC meeting so that new members can participate and may need to be a special “Sheep Summit,” meeting of the full AC.
- VI. Adjourn: 2030pm



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
01.21.15 Meeting Minutes
Pikes Lodge, Fairbanks, AK
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I. Call to Order: Chairman Umphenour 18:41

II. Roll Call –

	<u>CHAIR</u> Virgil Umphenour	<u>VICE- CHAIR</u> Mike Kramer	<u>SECRETARY</u> Kirk Schwalm	Al Barrette	Chuck Derrick	Andrew Glasgow	Warren Giuchici	Emma Lee Grennan
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent								
Abs/Excused								
	Lee Hazen	Bill Larry	Jeff Lucas	Mike Tinker	Larry Morris	Valerie Baxter	Vacant	
Present	X	X	X	X		X		
Absent								
Abs/Excused					X			

III. Approval of Agenda: unanimous

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: none

V. Correspondence: none

VI. Fish & Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, Doreen Parker-McNeil, Don Young, Jackie Kephart, Nissa Pilcher,

VII. Guests: Nate Turner (BoG), Teresa Sager-Albaugh (BoG), Henry Tiffany (BGCSB), Lt. Justin Rodgers (AWT), Dick Bishop, Vern Aiken. Delta AC, Middle Nenana AC, and Upper Tanana AC telephonic. Others listed under public testimony. Others who did not sign in, estimate 60 members of the public in attendance.

VIII. Chair and AC Member Comments:

Barette—wood bison meeting on Jan 29, need access fee comments

Valerie—need to take up 201 after sheep.

Umphenour—compared current situation to the BoF sustainable salmon policy & outlined the



testimony process. Fish & Game fund and Pitman-Robertson. Different goals contained in the old sheep management plans.

Public Comments

Nate Turner—update on how the board got here. Surveys and reports, trying to maximize public comment and process. Maybe take action in Wasilla and maybe defer to anchorage. Answered questions from Al and Kramer regarding transparency. Answered questions from AC members concerning the possible working group.

Tom Kirstien—master guide in 20A, problem is increased guides not residents. Draw destroys opportunity.

John Giuchici—opposes the board generated proposal and agrees with Kramer that the board process is predetermined.

Steven Hollenbeck—resident sheep hunter supports 207 option 3 and opposes 208.

Joe Letart—resident guide, support status quo and opposes 208. No overcrowding problem, hunters are lazy.

Eric Milender—resident sheep hunter does not support any of the board generated proposals

Seth Wietgrafe—resident sheep hunter. Populations are fine, no overcrowding, questions the transparency of the process. Supports status quo.

Mike Roylance—resident sheep hunter. Does not support resident restrictions, if restrictions needed then non-resident.

Henry Tiffany—Guide and member BGCSB. Studies were overdue. 80% hunters resident. Spatial distribution problem. Opposes draw. 1 in 4 is a potential solution. Opposes Tom Lamal's comments.

Eric Umphenour—resident guide 20A. Supports aircraft restrictions. No issue with resident crowding.

Jason Franklin—supports aircraft restrictions

Edmund Gaines—resident sheep hunter. Supports 207 aircraft restrictions. Supports status quo otherwise. Tag fees should be increased, even for residents.

Jeff Whipple—resident sheep hunter. Has experienced crowding and aircraft issues. Non-resident tags are too cheap. Supports 207 aircraft restrictions. Supports 1 in 4 over a draw.

Leonard Jewkes—not resident versus guides, seeking to benefit everybody.

Karen Gordon (Wild Sheep Foundation)—supports status quo. Supports an update of management plans.

Mark Richards (ABCHA)—supports 111. Limit non-residents to draw only. Supports working group. Supports same day airborne limits.



Dave Lorrington—does not believe the board predetermines its actions. Full curl is sufficient to protect the resource. Supports status quo.

Don Quarberg—crowding an early season problem only. 207 1&3 are unenforceable. Opposes 201, supports use of aircraft to retrieve wounded game.

IX. F&G Staff Reports: None.

X. Old Business: none

XI. New Business:

Valerie will be the AC representative at the Wasilla meeting.

Letters in support of Sager-Albaugh reappointment and appointment of Al Barrette

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	106	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 13D and 14A to full curl rams with limited permits.	
TNA			See action on 107
BOG	107	Change the bag limit for Dall sheep in Units 13D and 14A to full curl.	
Support	13	0	Supporting the Anchorage AC and biology concerns.
BOG	108	Reinstate language regarding proof of guide-client contract for Dall sheep, mountain goat and moose drawing hunts.	
TNA			Beyond authority of board, already fixed by the BGCSB
BOG	109	Allow a maximum of 10% of sheep hunt participation for nonresidents in the Central/Southwest Region.	
Oppose	0	13	
BOG	110	Limit sheep harvest by nonresidents to 10% of total harvest in Units 11, 13, 14, and 16.	
TNA			See action on 111
BOG	111	Change the nonresident general sheep hunts to draw hunts for the Interior region, and cap the number of permits based on sheep density.	
oppose	3	10	In opposition noted hardship on guides, no biological concern, overbroad proposal. In support noted that if restrictions are needed then the non-residents should be the first restricted.
BOG	112	Change the nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts and limit permit distribution to 10% of the annual ten-year average for the Interior Region.	
TNA			See action on 109
BOG	113	Open a bowhunting-only season for Dall sheep in the Interior Region.	
oppose with amendment to remove IBEP	1	11	In support—esthetic hunt, very little added mortality. In opposition—don't spate users, archers already have the haul road, unclear as to what units this would apply to.



BOG	114	Change all nonresident general season Dall sheep hunts in Unit 20 with a 75% distribution of nonresident permits.	
TNA			See action on 111
BOG	115	Create a youth Dall sheep hunt in Unit 20 Remainder.	
Oppose	0	13	Existing hunts allow for youth opportunity
BOG	116	Limit nonresident sheep hunting in the Central/Southwest Region by having shorter seasons, drawing permits, or other methods.	
TNA			Due to action on other proposals
BOG	117	Limit allocation of nonresident sheep permits to 10% for the Central/Southwest Region Units.	
TNA			See action on 111
BOG	118	Begin resident sheep hunting seven days earlier than nonresidents in Units 9, 11, 13, 14, and 16.	
Oppose	0	13	Adding opportunity is inconsistent with the proposer's concerns over biology and sustained yield.
BOG	119	Establish earlier season date openings for resident sheep hunting in the Central/Southwest Region.	
TNA			See action on 118
BOG	120	Open a nine day, resident archery season in August for Dall sheep in the Central/Southwest Region.	
TNA			See action on 113
BOG	121	Modify the season dates for Dall sheep in the Interior Region.	
TNA			
BOG	122	Open resident sheep hunting seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in the Interior Region.	
TNA			
BOG	123	Open resident sheep hunting seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in the Interior Region.	
TNA			
BOG	124	Open resident sheep seasons one week prior to nonresidents in Units 25 and 26.	
TNA			
BOG	201	Amend 5 AAC 92.220(i)	
Oppose	0	13	Attempts to shift the government's burden to the people, there is no problem that needs fixed, AWT is overly aggressive, clarity is admirable but the risk of misuse is more acceptable than the risk of lost game
BOG	207	BGP with options for aircraft restrictions for sheep hunting	
Oppose	0	13	Costly to public, not enforceable, will be extended to other species if passed, federal law and guide ethics already prohibit much of this behavior, localized problems, this behavior does not make profit for transporters so they wont do it.
BOG	208	BGP with options for modifying sheep hunting opportunities	
Support w/ amendment to option #1	13	0	The AC amended to include only the status quo option with updated management plans. Management plans are dated but this is a solution in search of a problem.

Valerie Baxter elected to represent the AC at the Central/Southwest Meeting



XII. Adjourn: 22:45

Minutes Recorded by Kirk Schwalm

Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
January 8, 2014 at 1830
Glacier Room, Alpine Lodge, Fairbanks, AK

I. Call to Order: 1837 by Chair Virgil Umphenour

II. Roll Call:

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

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 - quorum present

III. Approval of Agenda: unanimous vote to approve

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From December 12/11/2013 meeting

Amendments and/or discussion: The Chair had corrections to the December minutes as follows: Under New Business, VII, chair reported on salmon passing into Canada and the border passage goals. The original minutes stated that "we have made our border passage 5 of the last 7 years." This was incorrect and is changed to, "We have made our border passage goal 1 of the last 4 years."

The minutes were then approved as amended by unanimous vote.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Don Young, Area Biologist Unit 20, Tony Hollis, Asst Area Biologist Unit 20, Nissa Pilcher, Board Support ADF&G (left shortly after meeting began), Justin Rogers and Chuck Daggert from AWT.

VI. Guests Present (include any user groups represented): There were several members of the public in attendance but introductions were not performed. A partial list: Tom Lamal, Deb Curnow, Leonard Jewkes, John Giuchici, and Smokey Don Duncan.

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INTERIOR BOARD OF GAME MEETING COMMENTS 2014			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	41		Modify the season dates for Dall sheep in Region III.
TNA			Take no action based on the results of proposal 42 changes.
BOG	42		Open resident sheep hunting seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in Region III.
Support	10	4	There was a great deal of discussion on this proposal and similar proposals 41 & 43. The AC Chair voiced his opposition to this proposal due to the large financial contribution non-residents make to ADF&G funding. His concern is that the revenue would decrease for ADF&G if this proposal, and others like it, were to pass. Members of the public, including the author of the proposal, testified on behalf of their support of giving residents extra days at the beginning of the sheep season, before non-residents can hunt. After hearing all of the comments, Andrew Glasgow moved an amendment forward that would give residents and non-residents the same number of hunting days but residents would start earlier and non-residents would end later. The amendment was: Resident season for Dall sheep in Region III = August 3 rd –September 20 th . Non-resident season = August 10 th – September 27 th . Andrew made the point that leaving the non-resident season starting the 10 th keeps the date the same to allow for guides that have already booked clients and hunts. The amendment passed with 10 yes and 4 against votes. The amended proposal passed with the same vote. It is to be noted that the author of proposal 43, Leonard Jewkes, was also present and agreed to support the amended version of 42.
BOG	43		Open resident sheep seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in Region III.
TNA			Take no action based on the results of proposal 42 changes.
BOG	44		Change the nonresident general sheep hunts to draw hunts and cap the number of permits in Region III.
Oppose	0	14	Do not adopt, we understand the BOG is working on sheep hunting concerns.
BOG	46		Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts and limit permit distribution to ten percent of the annual ten-year average for Region III.
Oppose	0	14	Do not adopt, we understand the BOG is working on sheep hunting concerns.
BOG	47		Create a bowhunting-only season for Dall sheep in Region III.
Oppose	0	14	Oppose: It would create a special hunting area and bowhunters have the Dalton Highway corridor and Fairbanks Management Area already.
BOG	48		Change all nonresident general season Dall sheep hunts in Unit 20 to drawing permit hunts.
Oppose	0	14	Do not adopt, we understand the BOG is working on sheep hunting concerns.
BOG	49		Open resident sheep seasons one week prior to nonresidents in Units 25 and 26.
TNA			Take no action based on the results of proposal 42 changes.
BOG	113		Create a drawing youth sheep hunt in Unit 20B Remainder.
TNA			Take no action

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Nushagak River Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes
November 19, 2014
Fish and Game Office
Dillingham, Alaska

I. Call to Order: 9:11 AM by Chairman Frank Woods

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: [include role here by name ie: officer; designated seat; at large member?]

Frank Woods, Chair, Dlg	Luki Akelkok, Ekwok, via phone
Dan Dunaway Secretary Dlg	Jim Woolington Dlg, via phone
Tom O'Connor Dlg	Chris Carr, Portage Cr. via phone
Curt Armstrong, Dlg	Mariano Floresta, Clark's Pt via phone
Gayla Hoseth Dlg Alt. seated due to absences	
Glenn Wysoki, Koliganek	
Travis Ball, Aleknagik via phone until 11:07 when he arrived onsite.	

Members Absent:

Joe Chythlook Vice Chair, Dlg, medical
Gary Cline moved away expects to resign
Louie Alakayak Manokotak
Jon Forsling, Togiak
Peter Christopher, New Stuyahok
Dennis Andrew, New Stuyahok Alt.
Steve Perkins - Alternate- at Large.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

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List of User Groups Present:

Subsistence fishers: Note virtually all Nushagak drainage residents tend to think of themselves as subsistence fishers and hunters first as well as often participating in commercial fishing, sport fishing, and guiding for fish or game. Some are trappers too.

Commercial Set Net
Commercial Drift Net
Sport fishing / guiding
Trappers
Hunters Subsistence, Recreational, guides

III. Approval of Agenda:



Mariano moved to adopt , Dan 2nd Approved unanimous with addition.
Dan suggested adding brief on Bristol Bay RAC meeting activities.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date....

Tom O moved to adopt, Glenn 2nd Approved unanimous.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Ted Krieg Subsistence by phone

Neil Barton Wildlife

VI. Guests Present:

Pat Walsh Togiak Refuge biologist

Courtney Gomez, BBNA Subsistence by phone

Joe Wassily, Clark's Pt by phone

Todd Fritze

Megan Armstrong

VII. Introductions:

Staff and guests introduced themselves to the group.

VIII. Staff Reports:

Neil Barten Wildlife Conservation biologist. Neil introduced himself as the new local wildlife biologist since May and gave a brief outline of the caribou and moose research activity he has been conducting. Successful caribou photo census suggests a herd of 26,000 animals widely scattered over their range. During tagging caribou animals seem healthier than in recent past, and bull/cow, cow/ calf ratios seem to be significantly improved.

Moose harvests seem to be declining in 17 B&C. Not clear if there is a population problem or just poorer hunting conditions, especially last winter. Unable to get fall bull/ cow counts due to poor observation conditions. 17A moose population strong and growing in new areas.

IX. New Business.

A) Board of Game Proposal review

The Nushagak focused on the proposals for GMU 17, 9 and statewide proposals of local concern. Below shows our actions on the proposals we took under consideration.

Lunch Break 1:15 to 1:44

**Resume proposal deliberations starting at # 125:**

Members returning: Chris Carr (phone), Frank Woods, Travis Ball, Glenn Wysoki, Dan Dunaway, Curt Armstrong, Tom O'Connor, Gayla Hoseth, Mariano Florest (phone), Luki Akelkok (phone) Jim Woolington (phoned in later, time unknown).

End of proposal deliberations 3:04 PM. Chair passed to Dunaway temporarily.

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BOG	39		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.
BOG	40		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 22C and the remainder of Unit 22D.
BOG	41		Placeholder proposal for reauthorized antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.
BOG	42		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in western portion of Unit 26A.
BOG	43		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
BOG	44		Remove the antler restriction for the resident winter moose season in Unit 9B.
BOG	45		Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 9B.
BOG	46		Extend the brown bear season in Unit 10, Unimak Island.
BOG	47		Extend the caribou season in Unit 17 to March 31, with options for early closures.
Support as amended	11	0	Tom move to adopt Luki second. ADFG position: supports due to promising herd conditions; believes current registration hunt process provides sufficient harvest monitoring. Expects ADFG to give advance notice, as much as 3 -5 day before closure. AC comments: Intent was to extend official season dates to address late season harvest opportunity, to extend season if normal season harvest limited by bad weather and low opportunity - to address frequent requests for season extensions that have been made in the past and the difficulty of the extension request process. AC AMENDS proposed language in reg book & on permit to read to the effect: " <u>.....season end date of March 31.</u> ADFG can close earlier by EO as needed; don't add confusion in book or permit with language about March 15 or possible extensions etc. Keep it simple. AC notes they fully understand the potential for the caribou season to end BEFORE March 31.



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BOG	48	Extend the resident caribou season in Units 9B and 17B.	
Support as amended	11	0	Tom moved to adopt, Glenn 2nd. ADFG supports March 31 date. AC Comment: given our action in 47 we should support this too. Pretty much mirrors our proposal 47. However, we support AMENDING the closure date to <u>March 31</u> NOT 30.
BOG	49	Extend the winter moose season by one month for Unit 17A, restrict the taking of males to antlered bulls, and reauthorize the antlerless hunt.	
Support	11	0	Tom moved to adopt, Glenn 2nd. ADFG based proposal so they support. Clarifies 17A winter season. Cleans up confusion in 17A on bulls - antlered vs antlerless ID and harvest goals. Season remains 30 days. With the good data, want to encourage moose harvest. AC Comment: I think Togiak was preferring antlered bull language more likely to get smaller bulls with better meat. Its easier to clearly identify bulls. "Antlered bull is a good thing."
BOG	50	Change the locations for obtaining nonresident moose registration permits for hunting in Unit 17.	
OPPOSE	0	11	Luki move to adopt, Glenn 2nd: ADFG neutral on parts. But hunters need to understand hunt specifics and prefer at ADFG offices only considering logistics, cost and training burdens. AC Comments: Tom, I'm opposed. Dan aren't nonresident hunters required to watch a video, how would ADFG be able to meet that need in all places requested by proposer? Jim- fundamental problem is that permit issue locations aren't in (or subject to?) hunting regulations. Aren't issuing locations worked out in discussions in front of the BOG? Frank is opposed.



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BOG	51	Extend the season dates for the winter moose in Units 17B and 17C with options for early closures.	
SUPPORT	10	1	<p>Dan move to adopt, Tom 2nd. ADFG opposes: Declining bull harvest, no recent bull/cow ratio data, little other data and no "harvest quota" of moose like in 17A. ADFG concerned for potential over harvest yet be unaware of it. AC Comments: Jim, with a Dec 1 opening date this is too liberal. Discussed later opening date. Problem, the area is so big, hunt conditions vary widely at any 1 time. Too complicated to coordinate over such a wide area. Discussion of numbers of hunters recently a high of 300-350, harvests trends not strong. Intent of the proposal was to allow ADFG flexibility, to make it simpler for ADFG to extend the season, like we want to do for caribou. Like last year when only 18 moose were taken due to bad travel conditions, don't want to go thru the hassle of a season extension request. We don't need to use whole period, could extend by EO for 5-7 days. ADFG: Still no data or clear criteria for extension; guide lines would have to be very clear and not preferring one portion of the GMU vs another. AC: Want to start with 30 season but still desire option for extension, could require 24 hour harvest reporting, short extensions ok, not asking to hunt all remaining period, villages and AC could develop criteria w ADFG. Given the poor weather, travel conditions we still want the option of easier extension available.</p>
BOG	52	Adjust the nonresident closed area in Togiak National Wildlife Refuge in Unit 17A and extend the season.	
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>Tom move to adopt, Curt 2nd. ADFG portions of proposal incorrect. Neutral on allocative aspects. Only 1 hunt has occurred under current regulations and too early to know what potential impacts would be of this proposal. Overall ADFG neutral but has significant concerns. AC Comments: bad proposal only names Togiak Refuge, ignores appropriate GMU boundaries, "to much nonsense" creates an unwanted new hunt. We share ADFG's concerns for this, lets keep the season as it is for now. Proposer doesn't know how to read a reg book.</p>



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BOG	53		Allow the use of bait and lures along rivers for taking brown bear in Unit 17 and change the bag limit.
OPPOSE	0	11	Tom move to adopt, Gayla 2nd: ADFG neutral, no real biological concern and other parts of state baiting is allowed. But opposed to moving carcasses. AC Comment: Seems proposer only wants big bears. Chris, I'm against this as written it will encourage moose poaching, ok with other bait. Tom, you can almost always set up on a carcass without moving it. We don't need this.
BOG	54		Allow the sale of brown bear hides and skulls in Unit 17 by resident hunters.
SUPPORT	10	1	Tom move to adopt, Gayla 2nd: ADFG opposed. There is not current IM program for the area, concerned it could open the door to poaching, illegal harvest. AC Comment: Our intent was to discourage wanton waste. Currently its a real pain when you have to DLP a bear - process is a hassle. This is designed to overcome , shoot shove shut-up activity allow some cost recovery. Give locals a reason to take more bears - otherwise what can a family do with several bear hides. Why is ADFG worried about "bootlegging" when hides are being sold already from the bear control areas? Doubt there will be much of a real increase in harvest. What about adding special sealing requirements or a special registration hunt - register first and seal any hides? More kills might get reported this way, more data. Current system not working. How do we make the area a Bear Control Area? Bear predation on moose is significant hardly see any calves. Getting real tired of property damage, especially bad this year with no berries many many cabins trashed. What about restricting sale of the hides to the State Auction?
BOG	55		Remove the bag limit and salvage requirements for harvesting beaver with a firearm during the trapping season in Unit 17, and allow the harvest with bow and arrow.



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Support with amendme nt	9	1	<p>Tom O move to adopt. Curt 2nd. ADFG position presented. No biological concern. Neutral on portions, but must keep sealing requirements. AC Comments; Discussed different dates than in the proposal. Bow option is for those who prefer it or may have lost rights to use firearms. Concerns expressed for potential to lose & waste animals shot in open water. Want to remove mandatory <u>human</u> consumption for all shot beaver but don't advocate waste of meat. Market exists for carcasses for dog food and trap bait. General agreement sealing should continue, and overall season dates stay the same.</p> <p>Glenn Move to Amend, Tom O 2nd: amendment carried unanimous: to allow taking by firearm from December 1 to April 14, hide <u>and</u> meat must be salvaged, no requirement for human consumption of meat for beaver shot in this time period. Dec 1 chosen to minimize open water shooting yet allow taking if/when beavers are found "chewed out of houses" on land or other circumstances. AC intent is for the late spring shooting "meat" portion of the season April 15- May 31 all regulations remain as before. It was not clear why there was one vote opposed as amended.</p>
BOG	56	Remove the bag limit and the requirement to salvage meat for human consumption for beaver taken with a firearm during trapping season in Unit 17.	
No Action			NO Action based on our actions in 55 and 57.
BOG	57	Modify the trapping season dates and bag limit for beaver in Unit 17, and prohibit the taking of beaver with firearm.	
OPPOSE	2	8	<p>Tom O move to adopt, Glen 2nd: First beaver proposal considered by AC. ADFG position and bag limit history. Harvest has declined substantially possibly due to poor market, less effort. AC Comments: Long discussion of GMU 17 beaver trapping in general and elements of all related proposals. Several members agreed with proposer and have observed that there seem to be far fewer beavers and houses on the main stem Nushagak R. near villages and down to Black Point. May be due to recent years of high water not shooting; or bear predation, beaver are their own worst enemy eat themselves out of food. Trapping practices seem to have changed - maybe accessible houses over trapped Others feel overall beaver are still abundant in whole GMU and this would be too restrictive. Better to address a smaller area.</p> <p>Roll call vote DUE TO LONG DISCUSSION--discussion was congenial: Wysoki Y, O'Connor N, Armstrtong N, Dunaway N, Woods N, Akelkok N, Floresta N, Woolington N, Carr Y, Hoseth N.</p>
BOG	58	Change the wolf population trigger for intensive management in Unit 13.	
BOG	59	Reduce the population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13B.	

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BOG	60		Reauthorize the antlerless moose drawing permit hunts in Unit 13.
BOG	61		Change the Unit 13D moose drawing hunts (DM335-DM339) to registration hunts.
BOG	62		Open a nonresident caribou drawing hunt in Unit 13.
BOG	63		Limit the drawing permits for Nelchina caribou (DC480-483) to two permits per household.
BOG	64		Divide the resident fall caribou hunt (RC566) into late and early seasons.
BOG	65		Bring the community subsistence hunt and general season hunts into closer alignment.
BOG	66		Require participants in the community subsistence harvest (CSH) program to commit to participation for a period of two years or more.
BOG	67		Limit the areas where community subsistence harvest hunters may hunt outside of Unit 11, 12 and 13.
BOG	68		Change the CSH group size definition to "25 or more households".
BOG	69		Include "individuals, households, or families" in the moose subsistence hunt when the harvestable surplus exceeds the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS), and change the hunt start date to September 1 (from August 10).
BOG	70		Add definitions of "Community" and "Individuals, Families, or "Other Social Groups" to 5 AAC 92.072.
BOG	71		Implement a system to ensure communities or groups approved to participate in the moose and caribou CSH meet the intent of the Board of Game findings for the CSH program.
BOG	72		Follow same basic guidelines as old Tier II system (points to each community based on past use of resource).
BOG	73		Require hunters to be engaged in a pattern of subsistence uses of Nelchina caribou for the Tier I hunt.
BOG	74		Require direct approval by the Board of Game of groups applying to join the Copper Basin Community Hunt.

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BOG	75		Implement reporting and antler destruction requirements for community subsistence hunt harvested moose in the Unit 13 area hunt.
BOG	76		Require that antlers taken through the CSH hunt be turned in to ADF&G.
BOG	77		Establish a quota for each subarea in Unit 13 for the "any bull" moose hunt.
BOG	78		Require more rapid harvest reporting of moose taken under the "any bull" hunt in Unit 13.
BOG	79		Direct ADF&G to open and close the "any bull" moose season on certain days in Unit 13.
BOG	80		Modify the community subsistence moose hunt season dates and restrict all hunters from using motorized vehicles Units 13, 11, and portions of 12, during the periods August 18-22 and August 25-28.
BOG	81		Restrict community subsistence harvest hunters in Units 13, 11 and portions of Unit 12 from hunting within 24 hours of using off-road vehicles.
BOG	82		Manage the Unit 13 community subsistence harvest caribou hunt through the set season as long as the overall harvest quota is not exceeded.
BOG	83		Discontinue the community subsistence harvest (CSH) program when the harvestable surplus exceeds the minimum Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS), and replace it with a weighted drawing permit for Alaska residents only.
BOG	84		Change the "any bull" hunt in Unit 13 to a drawing hunt.
BOG	85		Modify the community subsistence harvest permit system.
BOG	86		Divide the annual harvest quota for Nelchina caribou.
BOG	87		Remove the exclusive hunting restriction for caribou in Unit 13.
BOG	88		Change the method of determining the Amount Necessary for Subsistence in Unit 13.
BOG	89		Change the eligibility criteria for all Tier II subsistence hunts in Unit 13.
BOG	90		Change Unit 13D goat drawing hunt (DG720) to a registration hunt.
BOG	91		Add all of Unit 13D to mountain goat registration hunt RG580.

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BOG	92		Lengthen the goat permit season in Unit 13D to align with the registration hunt.
BOG	93		Allow the taking of brown bear over bait in Unit 11 and 13.
BOG	94		Open a fall season for hunting brown and black bear over bait in Unit 13D.
BOG	95		Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan, shorten the season, and add a no-hunt corridor along the roads in Unit 13B.
BOG	96		Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B.
BOG	97		Establish a resident, late-season archery hunt for moose in Units 14A and 14B.
BOG	98		Open a late-season archery-only hunt for moose in Unit 16.
BOG	99		Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B.
BOG	100		Allow brown bear to be taken over bait in Unit 14B.
BOG	101		Review and modify the Unit 16 predation control plan.
BOG	102		Establish a fall season for hunting black and brown bear over bait in Unit 16.
BOG	103		Establish the Hatcher's Pass Youth Management Area in Unit 14A, for small game hunting.
BOG	104		Open a general hunt with no closed season and no bag limit for beaver in Unit 16B.
BOG	105		Expand the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge.
BOG	106		Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 13D and 14A to full curl rams with limited permits.
BOG	107		Change the bag limit for Dall sheep in Units 13D and 14A to full curl.
BOG	108		Reinstate language regarding proof of guide-client contract for Dall sheep, mountain goat and moose drawing hunts.
BOG	109		Allow a maximum of 10% of sheep hunt participation for nonresidents in the Central/Southwest Region.

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BOG	110		Limit sheep harvest by nonresidents to 10% of total harvest in Units 11, 13, 14, and 16.
BOG	111		Change the nonresident general sheep hunts to draw hunts for the Interior region, and cap the number of permits based on sheep density.
BOG	112		Change the nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts and limit permit distribution to 10% of the annual ten-year average for the Interior Region.
BOG	113		Open a bowhunting-only season for Dall sheep in the Interior Region.
BOG	114		Change all nonresident general season Dall sheep hunts in Unit 20 with a 75% distribution of nonresident permits.
BOG	115		Create a youth Dall sheep hunt in Unit 20 Remainder.
BOG	116		Limit nonresident sheep hunting in the Central/Southwest Region by having shorter seasons, drawing permits, or other methods.
BOG	117		Limit allocation of nonresident sheep permits to 10% for the Central/Southwest Region Units.
BOG	118		Begin resident sheep hunting seven days earlier than nonresidents in Units 9, 11, 13, 14, and 16.
BOG	119		Establish earlier season date openings for resident sheep hunting in the Central/Southwest Region.
BOG	120		Open a nine day, resident archery season in August for Dall sheep in the Central/Southwest Region.
BOG	121		Modify the season dates for Dall sheep in the Interior Region.
BOG	122		Open resident sheep hunting seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in the Interior Region.
BOG	123		Open resident sheep hunting seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in the Interior Region.
BOG	124		Open resident sheep seasons one week prior to nonresidents in Units 25 and 26.



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BOG	125	Open a seven day moose season for bowhunting following the general season hunts in Units 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, and 17.	
OPPOSE	0	9	Chris move to adopt, Curt 2nd. ADFG no position. Several comments that other states have these, then there youth hunts, muzzle loader hunts and the season gets totally fragmented. Eventually gun hunters end up last, creates a mess. Concern for enforcement, suspicions that some really use a gun (backup) then poke an arrow in animal. We have a pretty long season good enough for all users. We have considered and been talked out of later seasons in previous BOG cycles. Reason we advocated for Sept 15 closure in '90's was meat was stinky, too many bulls taken after that date. Bulls would be lots more vulnerable. Don't want to open this can of worms.
BOG	126	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region.	
SUPPORT	9	0	Tom move to adopt, 2nd by Travis, little discussion but highly favored in the area.
BOG	127	Remove the meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Central/Southwest Region.	
No Action	9	0	Tom move no action, Dan 2nd: ADFG - baiting brown bears not allowed in GMU 17 now. Not relevant to our GMU at this time. Not a current concern.
BOG	128	Remove meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Central/Southwest Region.	
BOG	129	Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations in the Central/Southwest Region.	

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BOG	130		Allow same-day airborne hunting of wolves and coyotes.
SUPPORT	6	4	<p>Curt move to adopt, Tom 2nd: ADFG currently have an IM wolf control program in our area near Koliganek. Can shoot from air under certain rules. Hard to attract aerial hunters to the IM area, this might make it more attractive to come out. NO official ADFG position available yet. AC Comments: Long congenial discussion, not contentious. Main reason for current IM was to help poor caribou herd. Would we have to have data like for the IM? This would turn back the clock to same day airborne era. As a pilot it sounds good. I know a few guys who would love it. Might make it harder for the village guys on snogos who lately are getting pretty good at getting wolves. IM program is still in effect. Would this attract more caribou hunters to the area? 3yrs ago aerial hunters got very few wolves. This might protect moose and beaver as well as caribou. Would help keep wolves down - at one time we had 7 packs close to Dillingham. Not that many wolves around right now. Snogoers are doing pretty good. I support it because it would allow aerial hunting over more of the GMU than just the IM area. Open period discussed. Several member have mixed feelings. Will the Feds stop this with law suits? Could this make it hard to enforce aerial hunting rules in IM area? Concern: some local wolf studies don't support predator control. We have been supporting predator control for several years now. Is residency an issue? There are guys out of Anchorage, Mat Valley, Valdez who used to go 'round the state as teams hunting. Several members support this during and in the GMU Subunits where we have IM (like 17B&C); when IM is over here this Land & Shoot opportunity would end too Others support proposal as written; would be another tool to control wolves. Mainly hunt is weather driven anyway.</p> <p>FINAL POSITION: Adopt as written. Our minutes will reflect our concerns and varied positions. Discussion congenial and reflects mixed feelings of members.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote for clarity: Wysoki N, Ball Y, Armstrong Y, Woods Y, O'Connor Y, Woolington Y, Dunaway N, Floresta Y, Carr N, Hoseth N.</p>
BOG	131		Lower the bag limit for goldeneye for the Central/Southwest Region.
BOG	132		Require harvest reporting of migratory birds by species in Central/Southwest Region Units.

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BOG	133		Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Central/Southwest Region Units.
OPPOSE	0	10	Tom move to adopt, Dan 2nd. AC Comments: We remain concerned about invasive species. Some people can arrive with waders still wet from lower 48 waters. It took a long time to get protection in place. Several comments that they long used rubber soles and did fine before felt soles came along.
BOG	134		Require certification for big game hunters using crossbows in the Central/Southwest Region.
OPPOSE	0	10	Tom moved to adopt, Gayla 2nd. Getting villagers certified is a major burden financially and time-wise. Only a few people use them now. Can address if we see problem developing. Some with felony convictions are prevented from carrying firearms. Unneeded bureaucratic burden. Lets support our small villages.
BOG	135		Add five days to all resident hunting seasons and allocate 75% of the drawing permits to residents for the Central/Southwest Region.
OPPOSE	0	10	Tom moved to adopt, Glenn 2nd: ADFG no official position available yet. Look at our concerns for expanding our moose and caribou seasons. AC Comments: We have opposed other proposals here that wanted longer seasons. For consistency we should oppose this too. Yeah its just a scatter-blast proposal for a wide area. Many of our seasons have been carefully set.
BOG	136		Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Central/Southwest Region Units.
NO Action	10	0	Travis moved to take no action, Tom 2nd: Seems more of an issue in other GMUs. Called and got unanimous consent.
BOG	137		Allocate 10% sheep harvest for nonresidents in Central/Southwest Region Units.
BOG	138		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Units 20A, 20B, and 20D.
BOG	139		Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.

B.) Federal Rural Advisory Council Update Dunaway

1) **National Park Service:** coming regulations on predator harvest in lands under their jurisdiction like Katmai and L. Clark Preserves: NPS has already printed proposed new more conservative (than the State's) regulations to Federal Register regarding spring taking of denning

bears wolves other predators, baiting and harvesting of sows and cubs. Public Comment period open until December 3 - can be done online or on a Face Book page. Online process is pretty easy. There is a squabble among State and NPS on this - a process issue for them. The RAC did not take action or object to specifics of NPS proposal as it seems to reflect the local sense of ethics on when and how predators should be harvested. BUT some locals are concerned if NPS get emboldened to go farther with additional restrictions.

2) **USFWS:** Proceeding with predator regulation language very similar to NPS but is taking a slower approach using a process more likely to be acceptable to the State. Pat Walsh of USFWS: in tribal consultation right now, don't know full scope of the process right now.

3) Review Status of AC Seats and Plan for Elections:

Taryn gathered AC members and went through a printed list of AC membership she had:

Villages needing updated representatives: Ekwok, New Stuyahok, Manokotak

Clark's Pt.: Joe Wassily's term expires 12-2014 but Mariano who was originally their alternate has been serving as the rep while Joe was unavailable over a period.

Gary Cline - At Large - has moved out of area and intends to resign.

Alternates - 1 yr term need to elect next meeting.

C) BOF Agenda Change Request: Tom O'Connor, we need to add to next meeting's agenda the BOF ACR regarding set net GPS boundaries in the Kvichak. Curt Armstrong's site is affected. We addressed similar issues in Igushik previously and we should be consistent. Agreed to put on agenda for next meeting.

3:42 Frank Woods Resumes chair.

D) Next Meeting

1. Plan to have a face to face meeting, our single meeting for this fiscal year. AC has concerns if we have to have 2 meetings per year to keep our active status but State limits meeting funds.

2. Agenda will include elections for expires seats and officers, select our rep to BOG, address BOF ACRs, develop BOF proposals by April 10 deadline. Chair will do a phone and email poll to discuss BOG attendance.

3. NOTE to all members and public: Comment Period for BOG proposals is January 30. The meeting is Feb 13-20, 2015 in Wasilla.

4. Schedule next meeting for last week of Feb 2015. Chair will poll members to find what day works.

E) USFWS Togiak Refuge Update.

Pat Walsh, USFWS Biologist briefly presented wildlife research on the refuge.

Caribou on the refuge are in good condition, population almost too strong and permits are/will be issued to provide a lot of harvest opportunity.

Moose population surveys were conducted. East side the population may have plateaued after years of strong growth. May have a slight decline. Central area population is strong and needs to be reduced some to maintain strong health. Western area population is growing very fast and refuge is considering allowing increased harvest opportunity there. Kanektok area population is poised to take off if conditions stay good.

Predators: Already have started a refuge-wide study of wolves and bears. Lots more work planned in the spring of 2015. There are 8-10 packs on the refuge approximately 120 wolves. Based on previous 2003-2004 bear work there could be 800-900 bears on the refuge. Though the general thought is bears have declined slightly since then. Predator potential may be higher for bears than wolves. Wolves relatively short lived, takes a couple years to be effective on larger prey. While bears are long lived (approx 70%-75% mature) and may have a longer predatory life span.

F) Upper Iowithla drainage Moose: Glenn Wysoki, and Chris Carr expressed concerns that this area may be getting hunted harder lately and may have served as a reservoir population in the past and wondering if we should consider protections. Others said the area has been hunted to some degree quite a while and doubted its a big concern.

Adjournment: Approximately 4:15 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Dan Dunaway, AC Sec.
Minutes Approved By: Pole of members 9-0 Approved
Date: 1-26-15



Denali Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of 12-10-2014

Members present: Don Holum -Chair, Lance Williams -Vice Chair, Caleb Holum, Ray Atkins, Jeff Burney, Armeda Bulard, Bruce Gore, J Marie Gore,

Members Absent –Gordon Carlson

Guest present - Harold Mowry

Meeting Called to Order by Don Holum at 7:00 PM

Review of the minutes of the last meeting - minutes approved.

Election of Seats; 2.5 year term, nominated seconded and approved

Don Holum 5 votes

Caleb Holum 5 votes

Jeff Burney 7 votes

one year Alternate seat, nominated seconded and approved –
Harold Mowry 7 votes

Election of Officers, nominated seconded and elected, for two year term.

Don Holum Chair, 6 votes

Lance Williams Vice Chair 7 votes

no one interested in the Secretary position, assumed by Don Holum.

Under New Business Consideration of BOG proposals

Proposal 58 vote 0 in favor 7 opposed

Members did not feel the Moose population justified any slow down in wolf control.

Proposal 59 no action

Proposal 60 vote 5 in favor 3 opposed.

In favor, want to support the Fish and Game Dept. as long as the no. support the hunt.
opposed, Just don't believe in Cow hunts.

proposal 61 no action

proposal 62 2 in favor 5 opposed

in favor, felt it would be good for the local economy.

opposed the Caribou population does not justify Nonresident hunting, and there is not enough opportunity for unrestricted (can only hunt unit 13) resident hunting of Caribou from the Nelchina herd.

proposal 63 8 in favor 1 Opposed

in favor, more opportunity for unrestricted hunting of Nelchina Caribou.
opposed, wanted it to only be subsistence hunting.

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proposal 64 0 in favor and 9 opposed

opposed; they feel that this system would put too much pressure on the resident herd after the main herd migrated out of the area.

Proposal 65 8 in favor 0 opposed

the AC members felt that this was a good idea, would stop the early pressure on the animals.

Proposal 66 8 in favor 0 opposed.

in favor, this would follow the true intent of the community hunt.

Proposal 67 no action

Proposal 68, 8 in favor 0 opposed.

in favor, this would reduce the number of participants, and would be more in line with the definition of Community.

Proposal 69, no action

Proposal 70 8 in favor 0 opposed.

In favor, the AC felt this is a very necessary proposal, with one aspect being that all community members be from the same geographical area.

proposal 71 8 in favor 0 opposed.

In favor, this would set better guide lines for Community subsistence.

Proposal 72, 73,74, no action

Proposal 75 in favor 6 opposed 2

in favor, felt that this would help limit the number of participants, and have better control of the hunt,

opposed, feel that Antler destruction is a waste

Proposal 76, in favor 2 opposed 6

in favor, feel it would help with the control of the hunt.

opposed, feel the antlers could be used for traditional arts and crafts.

Proposal 77, 8 in favor 0 opposed

in favor, this would be necessary for the management of the resource, and to avoid over harvest of the middle size moose, and to more closely manage the easy access areas.

Proposal 78 8 in favor 0 opposed.

in favor, this is very necessary to properly manage the community hunt.

Proposal 79 no action.

Proposal 80 0 in favor and 8 opposed.

this is not realistic for this hunt, or the area this hunt takes place, very unpopular with the hunters, an enforcement nightmare.

Proposal 81. 0 in favor 8 opposed.

the same reasons as proposal 80.



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proposal 82,83, no action taken.

Proposal 198 vote 0 in favor 7 opposed.

this proposal was too general, did not want to open the door to Cow hunts in other areas of unit 13, and some members do not believe in Cow hunts.

Proposal 200 vote 0 in favor 7 opposed
members; same comments as 58.

NEW BUSINESS

in other new business the Denali AC did a poll as to whether the community subsistence hunt should continue, 2 in favor, 4 opposed, 1 abstained.

There was a motion and seconded for Don Holum to attend the board of Game meeting in Wasilla , 7 in favor and 0 opposed.

There was also discussion of future meeting, and ideas for guest speakers, nothing decided or voted on. The meeting was adjourned by Don Holum at 10:30 pm

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Members present- Don Holum chair, Lance Williams- vice chair, Caleb Holum, Bruce Gore, Ray Atkins, Gordon Carlson.

Members Absent- J Marie Gore, Jeff Burney, Armeda Bullard, and Alternate Harold Mowry.

Meeting Called to Order By Don Holum at 7:15 pm
Review Minutes of 12-10-2014 meeting accepted and approved

This meeting was called to consider added proposals for the Board of Game, and to discuss future meeting, Don Holum reported that he had communication with Frank Robins the Game Biologist from Glenn Allen and Unit 13, and that Frank would like to attend some of our meeting to establish better communication between the Fish and Game dept. and the Denali AC. It was decided to have another meeting after the Game board Meeting and have Frank come and discuss the Game boards Decisions and the effects on the local area, and also at that meeting try and have the new Alaska State Wildlife Trooper come so that we could all meet her, and develop a communication avenue with her.

The first proposal that was considered was the Game board **proposal XXX 5AAC 85.055**
Vote 1 in favor 5 opposed motion failed

Those opposed, felt that the options were too restrictive, and did not want to split the seasons, the non resident draw was mixed between the members with the Guides and transporters against the drawings and the rest neutral, but when added with the resident options they decided to oppose this proposal.

Those in favor of this proposal, would like to see the non resident draw as described in option 1. and for the resident any of the options 1,2, or 3. they feel that more control over the sheep hunting is needed.

Proposal XXX 92.080 Unlawful methods of taking game,

Vote in favor 2 Opposed 4 motion failed.

Those Opposed, to this proposal felt that the use of airplanes are necessary to have any reasonable success sheep hunting, especially for the guides and outfitters, and this was too restrictive, and that it was unfair to single out the sheep hunters only with this regulation, when there are other big game hunts going on at the same time that allow the use of airplanes, and that this would be very hard to enforce.

Those in favor, felt that there is a definite need for tighter regulations on the use of airplanes, and that all three of the options should be implemented, and also that this should be implemented for all species of big game animals, and that the use of airplanes to find and spot

big game animals absolutely is out of the realm of fair chase, and turns it from hunting to killing.

Proposal 95

The members felt this proposal had merit but needed Amended that the 2.5 mile no hunting was excessive so made an amendment to the proposal that the 2.5 mile no hunting zone be shrunk to .25 miles (quarter mile)

Amendment vote 6 in favor 0 Opposed Passed

The members also felt that this proposal should be Amended to include 13E as well, that the whole of the Denali Hwy. should be included, and this would bring inline the hunting seasons and bag limits.

Amendment vote 6 in favor 0 Opposed Passed

proposal 95 as Amended 6 in favor 0 Opposed Passed

Comments, those in favor felt that this proposal has merit that the 5 per day bag limit would be a good thing for the population of the Ptarmigan, without lowering the hunting opportunities, and that it only makes sense to include all of the Denali HWY. and the Ptarmigan along the HWY. would be protected from the drive by shooters.

Proposal 194 0 in favor 6 Opposed Failed

Comments, This proposal is extremely discriminating against the Bird hunters, and serves no biological purpose, the members of the Denali AC. felt strongly against this proposal and could not find any reasonable purpose for this proposal.

The Denali AC meeting was adjourned By Don Holum at 9:00 PM

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- Call to Order: By Chairman Joel Donner, At 6:30PM
- Roll Call: Joel Doner, Chair, George Jacoby, Vice-Chair, Sam Albanese, Secretary, Neil Dewitt, Jim Bolgiano, Robert Caywood, Michael Klehr, Frank Neumann, Kevin Taylor, Dwight Johnson, Steve Flory, Phil Calhoun, Ehren Strahn, Robert Peck Jr. notified the chair he would be late. (arrived 1920),

Members Absent: Brian Nelson Alt, Mark Campbell were excused.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

- Approval of Agenda: Yes
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date.... No.
- Fish and Game Staff Present: Sherry Wright
- Guests Present. Tom Rothe, Lynette Moreno Hinz, Yolanda Delacruz
- Old Business
- Public Testimony. Yolanda Delacruz, addressed the AAC about our meetings not being posted

in the media. (Yolanda speaks poor and broken English and much of what she said was uninterruptable to me.) Public does not come because they are afraid of the AAC and ADF&G. She believes we need adversity in the AAC. We only represent professional hunters. We need balance on the ACs. Alaska is beautiful for its nature. We should respect the land. Indigenous Alaskans respect the land. We are only pleasing ourselves. If the animals were hunted for subsistence OK. We are killing wolves and bears so we can have more. It is time to control the sport hunters. Hunters have the support of the politicians. She said the natural resources are for all Alaskans. What about us. Try to stop the killing for special interest. Alaska is beautiful and she would like to keep it that way.

George commented it was a full house last Tuesday. She responded she sees the same thing, killing killing and killing.

Jim asked if she had internet access for notification. She said it needs to be in the media.

Summarizing Yolanda's comments, she is angry at the AAC and is against professional hunters and killers. She believes the AAC is comprised of professional hunters.

Lynette Moreno Hinz addressed the AAC. She sat on this board before as an alternate. She is the chair of the Anchorage Tlingit and Haida fish and game. She noticed in the news the issue of co-management of native land. She has not lived in a village, rather in Sitka and Anchorage. Co-management with the state has been opposed. Now the Federal government is opposed to them. Her nephew was caught hunting in the Lake Iliamna area hunting out of season. She would like to see more representation for the Alaska Natives. Would like to know if we could send out invitations to native groups. She does support the co-management of native lands.

Neil asked that if she has sat on this committee before and knows we meet the first Tuesday of every month, why are they not attending.

Steve said we are not going to pay the media to post the information. Sherry gets it out to many people.

Sherry said it is sent to the ADN and many internet/media outlets. Sherry can send emails to those interested.

- New Business: We resumed the agenda from the AAC meeting of 1/6/15.

Sherry Wright updated us on the Board of Game meeting cycle would be changing to 3 years. Next year's Call for Proposals will include Statewide regulations and they combined the Cycle A and Cycle B lists into one. May 1, 2015 is the proposal deadline. According to their approved schedule, the next time for South Central region proposals would be May 1, 2018. This may change once they review and realize they put Statewide on a two year basis and that will need to be revised. Sherry will speak to Kristy to see if South Central call for proposals can be included in 2017 to maintain every three years. BOG work session meeting will be held March 17 2016, with the Statewide meeting following March 18-28 in Fairbanks.

RC 19 is a laundry list of Sheep proposals on the web site (under the BOG work session Meeting Information). The Joint Board changed proposals so that they were supposed to be single issues only and the proposals need to be broken out to each option as a separate proposal. Multiple issues make it unclear as to what is being supported or opposed.

Steve pointed out the proposal does not conform to their rules.

Joel stated committee reports will speak through the chair.

Frank covered what the game sub committee reviewed and stated he sent the AC members an email.

Steve moved to adopt the game sub committees minutes

Robert Caywood second.

Joel stated sub committees minutes accepted by unanimous consent.

The sub committee is intended to get the busy work done for approval at the full AAC meeting. If you were not at the sub committee, Joel is hesitant to accept your concerns.

Frank - we covered a lot of statewide stuff and antlers moose topics. Several on the Sub Com refrained from voting but none supported any antler-less hunts in the state.

Frank would like to re visit starting with proposal 39.

Steve stated we might be able to handle all the reauthorization at one time.

Frank would like to keep 97 out of this vote since we do have jurisdiction.

39, 40, 41, 42, 49, 99, and 138 are the proposals

Steve moved we consider all antler less hunts

Robert Caywood seconded.

Include all but proposal 97.

Steve - we have started drawing the line with our own re authorization for 14C, we are telling the Department we want to grow more moose, since we voted to oppose all these, he will support his motion to vote against antler less hunts. The Department is managing the public, he wants them to manage the game.

Robert C - hate to bring up 20A. Huge unit that had an estimated 17-19 thousand. Killed more than the entire rest of the state. Decided to start shooting cows, kept season open longer. People kept saying stop shooting the cows. Every year more cows shot. Biologist at the meeting at Rex was not well received.

Last year there was not enough moose for the ANS of 72. the people of Nenana could not get a moose. ADF&G insisted and kept the hunt open. We cannot keep going down this road. The moose belong to the people. We need to change direction.

Steve - housekeeping thing, if we vote to support would be to reauthorize, to oppose would be to not reauthorize.

George - all of us want to see moose numbers increase. We could shoot sterile cows. They are just taking up food. The sterile cows should be considered.

Frank - the other option is to abstain on the grounds of no local knowledge. He does not want those in other ACs telling us what to do.

Steve - Anchorage residents are hunting in all of these hunts. It is hard to find a hunt an Anchorage resident does not hunt in Thus we should consider the outcome of proposals statewide. We are at the bottom of states WRT increasing wild life

Philip - read a couple of emails of dissent from people at the last meeting. One comment was we didn't come up with any solutions other than to stop killing cows. It is the ADF&Gs job to find the solutions to grow moose. It is not the AC job to come up with solution. I don't think it is a great idea to kill any cow. Could be a tool for F&G in extreme situations. Don't feel like he has the knowledge for other areas and will abstain as Frank will. We do need to get F&G to realize it is their job to come up with solutions.

Joel pointed out he thinks what they are asking is for the AC to take no action which takes another motion.



Jim - Pittman Robertson act funds F&G. That money can be used to grow food which would also get the moose off the highways. \$\$ is there and it can be done, he will vote against the antlers hunts.

Philip - yes there are choices, does not believe its the ACs job to come up with solutions.

Robert C - to that point, ADF&G is not doing anything to grow more moose in the entire state. Some predator control. Sixteen is coming back a little, but it was not the Department, it was forced down their throat. There is not enough moose in the entire rail belt for the hunters, let alone legal moose. Kenai is down to 72 moose killed. These hunters are going elsewhere. The economy is going down and people will be hurting.

Frank - don't want to make this convoluted. If everyone is done call the question.

Joel - Steve mentioned drawing line in sand with 14C. See it a little different. Moose in 14C completely different than the interior. When you guys were talking did you have the most recent surveys. NO. Bull to Cow ratio's, NO. If the reasons are for poor surveys etc, then we are not doing our job.

All in favor to Reauthorize the suite of Proposals: **3 Support, 7 Opposed, 3 Abstain. The Reauthorization Fails to pass for Proposals 39, 40, 41, 42, 49, 99, and 138.**

Discussion and point of order as to what we are now considering. Joel heard move to adopt the whole bunch. The Chair stated Steve is out of order.

Joel understood the move to adopt was the whole thing.

Steve is insisting we follow Roberts Rules.

Steve is making motion to reconsider Proposals 39, 40, 41, 42, 49, 99 and 138.

Second by Robert Caywood.

Passed by unanimous consent

Steve motion we reference previous comments

Robert Caywood second, passed by unanimous consent

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	39		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.

	3	7	<p>Supported for reason stated in the proposals, believe the Department is doing their job in managing the resource, and favor leaving this options on the table for the Department.</p> <p>Several Committee members are Opposed to the taking of any cows. Others felt that Statewide, the moose population is down. They are wanting to see the BOG, and the Department manage that high sustainable yield. Would other options to be explored, like transplanting Moose to other areas with low Moose population. Those that Abstained 3, Abstained from voting did so because they have no local knowledge of Unit 18, and its current moose population. And the fact that we have no AC jurisdiction on the Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose hunts in that area.</p>
BOG	40	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 22C and the remainder of Unit 22D.	
	3	7	<p>Supported for reason stated in the proposals, believe the Department is doing their job in managing the resource, and favor leaving this options on the table for the Department.</p> <p>Several Committee members are Opposed to the taking of any cows. Others felt that Statewide, the moose population is down. They are wanting to see the BOG, and the Department manage that high sustainable yield. Would other options to be explored, like transplanting Moose to other areas with low Moose population. Those that Abstained 3, Abstained from voting did so because they have no local knowledge of Unit 22C, and 22D, and its current moose population. And the fact that we have no AC jurisdiction on the Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose hunts in that area.</p>
BOG	41	Placeholder proposal for reauthorized antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.	
	3	7	<p>Supported for reason stated in the proposals, believe the Department is doing their job in managing the resource, and favor leaving this options on the table for the Department.</p> <p>Several Committee members are Opposed to the taking of any cows. Others felt that Statewide, the moose population is down. They are wanting to see the BOG, and the Department manage that high sustainable yield. Would other options to be explored, like transplanting Moose to other areas with low Moose population. Those that Abstained 3, Abstained from voting did so because they have no local knowledge of Unit 23, and its current moose population. And the fact that we have no AC jurisdiction on the Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose hunts in that area.</p>
BOG	42	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in western portion of Unit 26A.	



	3	7	<p>Supported for reason stated in the proposals, believe the Department is doing their job in managing the resource, and favor leaving this options on the table for the Department.</p> <p>Several Committee members are Opposed to the taking of any cows. Others felt that Statewide, the moose population is down. They are wanting to see the BOG, and the Department manage that high sustainable yield. Would other options to be explored, like transplanting Moose to other areas with low Moose population. Those that Abstained 3, Abstained from voting did so because they have no local knowledge of Unit 26A, and its current moose population. And the fact that we have no AC jurisdiction on the Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose hunts in that area.</p>
BOG	43		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
	13	0	Unanimous support for this. Has a positive effect on growing more Moose.
BOG	44		Remove the antler restriction for the resident winter moose season in Unit 9B.
	0	11	<p>Frank motion to consider 44, Robert Caywood 2nd.</p> <p>Game Sub-committee Vote, 0 Support 3 Opposed, 4 Abstained.</p> <p>Local AC wants to remove antler restrictions for December hunt. Robert Peck has flown that country and the moose population hurting. Change it to one Bull instead of antlered bull.</p> <p>Kevin reiterated this is not our area.</p> <p>Neil heard from a hunter that there are lots of less than 50 bulls. (Any Bull Hunt area)</p> <p>Steve stated the Department defines a bull as one with antlers. By reg an antlered moose is a bull and a non-antlered moose is antler-less. So this doesn't make sense.</p> <p>Kevin - its a registration hunt to get more harvest reports.</p> <p>Vote: 0 YES, 11 Opposed, 2 Abstain. Proposal 44 Failed to pass.</p> <p>Several Committee members felt that Statewide the moose population is down. One member who has flown and hunted in the area stated that the current moose population is low, and that shooting antlerless Bull moose Could lead to the taking of some Cow Moose.</p> <p>Those that Abstained 2, from voting did so because they have no local knowledge of Unit 9B and its current moose population. And the fact we have no AC jurisdiction on the Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose hunts in that area.</p>



BOG	45	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 9B.	
	13	0	Unanimous support for reason stated in proposal
BOG	46	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 10, Unimak Island.	
	8	4	<p>Frank reconsider proposal 46 Unimak Island Hunt</p> <p>Motion to reconsider was seconded.</p> <p>Sub-committee vote, 0 support, 3 Opposed, 4 Abstained</p> <p>Discussion,</p> <p>Robert Peck - Rod Schuh proposal to give him advantage to make more money.</p> <p>Island is already saturated with bears, lets keep this as a trophy Brown Bear hunt. Not other game really on the island.</p> <p>Steve did not see anything from the Department justifying increasing the time of the hunt. Prey population falls, so predators will fall.</p> <p>Robert Caywood said Freedom Arms person that hunted this said this was the least amount of brown bears he has seen there by far.</p> <p>Robert Peck said he counted 24 bears in one day.</p> <p>Joel said he knows a lot about this hunt. This was the first spring season with a longer hunt. The further into the spring, the more active the males. It is very salmon rich. Not a population problem. A longer season with the same number of tags reduces hunting on top of each other. Success rate is pretty high. Increased season increases the size of the bears thus will increase the numbers. This proposal extends the season to match the Alaska Peninsula Season.</p> <p>Neil - was it not stated there is nothing left to eat. No Caribou etc? Response from multiple members was they depend on berries and salmon.</p> <p>Dwight asked about limit it to resident only, Robert Peck said there is only one non resident tag now.</p> <p>Steve said Joel convinced him he would vote to support.</p> <p>Robert Peck, the island is plenty big enough for 7 people.</p> <p>8 YES, 4 NO, 2 Abstain. Proposal 46 was passed.</p> <p>Support, Like the idea of spreading other the hunting pressure over the longer season.</p> <p>Those that Opposed this favor the current system.</p> <p>Those that Abstained 2, did so because they have no local knowledge of Unit 10 and its current Brown Bear Season issues</p>
BOG	47	Extend the caribou season in Unit 17 to March 31, with options for early closures.	



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BOG	48	Extend the resident caribou season in Units 9B and 17B.	
			TNA
BOG	49	Extend the winter moose season by one month for Unit 17A, restrict the taking of males to antlered bulls, and reauthorize the antlerless hunt.	
	3	7	<p>Supported for reason stated in the proposals, believe the Department is doing their job in managing the resource, and favor leaving this options on the table for the Department.</p> <p>Several Committee members are Opposed to the taking of any cows. Others felt that Statewide, the moose population is down. They are wanting to see the BOG, and the Department manage that high sustainable yield. Would other options to be explored, like transplanting Moose to other areas with low Moose population. Those that Abstained 3, Abstained from voting did so because they have no local knowledge of Unit 17A, and its current moose population. And the fact that we have no AC jurisdiction on the Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose hunts in that area.</p>
BOG	50	Change the locations for obtaining nonresident moose registration permits for hunting in Unit 17.	
	0	13	<p>Opposed because the committee favors the current systems for non-residents.</p> <p>The one Abstained vote, didn't care one way or the other.</p>
BOG	51	Extend the season dates for the winter moose in Units 17B and 17C with options for early closures.	
			TNA
BOG	52	Adjust the nonresident closed area in Togiak National Wildlife Refuge in Unit 17A and extend the season.	
	13	0	<p>Supported for reasons stated in proposal.</p> <p>Abstained 1, because the member had no knowledge on the area.</p>
BOG	53	Allow the use of bait and lures along rivers for taking brown bear in Unit 17 and change the bag limit.	
	13	0	Supported for reasons stated in the proposal.
BOG	54	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and skulls in Unit 17 by resident hunters.	
	13	0	Supported for reason stated in Proposal. Would favor seeing this Statewide.
BOG	55	Remove the bag limit and salvage requirements for harvesting beaver with a firearm during the trapping season in Unit 17, and allow the harvest with bow	

			and arrow.
	13	0	Amended the language to included Cross Bow. Supported for reason stated in Proposal.
BOG	56		Remove the bag limit and the requirement to salvage meat for human consumption for beaver taken with a firearm during trapping season in Unit 17.
	13	0	Supported for reasons stated in the proposal.
BOG	57		Modify the trapping season dates and bag limit for beaver in Unit 17, and prohibit the taking of beaver with firearm.
	0	13	Opposed because the committee favors the current Regs.
BOG	58		Change the wolf population trigger for intensive management in Unit 13.
	0	13	Opposed because the committee favors the current I.M plan and the current trigger points. The Proposal states that the current Wolf population is extremely low, with no data. Unit 13 should be managed for the lower Wolf population objectives. With Unit 13 being the Moose and Caribou bread basket for the State's largest population centers, focus should always be on growing more Moose, and Caribou. Abstained 1 , because the member had no local knowledge of the local area, and its Wolf population issues.
BOG	59		Reduce the population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13B.
	0	13	Opposed because the Committee wants more Moose in 13B not less. Members that hunt in 13B are not interested in a lower population objective. Those Committee members that hunt in the Unit feel that the browse issue is over blown, and over stated.
BOG	60		Reauthorize the antlerless moose drawing permit hunts in Unit 13.
	0	13	Opposed Unanimously. The full Committee is opposed to the taking of cows in Unit 13. We want more Moose, and to do that we need the cows.
BOG	61		Change the Unit 13D moose drawing hunts (DM335-DM339) to registration hunts.
	0	13	Opposed , favor the current system.
BOG	62		Open a nonresident caribou drawing hunt in Unit 13.
	0	13	Opposed , favor the current system. There are not enough Draw Tags to meet the demands for Resident hunters.

BOG	63	Limit the drawing permits for Nelchina caribou (DC480-483) to two permits per household.	
	0	13	Opposed. Those of us who enter the current draw for three Caribou tags don't see this being an issue.
BOG	64	Divide the resident fall caribou hunt (RC566) into late and early seasons.	
	0	13	Opposed, like the current system seasons, and dates.
BOG	65	Bring the community subsistence hunt and general season hunts into closer alignment.	
	0	13	Opposed Unanimously. The Anchorage Advisory Committee has been unanimously opposed to the Community Hunts since they were first suggested. Over the course of time we have never had anyone come to a meeting to testify in favor of these hunts. All members have had co-workers or acquaintances ask them about removing this hunt from the books. This type of hunt with all its special qualifying criteria, only divides the State into special user groups, causing further urban/rural divide. . Allowing this special group to start their hunting season 20 days earlier, allowing them to harvest a quota of sub-legal bulls, while the rest of the General Season Hunters are sitting on the sidelines.
BOG	66	Require participants in the community subsistence harvest (CSH) program to commit to participation for a period of two years or more.	
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BOG	67	Limit the areas where community subsistence harvest hunters may hunt outside of Unit 11, 12 and 13.	

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BOG	68	Change the CSH group size definition to "25 or more households".	
	0	13	<p>Opposed Unanimously. The Anchorage Advisory Committee has been unanimously opposed to the Community Hunts since they were first suggested. Over the course of time we have never had anyone come to a meeting to testify in favor of these hunts. All members have had co-workers or acquaintances ask them about removing this hunt from the books.</p> <p>This type of hunt with all its special qualifying criteria, only divides the State into special user groups, causing further urban/rural divide. . Allowing this special group to start their hunting season 20 days earlier, allowing them to harvest a quota of sub-legal bulls, while the rest of the General Season Hunters are sitting on the sidelines.</p>
BOG	69	Include "individuals, households, or families" in the moose subsistence hunts when the harvestable surplus exceeds the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS), and change the hunt start date to September 1 (from August 10).	
	0	13	<p>Opposed Unanimously. The Anchorage Advisory Committee has been unanimously opposed to the Community Hunts since they were first suggested. Over the course of time we have never had anyone come to a meeting to testify in favor of these hunts. All members have had co-workers or acquaintances ask them about removing this hunt from the books.</p> <p>This type of hunt with all its special qualifying criteria, only divides the State into special user groups, causing further urban/rural divide. . Allowing this special group to start their hunting season 20 days earlier, allowing them to harvest a quota of sub-legal bulls, while the rest of the General Season Hunters are sitting on the sidelines.</p>
BOG	70	Add definitions of "Community" and "Individuals, Families, or "Other Social Groups" to 5 AAC 92.072.	

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BOG	71	Implement a system to ensure communities or groups approved to participate in the moose and caribou CSH meet the intent of the Board of Game findings for the CSH program.	
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BOG	72	Follow same basic guidelines as old Tier II system (points to each community based on past use of resource).	
	0	13	<p>Opposed Unanimously. The Anchorage Advisory Committee has been unanimously opposed to the Community Hunts since they were first suggested. Over the course of time we have never had anyone come to a meeting to testify in favor of these hunts. All members have had co-workers or acquaintances ask them what it would take to remove this hunt from the books.</p> <p>This type of hunt with all its special qualifying criteria, only divides the State into special user groups, causing further urban/rural divide. . Allowing this special group to start their hunting season 20 days earlier, allowing them to harvest a quota of sub-legal bulls, while the rest of the General Season Hunters are sitting on the sidelines.</p>
BOG	73	Require hunters to be engaged in a pattern of subsistence uses of Nelchina caribou for the Tier I hunt.	

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BOG	74	Require direct approval by the Board of Game of groups applying to join the Copper Basin Community Hunt.	
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BOG	75	Implement reporting and antler destruction requirements for community subsistence hunt harvested moose in the Unit 13 area hunt.	
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BOG	76	Require that antlers taken through the CSH hunt be turned in to ADF&G.	

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BOG	77	Establish a quota for each subarea in Unit 13 for the "any bull" moose hunt.	
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BOG	78	Require more rapid harvest reporting of moose taken under the "any bull" hunt in Unit 13.	
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BOG	79	Direct ADF&G to open and close the "any bull" moose season on certain days in Unit 13.	

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BOG	80	Modify the community subsistence moose hunt season dates and restrict all hunters from using motorized vehicles Units 13, 11, and portions of 12, during the periods August 18-22 and August 25-28.	
	0	13	<p>Opposed Unanimously. The Anchorage Advisory Committee has been unanimously opposed to the Community Hunts since they were first suggested. Over the course of time we have never had anyone come to a meeting to testify in favor of these hunts. All members have had co-workers or acquaintances ask them what it would take to remove this hunt from the books.</p> <p>This type of hunt with all its special qualifying criteria, only divides the State into special user groups, causing further urban/rural divide. . Allowing this special group to start their hunting season 20 days earlier, allowing them to harvest a quota of sub-legal bulls, while the rest of the General Season Hunters are sitting on the sidelines.</p>
BOG	81	Restrict community subsistence harvest hunters in Units 13, 11 and portions of Unit 12 from hunting within 24 hours of using off-road vehicles.	
	0	13	<p>Opposed Unanimously. The Anchorage Advisory Committee has been unanimously opposed to the Community Hunts since they were first suggested. Over the course of time we have never had anyone come to a meeting to testify in favor of these hunts. All members have had co-workers or acquaintances ask them what it would take to remove this hunt from the books.</p> <p>This type of hunt with all its special qualifying criteria, only divides the State into special user groups, causing further urban/rural divide. . Allowing this special group to start their hunting season 20 days earlier, allowing them to harvest a quota of sub-legal bulls, while the rest of the General Season Hunters are sitting on the sidelines.</p>
BOG	82	Manage the Unit 13 community subsistence harvest caribou hunt through the set season as long as the overall harvest quota is not exceeded.	

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BOG	83		Discontinue the community subsistence harvest (CSH) program when the harvestable surplus exceeds the minimum Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS), and replace it with a weighted drawing permit for Alaska residents only.
	0	13	<p>Opposed Unanimously. The Anchorage Advisory Committee has been unanimously opposed to the Community Hunts since they were first suggested. Over the course of time we have never had anyone come to a meeting to testify in favor of these hunts. Committee members have had co-workers or acquaintances ask them what it would take to remove this hunt from the books.</p> <p>This type of hunt with all its special qualifying criteria, only divides the State into special user groups, causing further urban/rural divide. Allowing this special group to start their hunting season 20 days earlier, allowing them to harvest a quota of sub-legal bulls, while the rest of the General Season Hunters are sitting on the sidelines.</p>
BOG	84		Change the "any bull" hunt in Unit 13 to a drawing hunt.
	14	0	<p>Frank moved reconsider Proposal 84 submitted by AOC.</p> <p>Frank is in favor of any bull portion goin to a draw and a weighted draw. The sub committee waited to hear AOC to speak to it. Winter registration hunt for any bull.</p> <p>The Winter registration hunt for any bull had 1600 people that were eligible. The Department put out an EO before the hunt even started due to the amount of tags out there, and the fear of an over harvest. The emergency order stated it would close in the first 24 hours.</p> <p>Steve - minutes reflect what AOC said in support of the proposal and concurs with Frank and the AOCs reasoning.</p> <p>Proposal 84 passed by unanimous vote 14 Support, 0 Opposed</p> <p>Supported for reason stated in the Proposal. This is the only fair way for ALL Alaskans to participate in the hunt equally.</p>

BOG	85	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit system.	
	14	0	Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
BOG	86	Divide the annual harvest quota for Nelchina caribou.	
	14	0	Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
BOG	87	Remove the exclusive hunting restriction for caribou in Unit 13.	
	14	0	Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
BOG	88	Change the method of determining the Amount Necessary for Subsistence in Unit 13.	
	14	0	Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
BOG	89	Change the eligibility criteria for all Tier II subsistence hunts in Unit 13.	
	14	0	Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal.
BOG	90	Change Unit 13D goat drawing hunt (DG720) to a registration hunt.	
	1	13	<p>Frank moved we reconsider proposal 90, dealing with goat hunt RG580.</p> <p>Neil said the Department was against this due to lack of data because the weather has prevented good surveys.</p> <p>Department wants to amend the areas to 5 goat each to 15 total with a 48 hour reporting requirement. Frank pointed out many put in for the hunt without realizing how difficult it is. Registration hunt would solve this.</p> <p>Jim asked if RG hunt requires in person or over the internet. Reg says it is in person or by mail</p> <p>Steve said some are internet based. Personally does not think they should have been taken to draw hunts. Favors return them to Registration.</p> <p>Joel said he hunted goat once. If you start registration you will never get to late in the season with a good hide and hair.</p> <p>Robert Peck said these are hit and miss. Some by internet, some by mail or in person.</p> <p>Proposal 90 Failed to pass 1 Support,13 Opposed</p> <p>Supported for reasons stated in Proposal Opposed, favored the current drawing system.</p>
BOG	91	Add all of Unit 13D to mountain goat registration hunt RG580.	

	1	13	<p>Frank moved to bring up proposal 91, it was second.</p> <p>Steve asked since it is nearly identical to 90 lets vote.</p> <p>Proposal 91 failed to pass 1 Support, 13 Opposed.</p> <p>Supported for reasons stated in Proposal Opposed, favored the current drawing system.</p>
BOG	92	Lengthen the goat permit season in Unit 13D to align with the registration hunt.	
	1	13	<p>Supported for reasons stated in Proposal Opposed, favored the current drawing and season dates.</p>
BOG	93	Allow the taking of brown bear over bait in Unit 11 and 13.	
	14	0	<p>Supported for reasons stated in Proposal. Would like to see this across the State.</p>
BOG	94	Open a fall season for hunting brown and black bear over bait in Unit 13D.	
	14	0	<p>Supported for reasons stated in Proposal.</p>
BOG	95	Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan, shorten the season, and add a no-hunt corridor along the roads in Unit 13B.	
	3	11	<p>Frank moved to reconsider proposal 95 of ptarmigan bag limit.</p> <p>Department would be opposed to this proposal.</p> <p>This proposal was submitted by the local AC</p> <p>George stated he is seeing less and less ptarmigan every year.</p> <p>Robert Peck asked what part of the highway and state the season changes depending on where you're at.</p> <p>Proposal 95 Failed. 3 Support, 11 Opposed.</p> <p>Supported for reason stated in Proposal Opposed, favored the current drawing and season dates.</p>
BOG	96	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B.	



	7	7	<p>14A&B reauthorization for the Valley. The Department does not have an approved copy out for this even though it is their proposal.</p> <p>Steve - in the valley lots of cows shot, then the calves end up dead. End the cow hunt out there. He has put in for it in the past.</p> <p>Robert Caywood, He has talked with 20 to 30 people out there and they oppose the antlers hunt. Lots less moose out there.</p> <p>Robert Peck - agrees with the biologist that the #s are up.</p> <p>Dwight - Trusts the Department survey.</p> <p>Joel - Question for the sub committee, was the Department there NO (Frank) Joel stress to sub committee chairs to invite local Department staff. Sherry reaffirmed that and asked that we provide at least a weeks' notice to them.</p> <p>Frank - talked to Todd - area biologist for the valley.</p> <p>Kevin said 266 killed by vehicles, how many by the hunts, 30 or 40? Steve said close to 100.</p> <p>Robert P - 14A cow license includes calves too.</p> <p>Neil - Hot Shot hunts take a lot of cows.</p> <p>Robert Caywood - 96 includes the hot shot hunt. Asked Robert Peck, if he thinks there are too many moose, He replied he thinks it looks pretty close, but not along the Knik.</p> <p>Robert Peck flew straight line across the farm projects and counted 46. This is without snow pushing them down.</p> <p>Steve has problem with the way the Department handles this. We are voting on all of 14A etc. Problem with doing this all together. Joint board said they need to handle one aspect last a time. Some hunts he would support, but others he would not. If he could pick and choose yes. But since we are not given that opportunity, then no. Would rather have more moose. Can we take this up to approve individually instead of all or nothing.</p> <p>Joel said we already reauthorized an antler-less hunt and that was not wise.</p> <p>Robert Caywood said old timers use to count 100s of moose in the flats, now it's at most 40.</p> <p>No moose left in 16, slowly coming back.</p> <p>Ehren - does have survey numbers from 2013 2012 and 2011 showing the numbers are increasing and may be exceed desired</p>
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			<p>numbers. Says the bull ratio is below objective.</p> <p>7 Support, 7 Opposed. Proposal 96. Motion failed, proposal is opposed.</p>
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BOG	97	Establish a resident, late-season archery hunt for moose in Units 14A and 14B.
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	6	8	<p>Frank moved to reconsider proposal 97</p> <p>Sub-committee Vote. 2 supported 5 opposed.</p> <p>Steve - it should fail again. Bow hunters already have a week early and can continue in the regular season. This is nothing more than hunting in the rut with a bow. No more special hunts.</p> <p>Joel - this is the same area that is above population objective.</p> <p>Robert Peck said he thinks we should have more special hunts and it is in an area with an abundance of moose.</p> <p>Ehren likes this, Dwight does to, more opportunity and better time of year late season as opposed to August.</p> <p>Philip is also in favor of an extra hunt for archery. Later season and in the rut. Still bow hunting.</p> <p>Jim would like it see extending for cross bow.</p> <p>George - numerous reasons to not hunt in the rut. Let them breed.</p> <p>Steve - not opposed to extra hunts etc. Bow hunters are opposed to cross bow, muzzle loaders want theirs etc, special interest groups. Would support for all primitive hunts.</p> <p>Neil agreed with Steve and would like to <u>Amend</u> this to make it all primitive, to include bows, cross bows and black powder weapons. Steve second it.</p> <p>Joel asked are primitive weapons defined.</p> <p>Neil said there are no black powder, so lets include black powder and sees a cross bow same as a bow. Steve would like to change this from black powder to muzzle loader. Neil agreed to this amendment.</p> <p>Ehren does not like the idea of muzzle loader. Its just like a single shot rifle. Steve asked of Ehren has seen the new sights for bows.</p> <p>Frank commented that there are black powder hunts.</p> <p>Robert Caywood said 11, 13 16 and 17 don't have enough moose, so lets not put more pressure on them. Robert was correct by others these are not in this proposal.</p> <p>Michael does not think we should extend the season since we want to grow moose.</p> <p>Vote to include the amendment to 97 to include Bow Cross Bow and Muzzle loader</p>
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			<p>The Amendment Passed, 8 Support, 6 Opposed.</p> <p>Vote to approve Proposal 97 as Amended. 6 Support, 8 Opposed. Proposal Failed</p> <p>Supported for reasons stated in Proposal. Opposed, to creating another special season for another group of hunters. Bulls in October are more easily taken due to the rut.</p>
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BOG	98	Open a late-season archery-only hunt for moose in Unit 16.	
	0	14	Opposed , to creating another special season for another group of hunters. Bulls in October are more easily taken due to the rut. The committee also thinks that Unit 16 currently has Moose population concerns.
BOG	99	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B.	
	3	7	Supported for reason stated in the proposals, believe the Department is doing their job in managing the resource, and favor leaving this options on the table for the Department. Several Committee members are Opposed to the taking of any cows. Others felt that Statewide, the moose population is down. They are wanting to see the BOG, and the Department manage that high sustainable yield. Would other options to be explored, like transplanting Moose to other areas with low Moose population. Those that Abstained 3 , Abstained from voting did so because they have no local knowledge of Unit 16B, and its current moose population. And the fact that we have no AC jurisdiction on the Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose hunts in that area.
BOG	100	Allow brown bear to be taken over bait in Unit 14B.	
	14	0	Amended to include 14A as well: Supported expanding this to all of 14A as well. Supported for reasons stated in Proposal.
BOG	101	Review and modify the Unit 16 predation control plan.	
	0	14	Opposed . The committee doesn't want to see any language that would end the predation program language just because it, (the program) wasn't as successful as planned.
BOG	102	Establish a fall season for hunting black and brown bear over bait in Unit 16.	
	14	0	Supported for reasons stated in Proposal.
BOG	103	Establish the Hatcher's Pass Youth Management Area in Unit 14A, for small game hunting.	
	14	0	Amended. Support . Proposal was amended to remove the language for the requirement for the Hunters to wear Orange vests.
BOG	104	Open a general hunt with no closed season and no bag limit for beaver in Unit 16B.	

	13	1	<p>Frank moved reconsider proposal 104 Beaver season Seconded Sub-committee voted 4 Support, 3 Opposed.</p> <p>Michael does trap up there and does see lots of beavers, and would support this.</p> <p>Robert Peck - fully endorses Michael and 16B is pretty inaccessible.</p> <p>Joel - as a Cook Inlet commercial fishermen will support this since the beavers will reduce salmon return.</p> <p>Neil expressed concern about potentially wiping out all of them to which Robert Peck reiterated it is extremely inaccessible. Michael said he does not think it is possible to decimate them in this area. Frank asked if you can currently shoot beaver.</p> <p>Kevin explained this would remove the requirement for a trapping license and allow hunting beaver.</p> <p>Neil asked if we were not having problems with a village that lives in the unit.</p> <p>Steve said he supports this.</p> <p>Proposal 104 passed. 13 Support, 1 Opposed.</p> <p>Supported for reasons stated in proposal Opposed, like the current seasons and dates.</p>
BOG	105		Expand the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge.

	14	0	<p>Frank moved we reconsider 105</p> <p>Tom Rothe authored this proposal and is here to address us. He provided a paper with notes.</p> <p>He proposed this to push the system a little. Since 1990 the Department has acquired inholdings in the hay flats but has not gotten legislative action to buy the lands. The purpose was to buy the land to increase public access and hunting. The land is sitting there and it will only take legislation to expand the boundary to include this land.</p> <p>There is misconception in the Mat-Su, the Department 100% supported these purchases. The \$\$ came from duck stamps, grants and private contributions.</p> <p>Concerned that this could result in restricted access. These were privately held land that were previously inaccessible to public access.</p> <p>This land is now under the game management process.</p> <p>Tom is using this to push the process to get this completed.</p> <p>Steve asked who the Senator and Representative of the area. Stolz, Newman, Huggins. Since it is there area, our legislative affairs sub committee can take it up. We need to get the local politicians on board.</p> <p>Robert Peck asked what is happening to this land now since it is not part of the refuge. Right now it is managed by DNR. Tom said it makes more sense to have ADF&G manage it.</p> <p>Frank - sounds like a house cleaning measure. Will this bring more restrictions?</p> <p>Tom said refuges are for public use, fishing hunting recreation. Support the principal of management. Restricted to minimize damage etc. One glowing example is the acquisition for the land that provides public access to the refuge.</p> <p>Steve voted against this in subcommittee. Our concern is going from unrestricted to restricted access. Example is the Knik Public Use area. The road to hell was paved with good intentions. Can you outline for us the differences in how its managed now and how it will be in the future.</p> <p>The conservation covenants dedicate this to management consistent with conservation and game management. Habitat conservation is important. It is currently managed by DNR. Leave it in limbo or if it is included it will be managed like the refuge.</p> <p>Robert Caywood asked if motorized access is allowed now. Tom</p>
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			<p>believes it must be managed by DNR in accordance with habitat conservation.</p> <p>Neil asked if we vote no can he go the political route.</p> <p>Robert Caywood, will access be more or less restrictive? NO.</p> <p>Frank, it is DNR land that is currently being managed by DNR, like it is State Refuge Lands, so nothing really changes.</p> <p>Proposal 105 Passed.</p>
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BOG	106	Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 13D and 14A to full curl rams with limited permits.	
			TNA due to action taken on proposal #107
BOG	107	Change the bag limit for Dall sheep in Units 13D and 14A to full curl.	
	14	0	Unanimous Support , for reason stated in the proposal. The committee is strongly opposed to the taking of sub-legal rams. A Ram should be allowed to reach full curl, or 8 years of age before becoming legal.
BOG	108	Reinstate language regarding proof of guide-client contract for Dall sheep, mountain goat and moose drawing hunts.	
	0	14	Opposed . Committee didn't see the need for the BOG being involved in this matter.
BOG	109	Allow a maximum of 10% of sheep hunt participation for nonresidents in the Central/Southwest Region.	
	14	0	Amended to read, No Unit or sub-unit will exceed the 10% allocation for non-residents. Supported as Amended.
BOG	110	Limit sheep harvest by nonresidents to 10% of total harvest in Units 11, 13, 14, and 16.	
			TNA , due to action taken on proposal #109
BOG	111	Change the nonresident general sheep hunts to draw hunts for the Interior region, and cap the number of permits based on sheep density.	
			TNA due to action taken on Proposal #112
BOG	112	Change the nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts and limit permit distribution to 10% of the annual ten-year average for the Interior Region.	
	14	0	Supported for reasons stated in the proposal. The AAC would like to see this across the State.
BOG	113	Open a bow-hunting-only season for Dall sheep in the Interior Region.	
	1	13	Supported for reasons stated in proposal. Would love to have a private hunting season. Opposed . The Committee has always objected to adding any length to the current Sheep hunting season, which could add more stress to the sheep population. Bow hunters choose to hunt with a bow.
BOG	114	Change all nonresident general season Dall sheep hunts in Unit 20 with a 75% distribution of nonresident permits.	
			TNA , due to action taken on 112



BOG	115	Create a youth Dall sheep hunt in Unit 20 Remainder.
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	7	7	<p>The Game Sub-Committee Vote 2 support, 5 Opposed. The Sub-committee is against longer sheep season. A Youth Sheep hunt is not really a good way to introduce youth to hunting.</p> <p>Steve does not think we really need to debate this.</p> <p>Motion to reconsider 115 passed 10 YES 4 NO</p> <p>Philip - reason he got on the board was to create youth hunts. The young generation needs to be out hunting.</p> <p>Sam Frank moved to re consider proposal 115 Youth Sheep hunt in 20A.</p> <p>sons hunt and have started sheep hunting.</p> <p>Frank opposed it because he did take his sons sheep hunting but not a special hunt. The proposal is for any sheep. Current season is long enough.</p> <p>Philip thinks this is a better time since kids have to be back in school in August. Some parents will some won't. Provides parents the opportunity to hunt with their kids. This is for youth.</p> <p>Steve Not totally opposed to youth hunt. Is opposed to how this is proposed. Ewes still have lambs. We have a fully allocated sheep hunt already. Have to take from others to put in this hunt.</p> <p>Robert Caywood said what we really need to do for the youth, in Idaho school was closed. We need to do that in this state.</p> <p>Neil is all for youth hunts but is against this. Lambs are still with ewes.</p> <p>George is all in favor of youth hunts but we should not teach children to shoot lambs and ewes.</p> <p>Several AC members pointed out Lams are also with Ewes in the August 10-Sept 20 hunt time.</p> <p>Robert Peck thinks we should just go at the same time takes away from the youth hunt. The idea of the youth hunt is to provide a good experience for the youth. He thinks we should change this to just Rams. Need to get them involved and stay involved with a positive experience.</p> <p>Philip if getting rid of lambs and ewes will get more on board he favors that. Perhaps 3/4 curl ram.</p> <p>Neil, was that an amendment, Joel, no it was not stated as an amendment.</p>
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			<p>Steve would not support even if it is not a RAM only hunt.</p> <p>George what percentage are they down, Steve said 55%.</p> <p>Robert Peck motioned we amend it to One Full Curl Ram. Motion was seconded.</p> <p>Joel said he will support with amendment</p> <p>Vote on the amendment passed 13 YES 1 NO.</p> <p>Frank moved to amend the date of the hunt to July 25th through August 5th Jim seconded it.</p> <p>Kevin said change the dates to 8/1-10.</p> <p>Frank amended his amendment to 8/1-9.</p> <p>Steve said we will be dealing with lots of sheep stuff and need to sort that out first.</p> <p>Sam - So what.</p> <p>Neil said they always want to give the animals a week off between hunts.</p> <p>Motion passed 11 YES 3 NO.</p> <p>Steve made a motion to limit this to resident only. Second. Motion passed 13 YES 1 NO</p> <p>Proposal 115 Failed to pass 7 Support, 7 Opposed.</p> <p>Supported for reason stated in Proposal.</p> <p>Opposed, the committee is against the longer Sheep season for reason already stated. Some members believe that taking youth on a Sheep or Goat hunt is not a good way to introduce young people to hunting.</p>
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BOG	116	Limit nonresident sheep hunting in the Central/Southwest Region by having shorter seasons, drawing permits, or other methods.	
			TNA, due to action taken on Proposal #109
BOG	117	Limit allocation of nonresident sheep permits to 10% for the Central/Southwest Region Units.	
	0	14	Opposed , members didn't like to once drawn language being applied to Resident hunters.
BOG	118	Begin resident sheep hunting seven days earlier than nonresidents in Units 9, 11, 13, 14, and 16.	
	0	14	Opposed to adding any length of time to the current sheep season. And object to the head start hunting idea.
BOG	119	Establish earlier season date openings for resident sheep hunting in the Central/Southwest Region.	
	0	14	Opposed to adding any length of time to the current sheep season. And object to the head start hunting idea.
BOG	120	Open a nine day, resident archery season in August for Dall sheep in the Central/Southwest Region.	
	1	13	Supported for reasons stated in proposal. Would love to have a private hunting season Opposed to adding any length of time to the current sheep season. And object to the head start hunting idea. It's a bow hunter's choice to hunt with a bow, no special season is necessary.
BOG	121	Modify the season dates for Dall sheep in the Interior Region.	
	0	14	Opposed to adding any length of time to the current sheep season. And object to the head start hunting idea
BOG	122	Open resident sheep hunting seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in the Interior Region.	
	0	14	Opposed to adding any length of time to the current sheep season. And object to the head start hunting idea
BOG	123	Open resident sheep hunting seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in the Interior Region.	
	0	14	Opposed to adding any length of time to the current sheep season. And object to the head start hunting idea
BOG	124	Open resident sheep seasons one week prior to nonresidents in Units 25 and 26.	

	0	14	Opposed to adding any length of time to the current sheep season. And object to the head start hunting idea
BOG	125	Open a seven day moose season for bow-hunting following the general season hunts in Units 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, and 17.	
	0	14	Opposed , some members dislike the fact that some seasons would be pushed into the first week of October. Others stated that Bow hunters already had an early opener in some of these areas.
BOG	126	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region.	
	14	0	Supported for reason state in the proposal.
BOG	127	Remove the meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Central/Southwest Region.	
	14	0	Supported for reason stated in Proposal.
BOG	128	Remove meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Central/Southwest Region.	
	14	0	Supported for reason stated in Proposal.
BOG	129	Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations in the Central/Southwest Region.	
	14	0	Supported for reason stated in Proposal.
BOG	130	Allow same-day airborne hunting of wolves and coyotes.	
	14	0	Supported for reason stated in Proposal.
BOG	131	Lower the bag limit for goldeneye for the Central/Southwest Region.	
	0	14	Opposed . Committee feels this is an unnecessary requirement.
BOG	132	Require harvest reporting of migratory birds by species in Central/Southwest Region Units.	
	0	14	Opposed . Committee feels this is an unnecessary requirement.
BOG	133	Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Central/Southwest Region Units.	
	14	0	Support . For reasons stated in the Proposal. The author of this Proposal did an excellent job explaining his reasons.
BOG	134	Require certification for big game hunters using crossbows in the Central/Southwest Region.	

	0	14	<p>Supported, for reasons stated in the Proposal. Hunters need to know the limiting factors of a bow type weapon. That currently moving forward, all Bow Hunters will need to have a IBEP card to hunt big Game in the State, and a Crossbow is in fact a Bow.</p> <p>Opposed. Some members felt that the Bow hunters are trying to limit, or eliminate the use of Crossbows. Don't want to burden the Department with starting and establishing a Crossbow certification course Statewide.</p>
BOG	135	Add five days to all resident hunting seasons and allocate 75% of the drawing permits to residents for the Central/Southwest Region.	
	0	14	<p>Supported. For reasons stated in the Proposal.</p> <p>Opposed. To making the seasons any longer for the purpose of a head start. Maybe keeping the season dates the same for residents, but cut the non-resident season 5 days shorter.</p>
BOG	136	Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Central/Southwest Region Units.	
	14	0	Supported for reason state in the proposal.
BOG	137	Allocate 10% sheep harvest for nonresidents in Central/Southwest Region Units.	
			TNA , due to action taken on Proposal #109
BOG	138	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Units 20A, 20B, and 20D.	
	3	7	<p>Opposed. Several Committee members are Opposed to the taking of any cows. Others felt that Statewide the moose population is down. One member who has flown and hunted in the area states the current moose population is low, and that shooting antlerless moose would not help the current population to grow.</p> <p>Those that Abstained 3, from voting did so because they have no local knowledge of Unit 20 and its current moose population. And the fact we have no AC jurisdiction on the Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose hunts in that area.</p>
BOG	139	Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.	
	14	0	Supported for reasons stated in Proposal.
BOG	198	Modify the cow moose drawing hunt for Unit 13.	
	0	14	Unanimously Opposed . Opposed to the taking of cow in Unit 13, Want to see Unit 13 managed for the higher end of populations objectives.
BOG	199	Modify the intensive management plan for the Unit 13 wolf predation control area for Unit 13.	

	0	14	Opposed. Favored the current Wolf Management plan.
BOG	200	Modify the moose population and harvest objectives for Unit 13.	
	0	14	Unanimously Opposed. The AAC which has a high percentage of hunter participation in Unit 13, want to see the Unit managed for the higher end of the population objective. To reduce any of the sub-units population or harvest objective is definitely a step in the wrong direction.
BOG	204	Change current regulations for falconry permits.	
	13	1	Supported for Reasons stated in the proposal.

More new Business

Joel said it is now on to the Fish Chair report. Gary resigned, he is the fish chair. The subcommittee did not meet.

Joel will serve as the interim chair of the fish subcommittee.

He asked who is on the subcommittee now. Not answered.

Joel said the fish subcommittee has a very light work load between now and April.

Steve presented the legislative committees minutes.

He had two handouts for the AAC, one about the Yukon Drainage Chinook enhancement project. He reviewed the proposal providing a synopsis of the Yukon River Drainage Chinook Enhancement project to the AAC.

Steve spoke with a northern legislature that told him they intend to add a supplementary budget proposal for this. We support it.

Frank asked if this is an actual proposal of ADF&G. Steve said this will be proposed legislatively and believe ADF&G opposes this. The Fairbanks AC is behind this.

Joel asked Steve to explain what the subcommittee wants the AAC to do. Steve said we support this. Joel said the action is we need to write a letter in support of this from the AAC. Tomorrow the Anchorage caucus meets. He will take this to them to tell them we support this.

Joel said we should just tell the Anchorage caucus that we support Yukon River enhancement. Steve has offered to go to the caucus. Steve said we should go with a letter. Joel said there is not time for that.

Robert Peck motioned we give Steve permission to go to the Anchorage caucus tomorrow to convey our support for this. Neil Seconded.

Neil asked if we talked with ADF&G about their support. Steve said ADF&G is neutral.

Gary asked if there is any talk about releasing these in other rivers and are they germ free.

Motion passed 14-0.

Steve proposed that we bring to our legislature the following proposals for legislative consideration.

- Any proposal can be considered by the BOG or BOF must be sponsored by at least one AC
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- Move the Fish and Game Board support section to the Legislative Affairs. Board Support will be overseen and funded directly through the Legislature the Department will not have any influence over its employees or budget. Any legal opinion the Boards or the AC need will come from Legislative legal.
- The Department must have its written comments into the Board support sixty (60) days prior to the end of the AC comment period.
- The Departments Job is to provide the best Biological information available nothing more, social input will come from the AC's and the public.
- Members of the Boards who are retired state employees will receive either the stipend and per diem or their pension for the time in service not both.
(no double dipping)
- All matching money the Department receives must be reported to and Appropriated to the Department through the Legislature. The Commissioner may not divert more then \$25,000.00 from any project without the approval of the Legislative counsel.
- Under AS 16.05.130(d) Add a date no more then 60days after the end of the fiscal year to submit the Required Report to the Legislature

Neil asked if this include Pittman Roberts money.

Steve asked the sheep group how much money was spent and where was it received from. They said \$80K in matching funds.

Joel asked what does the subcommittee want the AAC to do. Steve would like to approach the Anchorage Caucus tomorrow to find a sponsor for this bill.

Joel asked why we want any proposal to go before the ACs. Should this not just be if it is in the book and an AC does not approve, then ADF&G cannot.

Sherry said Proposal deadline is May 1st.

Steve said every board cycle we have three days of trash to wade through like the golden eye proposal.

Kevin said we are already here long enough. we don't want to have to listen to the sea duck lady for 2 hours.

Sherry pointed out that we have a right to petition our government. Therefore we should keep allowing this.

Robert Peck said he agrees with Joel that it should go into the book for consideration.

Joel said amend number one to add "to be considered by"

Any proposal to be considered by the BOG must be sponsored by at least one AC.

Steve said after the legislature writes the law we will have to reconsider it.

Robert Peck motioned we give Steve permission to bring this as amended to the legislative caucus.

Motion passed 14-0. The following is the amended version of the proposals Steve will bring to the legislature.

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Steve said the last thing we discussed at the legislative affairs subcommittee was to have each of the AAC members write a letter to their local legislatures.

Gary Reported on the Northwest Arctic Caribou Herd

Last month Neil and Gary spent two days at the Western Arctic Caribou herd meeting. We are viewed as outsiders. They bring everyone in from the outside using a lot of money appropriated for it. Why doesn't the AAC have enough \$\$ for advertisements.

Survey numbers have shown declining populations. Jim the area biologist was asked why the herd is shrinking. Probably too many cows and calves are being killed and the weather and high amount of ice is interfering with feeding. Lots of predators too. Robert asked if they mentioned Golden Eagles. Robert said 80% of the calves are being taken by the immature golden eagles.

Jim also said if you shoot a cow tin a calf before December it has a zero percent survival. It increases to 25% if after December. They want to eliminate out of state hunters that only account for 3% of the kill.



Neil added that they plan to cut their take way down. Limit them to 5 a day with up to two cows and no cows with calves. Eliminate same day airborne hunting. Those in the NW consider anyone not from that region as non-resident. Only 6% of the harvest is from those not from within the area.

Should the AAC consider proposal 202. Robert Peck asked if it is a good proposal, Gary does not think it goes far enough.

Steve asked, these people can shoot 5 a day, local can shoot 15 a day. Who do you think is the problem? How do we fix it?

Neil said 72% of the residents believe it is our problem, not them.

Joel commented on the co-management on native land failed in Congress.

Gary wanted the Fish and Game commissioner on here for consideration. Joel said we should not act on this.

Sherry said January 14th the joint board will have a meeting that will be online.

Sam Cotten, Roland Maw are two possible commissioners.

Game subcommittee meeting is at CMMs next Tuesday at 7 PM.

Steve announced there is a potential Legislative subcommittee meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2230.

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Koyukuk River Advisory Committee
1/27/2015
Teleconference
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I. Call to Order: 1:45 pm by Jack Reakoff

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Wilmer Beetus, Hugh Bifelt, [Allakaket]; Jack Wholecheese, Darrel Vent, William Derendoff (arrived late), Shawn Huffman [Huslia], Gary Hanchett (had to sign off early)[Bettles/Evensville], Jack Reakoff [Undesignated, Wiseman]

Members Absent: Hudson Sam Sr [Huslia], Pollock Simon Jr [Undesignated; Allakaket]*, Pollock Simon Jr, Warner Bergman, Andy Simon Sr [Allakaket]* Harding Sam, Eddie Bergman [Alatna]*

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Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8*

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List of User Groups Present: N/A

III. Approval of Agenda: Addition of discussion of Proposal 202

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Waved until next in person meeting

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Glenn Stout, Lincoln Parrett DWC; Seth Wilson SUBS; Nissa Pilcher, BDS

VI. Guests Present: Trooper Lanier, AWT; Marcy Okada, NPS; Don Honea Jr & Ed Sarten, Ruby AC

VII. Old Business: None

VIII. New Business:

Comment on Proposals before the Board of Game at the 2015 Central/Southwest Meeting

Proposal 202

Change the caribou regulation for all game management units associated with the Western Arctic caribou herd and Teshekpuk caribou herd by instituting one or more of the following options

1) *Change seasons:*

- a. *Shorten season for bulls;*
- b. *Shorten season for cows;*



- c. Close bull season after the rut (after October 1);*
 - d. Keep cow season open when bulls are in rut (bull season closed);*
- 2) Change bag limits:*
 - a. Reduce total daily bag limit for residents;*
 - b. Reduce total season bag limit for nonresidents;*
 - c. Prohibit the take of calves;*
 - d. Create 'bull only' bag limit during appropriate time of year;*
 - e. Create 'cow only' bag limit during appropriate time of year;*
 - f. Change resident daily bag limit to a total season (annual) bag limit;*
- 3) Change exceptions to unlawful methods:*
 - a. Discontinue same day airborne hunting in Unit 22 [5 AAC 92.085 (8)(D)];*
- 4) Manage hunts by permit*
 - a. Consider registration permit hunts in defined areas with harvest quotas, separately by herd.*
 - b. Board of Game allocation of nonresident permits (drawing or registration)*

The Koyukuk River AC is in favor of all of these measures to reduce harvest of Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou. We feel proposal 202 as written has the minimum restrictions to remain within the harvestable surplus of both caribou herds.

We would prefer to see longer cow caribou closures when bulls are better eating, (Feb 15- Oct. 1). Avoiding cow caribou harvest when Caribou are migrating before Oct. will protect lead cows that lead thousands of caribou to the wintering grounds. Herd deflection away from some communities has been a major user conflict issue. Cow caribou harvested after Oct. 1 are post lactation, and prime meat.

We would prefer to see large Bull's (with shovels) closed after Oct. 1 until they cast their antlers. Or) Bull caribou with shovels should have trophy value will be destroyed by cutting the top portion off of the antler after Oct. 1. The top portion of the antler should not be transported from the GMU taken in.

- Antlerless bulls should become legal in winter, through October 1.
- Large bulls killed in rut after Oct. 1 do not fill freezers; the meat fills dumps, as they are impalpable. Young bull caribou without shovels should still be available to harvest after Oct. 1, as they can be eaten. Bull and cow caribou should be conserved for the proper time of year to harvest.

Proposal 207

Modify sheep hunting opportunities statewide.

Potential changes to use of aircraft for sheep hunting:

- 1. From August 10 to September 20 aircraft may only be used to place hunters and camps, maintain existing camps, and salvage meat and trophies while used for the purpose of Dall sheep hunting. Using an aircraft for the purpose of spotting sheep or locating Dall sheep during the open hunting season is prohibited.*
- 2. It is against the law to hunt or help someone else take a Dall sheep until 2 PM the day following the day you have flown.*



3. It is against the law to hunt or help someone else take a Dall sheep within 5 miles of the site where you were flown-in, until 24 (48) hours after you have flown.

Glenn Stout gave a brief synopsis of the survey conducted by Dr. Brinkman, why it was conducted and what information was gathered.

The Koyukuk River AC very much supports the concept of further restrictions of aircraft use for dall sheep hunting.

Measure 1. To prohibit the use of aircraft to spot or locate dall sheep during the open hunting season is critical to equitable participation of all sheep hunters. Hunters that have aircraft at their disposal fly all of the hills to locate sheep. If they screw up the first stalk, they fly until they find the rams again and land near by for consecutive hunts until the sheep are taken. With the dwindling sheep populations and very limited number of legal rams available, fair chase hunters have little chance to compete. There are a large percentage of hunters in the sheep survey that feel there is a need to address the combat aspect of sheep hunting today. We are in agreement with hunters that feel there is a need to address the user conflicts.

We feel measure 2 to make it against the law to take or assist some else to take dall sheep until 2 PM of the following day you have been air born, would be the easiest to enforce. It also would be fairest to all sheep hunters, to not allow hunters to take or assist in taking sheep until 2 PM until the following day of flight.

Measure 3, that sets a starting time for 24 hours after being air born is not equitable. Hunters that use air service to access a sheep hunting area do not have any control over when they may be dropped off on a given day. If they are dropped off late on the previous day they would be at a disadvantage to hunters that are dropped off earlier in the previous day. Or to hunters that have their own aircraft and fly and land earlier the previous day. It would also be problematic to enforce a 24-hour rule. It would be hard for an enforcement officer to know exactly the hour when a hunter had actually flown the previous day.

Proposal 208

Review and potentially modify sheep hunting opportunities statewide.

Status quo:

- 1. Current hunt types, seasons, and method and means will remain unchanged.*

Existing draw hunts:

- 1. All existing drawing and registration hunts will stay in place and remain unchanged.*

Options for nonresident hunters:

- 1. Nonresident hunters on private, state, and BLM managed lands will be entered into a limited draw for the entire season, permit allocation by Subunit.*
- 2. Nonresident hunters on private, state, and BLM managed lands will be entered into a limited draw from Aug. 10 to 31, (permit allocation by Subunit)*



followed by a general season harvest ticket hunt.

3. *NOTE: Nonresidents hunting on National Park Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service managed lands are already limited due to guide concession programs, so this proposal does not address those hunters and hunt areas.*

Options for resident hunters:

1. *Resident hunting season will change from a general season harvest ticket to a limited draw for August 10 – August 31, and will remain a general season harvest ticket for the remainder of the season. Drawing hunt areas will be defined on a Game Management Subunit level.*
2. *Resident hunting season will change from a general season harvest ticket to a limited draw for August 10 – August 25, and will remain a general season harvest ticket for the remainder of the season. Draw hunt areas will be defined on a Game Management Subunit level.*
3. *Resident hunting season will change from a general season harvest ticket to a limited draw for August 10 – August 19, and will remain a general season harvest ticket for the remainder of the season. Draw hunt areas will be defined on a Game Management Subunit level.*
4. *Hunters must chose to apply for current drawing hunts or one of the registration hunts by the December Drawing deadline. Hunters may not choose a registration hunt if they apply for any drawing hunt. All hunters may hunt the late open season.*
 - a. *1st season registration: August 10-13 (length of season is very short to discourage choosing the “opener”, length of season could be up to 5 days if desired)*
 - b. *2nd season registration: August 14-21 (short season but not too short to encourage choosing this option over 1st season)*
 - c. *3rd season registration: August 22-31 (longer season for those that want a traditional ten day hunt)*
 - d. *4th season general harvest: September 1-20 (Open season for all applicants that didn’t get drawn in drawing hunts, forgot to apply for either drawings or registrations or were not successful in earlier hunts.*
5. ***Hunters must register according to his/her last name. The season will be divided into three hunt periods. Hunters with a last name starting with letters A through I can only hunt during the first period (August 10 – August 23); hunters with a last name starting with letters J through Q can only hunt during the second period (August 24 – September 6); hunters with a last name starting with letters R through Z can only hunt during the last period (September 7 – 20). The following year, hunters from the first period hunt second, hunters from the second period hunt last and the last group hunts during the first period. This rotate allows hunters to hunt the first period once every three years.***

We fully support non-resident option number 1.

Non-resident hunters need to be restricted to drawing permit hunts on State, BLM and private lands that have unlimited guide participation. The drawing hunts for non-residents need to be for the entire season.

The law of supply and demand is causing, and will continue an escalation of dall sheep hunt prices. The unlimited guide use areas will have a lot of pressure during any part of the season that does not limit non-resident participation.

The non-resident drawings should be divided into about 4 ten-day hunt periods during the current Aug. 10 to Sept. 20. This would eliminate all drawn non-residents from competing at one time with other sheep hunters at the beginning of the season.

We fully support option number 5 for residents.

Option 5 allows all resident hunters to hunt in any year, within one of the three hunt periods. This option disseminates the resident competition with non-resident and other resident hunters out over the three hunt periods.

This option has a fair rotation of the resident user group to another hunt period the following year.

Hunters are not eliminated from accompanying a hunting friend with an alphabetically disparate name who is hunting, or vice-a versa.

Options 1-4 require more administrative costs to the Department.

Option number 5's rolling alphabetical participation is easily enforced and equitable to resident participation, and administratively economical.

We applaud the Board for providing options in these sheep proposals, addressing the declining sheep population and sheep hunter conflicts. The BOG requested sheep hunter survey, substantiated the sheep hunter dissatisfaction. High competition of all sheep hunters, especially in areas with unlimited non-resident guide use on State, BLM and private land status has reached a breaking point. The current sheep population decline has resulted in virtually no: 2012, 2013, and 2014 lamb recruitments.

Areas with full extirpation of all adult legal rams that are older than 7-8 years old are approaching a biological breeding ram crisis. Within four years there will be inadequate adult ram numbers to sustain the population. The harvestable surplus within four years will be very limited if any.

It is imperative the Department and the BOG restrict excessive harvest in the unregulated guide areas now. Full extirpation of all legal rams must be reduced in all areas to allow an adequate post hunt reserve of adult rams for breeding during the upcoming adult ram reduction.

In four years, within many areas of Alaska, the ratio of breeding age rams $> \frac{3}{4}$ curl will be very low, possibly 1-3 adult rams : 100 ewe likes. Moose and caribou populations require adequate bull: cow ratios of 20-30 for moose, and 35-40 for caribou. Healthy breeding male ratios maintain reproductive sustainability. In areas where almost all legal rams are removed the ram population could easily be predominately 1-3 year old rams ($\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ curl). It is a known fact sub- $\frac{7}{8}$ curl rams produce low-grade smaller lambs.



We request the Board to require a biological model development for the adult ram population for at least 5 years forward. This will allow the BOG and ADF&G to anticipate the reproductive failure when the current recruitment failure (2012, 2013, &2014) enters breeding age. Without ram conservation modeling, ADF&G and the BOG are flying blind biologically. The current cull curl/ both horns broken, or 8 years old regulatory regimes, rely on relatively consistent lamb recruitments into the population.

[Gary Hanchett had to go to another meeting- quorum lost]

Proposal 201

Clarify the language regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game.

The AC believes that this is an attempt by the AWT to plug a loophole in the system, and is an ideal way to stop same day airborne abuse.

Fully Support (7-0)

Proposal 139

Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.

Support (7-0)

Proposal 11, 112, 121, 122, 123

Interior wide sheep proposals

Take no action due to action taken on Proposals 207 and 208

Board of Game Meeting/Proposal Cycle Change

An update was given by Nissa Pilcher about the Board of Game's move to a 3 year cycle and the impacts that it would have on the AC.

Potential Board of Fisheries Proposal

The AC will discuss drafting and submitting a proposal on set gillnets targeting pike on tributaries of the Koyukuk at their next in person meeting

Next in-person meeting scheduled for February 19, 2015 in Hughes, with Huslia as an alternate meeting location. The AC wishes it to be an overnight meeting.

**The phone lines were down to both Allakaket and Alatna so neither community was able to participate. This subsistence practice is very important to both communities' identity as Upper Koyukon Athabascans/Inupiaq people. Therefore while quorum was not met, after draft recommendations from this meeting were signed off by the chairman of the AC, they were forwarded on to the Allakaket and Alatna Tribal Council for distribution to the members who were not able to take part in the meeting for review, as well as all other participants in the meeting. This document is the result of that process, and was signed off by those AC members as being in line with the desires of the Koyukuk River AC as a whole.*



Northern Norton Sound AC
1/22/15
Nome Elementary School

- I. Call to Order: At 1610hrs by Chairman Charlie Lean
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Chairman Charlie Lean (Nome), Secretary Kevin Knowlton (Nome), Dan Stang (Nome), Tom Gray (Nome), Nate Perkins (Nome), Clifford Seetook (Wales), Stanley Tocktoo (Shismaref), Charles Saccheus (Elim), Jack Fagerstrum (Golovin), Sarah Okbaok (Alternate Teller), Peter Buck (White Mountain), William Kakoona (Brevig Mission) Via telephone Adem Boeckman (Nome).
Members Absent: Paul Kosto (Nome), No member currently assigned to the at large seat.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: Commercial Fishing, Subsistence fishing and hunting, Kawerak Inc., Nome Eskimo Community, Southern Norton Sound AC.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion Made by Kevin Knowlton, 2nd by Peter Buck to accept the agenda as presented: motion carried unanimous
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting December 17th, 2013, Teleconference on March 3rd, 2014. Motion Made by Nate Perkins, 2nd by Tom Gray to approve minutes from the meeting and teleconference with minor typographical corrections made: motion carried unanimous.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Gorn Wildlife, Jim Menard Fisheries, Scott Kent Fisheries, Justin Leon Fisheries, Carmen Daggett Board Support,
- VI. Guests Present: Dan Reed (Self Nome), Jenn Ruckel (KNOM Radio), Perry Mendenhall (Nome Subsistence user), Frank Kavairlook (Koyuk/Nome), Donald Johnson (Nome Subsistence user), Michael Cresswell (Alaska Wildlife Trooper), Ashley Brown (NSEDN Nome), Eric Osborne (Nome Commercial Fisherman), Wes Jones (SNSAC), Andrew Miller (Public / SNC), Ken Adkisson (National Park Service), Michael Sloan (Nome Eskimo Community), Earl Merchant (Nome Subsistence User), Brandon Ahmasuk (Nome Kawerak Inc.)
- VII. Public Comments: The following comments were made by members of the public:
Community involvement is important and having the meeting in a public place aids in that involvement. The recent outlying community representation is how this process should be done. Nome needs to have more effort made to have the public participation in community representatives.
The award of a tier II permit mentions nothing about the need for a hunting license, don't elders get off from buying a license.



Do not delay the opening of the winter commercial crab season.
The at large seat on the AC should be filled by an elder.

VIII. Old Business:

1. Carmen Daggett wanted to reemphasize the change of the board of game cycle change from every two years to every three years.
2. Election to fill the committee At Large Seat was tabled again to allow for more advertising in the regional villages.

IX. New Business:

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG			Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 22C and 22D
Oppose	4	8	1 Abstain from vote. Motion made by Tom Gray and seconded by Kevin Knowlton to support the proposal. Tony Gorn from ADF&G explained that if passed it would allow him to have a tool available to him to open a cow harvest hunt if the numbers drastically changed. Most AC members do not support a cow harvest at this time due to the declining moose population numbers in the areas covered by this proposal.
BOG	43		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.
Support	12	1	Motion made by Tom Gray and seconded by Peter Buck to support the proposal. There is currently an over population of bears in the region and the tag fee exemption and not requiring a registration tag is intended to allow licensed hunters to harvest a bear during open season. The high bear densities in the vicinity of Nome is thought to be the root cause of the total Muskoxen calf crop mortality and several herds taking refuge from the predators within city limits. Registration tags would allow for a tool to determine how many hunters are actively hunting bear within the NNSAC region.
BOG	202		Change the caribou regulation for all game management units associated with the Western Arctic caribou herd and Teshekpuk caribou herd.
Unanimous	13	0	Motion was made by Kevin Knowlton and seconded by Tom Gray to support



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Support			<p>the proposal.</p> <p>Board members were in support of the proposal as it is written for this year but there is a large concern that changes in the future may favor users in the northern portion of the caribou range. Thinking of changing of the open season dates could limit harvest due to the animal migration timing. GMU 22 hunters can only hunt when the caribou are present, the winter months of October to April. During early winter access is generally by wheeled vehicles and in late winter by snow machine. Some communities must travel far from home. The longer season provides opportunity but not necessarily additional harvest. The dates for non-resident in GMU 22 will be misleading to those unfamiliar with caribou hunting in GMU 22 and could lead to the illegal harvest of reindeer.</p>
BOF	269		Norton Sound Section red king crab harvest strategy.
Unanimous Support	13	0	<p>A motion was made by Kevin Knowlton and seconded by Peter Buck to limit the winter commercial harvest to 8% of the total annual fishery harvest.</p> <p>The AC members had a lengthy discussion on this proposal with members in the remote portions of the area wanting there to be a separate quota for their area and for the harvest in the Nome area of the fishery not to be lumped in their numbers. The allocation between the winter commercial and summer commercial fishery or the winter subsistence fishery focused on how the recent increases of winter commercial effort had aggravated user group conflicts.</p> <p>Long term data was reviewed and it was the opinion that when winter commercial harvest rose to 8% subsistence opportunity suffered. It was recognized that on poor ice years the issue was worse and that it might not be feasible to take that allocation. The roll over clause to allow the entire commercial GHL to be harvested in the summer season was a reasonable idea.</p>
BOF	270	Fishing seasons for Registration Area Q	
Unanimous Support as amended	13	0	<p>A motion was made by Adem Boeckman and seconded by Nate Perkins to support the proposal with the following amendment: to restrict the number of pots that a commercial winter crab fisherman could register and fish at any one time to 20.</p> <p>With current shorefast ice situations the proposed season dates seemed the safest for the historic records and predications of future ice quality. The proposal addresses pot loss due to the ice movement and the ghost fishing that occurs when pots are not destroyed when they are lost. The proposal allowed for the department to modify the dates as necessary by emergency order were if the ice was safe enough in December then the department could open the season early and if the ice began to deteriorate early they would</p>



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			<p>have the tools to close the season early hence looking out for the safety of fishermen, search and rescue personnel and also in an effort to reduce the amount of fishing equipment that could be lost in the water due to persons taking risks to catch more crab when the situation is not safe. As written, the proposal did not address the pots that were deployed on the unstable margin of the ice by fishermen attempting to out fish their competitors. The higher prices of recent years have created a situation where pots are inexpensive in relation to their catch, thus making them expendable in the eyes of many fishers. This amendment would reduce the density of pot deployment and reduce the competitive impulse to place pots on unstable ice. It also provides a mechanism to quantify pot loss. If the loss rate is excessive this allows managers the ability to address the problem by closing the fishery. This proposal addresses a conservation issue, but will have minor allocative repercussions too. The NNSAC saw this as an issue that developed recently and which has significant implications for conservation.</p>

Adjournment: 2105hrs

Minutes Recorded By: *Muriel R. Kyrle*Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*Date: 1/28/15



**Kotzebue Sound AC Joint AC Meeting
1/6/2015
Northwest Arctic Borough**

- I. Call to Order: 11:40am by Pete Schaeffer
- II. Roll Call: Members Present: Pete Schaeffer (Chairman), Alex Whiting (Vice Chair/Secretary), Michael Kramer, Victor Karmun, Karmen Monigold
Members Absent: Pierre Lonewolf, Enoch Shiedt, Cyrus Harris, Eugene Smith
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: NPS WEAR, USFWS Selawik Refuge, ADF&G Kotzebue Staff, Alaska Wildlife Troopers, Northern Seward Peninsula, and Noatak and Kivalina AC and subsistence users
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda with addition of 201 agenda approved made by Victor Karmun, 2nd Mike Kramer, approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 2/27/14 – Motion to Approve minutes made by Mike Kramer, 2nd Victor Karmun, approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jim Dau, Brandon Saito, Meghan Nedwick, Carmen Daggett
- VI. Guests Present: Trooper McGinnis, Bill Carter, Frank Hayes, Susan Georgette, Ken Adkisson, Lance Kramer
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: Antlerless moose reauthorization for Unit 23, brown bear tag fee exemption Unit 23, changing BOG meeting from two year cycle to three year cycle, BOG ACR on caribou, salvage of game language change, Dall sheep closure Unit 23



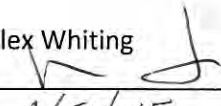
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BOG	41	Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.	
Support	5	0	No discussion beyond Brandon Saito GMU 23 Area Biologist speaking to low level of cow harvest that is negligible at current levels but may be a concern in the future if harvest increases. Percy Ballot Chair of Northern Seward Peninsula AC also mentioned their AC supporting this proposal earlier in the meeting.
BOG		Changing Board of Game meetings from a two year cycle to a three year cycle	
Support	5	0	Pete Schaeffer discussed how it would not be hard to use BOG ACR in issues needing attention before regular cycle and that the ADF&G would also have emergency regulation authority for issues needing immediate address. He also mentioned that the BOG should consider moving statewide regulation proposals to a three year cycle so that these issues would not potentially have to be addressed every year, whether a specific area of the State was in or out of cycle. Alex Whiting suggested that the BOG commit to having meetings in the regions being affected (as opposed to large urban centers), if the new three year cycle were adopted - the other AC members concurred with this sentiment.
BOG	43	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
Support	5	0	Support and the AC still supports liberalizing methods for taking brown bears, but will deal with this when the GMU 23 is in cycle again.
BOG	201	Salvage of game meat, furs and hides	
Support	5	0	
BOG	202	Change the caribou regulation for all game management units associated with the Western Arctic caribou herd and Teshekpuk caribou herd.	



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Support With Modify	5	0	Pete Schaeffer expressed the view the KS AC generally supports the proposal as written with modifications agreed to by the AC members. Alex Whiting discussed these modifications: Close the non-resident season completely, as the KS AC can no longer support any take by non-subsistence users since we are now in conservation management according to the WACHWG Plan and likely to be in preservation management in the very near future when non-residents are supposed to get shut out completely anyway and that if local people are not getting what they need already and are going to impose more restrictive regulations on themselves, that they have no reason to support any use beyond local subsistence use; close bull caribou take from October 15 – January 15 when they are in rut and poor shape (even though it will likely deny some local use of younger bulls into late October that stay edible for longer than older bulls); increase dates of cow season closure from May 16 to April 15, so cow season would be closed from April 15 – June 30.
BOG	203	Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep Units 23 and 26(A)	
Support	5	0	Brandon Saito discussed precipitous decline in Dall Sheep in Unit 23 due to icing and other related causes, even lower population numbers than in the early 1990's decline, when it was closed for some years.

Adjournment: 2:50 pm

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Date: 1/8/15



Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Dec. 3, 2014 - MTA Building in Palmer

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Meeting called to order By Jehnifer Ehmann at approximately 7 p.m.

Members Present: Jehnifer Ehmann, Terry Nininger, Andy Couch, Tom Deland, Stephen Bartelli, Mike Buirge, Jeff Tuttle, Dave Young, Randy Talvi, Dan Montgomery, Herman Griese, Tony Jones, Bill Folsom

Members Absent: Israel Payton - excused, Mel Grove - excused

Public present: Neil Dewitt - Anchorage AC, Gino DelFrate- ADF&G, Lem Butler- ADF&G, Scott Kolstad - Public, Jeffrey Vincent - Public, Robb Small - Public

Quorum: 8 needed for Quorum -- Quorum Met

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Nov 19 Minutes Approved without objections.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the Agenda with addition of proposal 148 as discussion item -- but not to be voted on at this meeting as it was not on the Agenda ahead of time, and people interested in the subject are not in attendance. Agenda Approved unanimously as amended.

Discussion of proposal 148 -- Gino DelFrate with ADF&G discussed proposal 148 which would reauthorize the Unit 14C antlerless moose hunt. Anchorage AC, Matanuska Valley AC, and Susitna Valley AC share authority to approve antlerless moose hunts on an annual basis in Unit 14.

New Business:

Terry Nininger asked how ADF&G was giving adequate information to Anchorage AC. ADF&G information indicates their population objective is being met at 1500 -1800 moose in Unit 14C. Dan Montgomery asked what the population had been previously before the last down turn. Gino indicated in excess of 2000 moose, but since then having deep snow winters and moose population die offs. Dan felt the moose numbers were lower in Unit 14C than previously and also felt the calf to cow ratio might be low. Herman asked if there is a bear hunt established on JBER Base. Gino said there is a proposal in to allow one. Gino would like to see more active management of bears on the base. Dan asked if proposal 148 were voted down, could antlerless drawing permits simply be converted to any bull permits. Gino said that option would likely not work very well, as the drawing hunt had already been broken into bull moose drawing permits and antlerless moose permits. Gino had no additional information on Unit 14C population's specifics for the Knik River and Lake George Basin subpopulation(s). Dan asked if the Unit 14C antlerless hunt could possibly be put back into existence though an agenda change request prior to the next Board of Game meeting dealing specifically with Unit 14C. Gino mentioned that yes that was possible, but with a board meeting out of the immediate area there would likely be lower input from hunters in the 14C area. Bill Folsom mentioned that if a hunt did not take place then ADF&G might be able to issue credit for a different year.

Dan asked if Anchorage AC, Matanuska Valley, and Susitna Valley had authority for antlerless moose hunts in Unit 14C. Answer from Gino was yes.

Neil DeWitt answered a question from Terry Nininger that the Anchorage AC was hoping some type of additional bull hunt might occur if the antlerless moose hunt were turned down by ACs. Andy Couch commented that there is no proposal written by anyone to expand a bull moose hunt in Unit 14C, so it would be difficult for people commenting on that before the upcoming board meeting. Therefore without a proposal it would be difficult, at best, to expand bull moose hunting opportunity in 14C at this winter's Board of Game meeting. The discussion ended so the AC could move on and start taking action on proposals 58 - 95.

Central/Southwest Game Proposals:

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BOG	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion
58			Change the wolf population trigger for intensive management in Unit 13.
	0	13	Proposal 58 seeks to change wolf control implementation plan by increasing the wolf population and reducing the moose population. ADF&G commented that the Department includes 13D wolf population as a refuge area within Unit 13 where wolf numbers are higher. Steve Bartelli said as a participant in the aerial control program he had personally seen where wolf packs were traveling considerable distances both within Unit 13 and from Unit 20 into Unit 13, and he opposed the proposed regulation change. Matanuska Valley AC members prefer the current objectives for both moose and wolf populations. Proposal opposed unanimously 0-13-0.
59			Reduce the population and harvest objectives for moose in Unit 13B.
	0	13	Proposal 59 would both lower the moose population objective and the moose harvest objective with in Unit 13B. ADF&G is taking a neutral position as proposal is allocative. Herman Griesse asked what the habitat was like. ADF&G comment was lots of browse, but somewhat poor quality. Andy Couch asked how a lower population would do for better moose harvest opportunity. ADF&G answer was that without cow harvests there would likely be little additional bull moose harvest opportunity from either the present or a lower moose population. Bill Folsom asked if Paxson AC gets biological information from ADF&G frequently. Answer from ADF&G, "Yes." Motion unanimously opposed 0-13-0.
60 Ammended			Reauthorize the antlerless moose drawing permit hunts in Unit 13.
	13	0	Proposal 60 would reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 13. Steve Bartelli opposes winter moose hunts in remote areas where frequent pressures of snow machine equipped hunters, coupled with harassment from winter wolf predation, may contribute negatively to pregnant cow survivability during harsh winters. Steve wanted to know if there would be a problem with doing away with a winter antlerless hunt. Moose are in much better condition earlier in the season. Steve Bartelli moved to amend the motion to do away with the March antlerless hunt and only allow antlerless hunting earlier in the season since so few antlerless moose permits are allowed anyway and all of the harvestable surplus could easily be taken earlier in the season there is no need to harvest in March at this time. Amendment passed unanimously 13-0-0. Amended motion passed unanimously 13-0-0.
61			Change the Unit 13D moose drawing hunts (DM335-DM339) to registration hunts.

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	2	11	<p>Proposal 61 would change drawing permit hunts for nonresident bull harvests to registration hunt specifically in unit 13 D. It was pointed out that several of the drawing permit hunts mentioned in this proposal were outside Unit 13D. Dan Montgomery made a motion to amend the proposal to only change to a registration hunt in hunt number DM338 with a cap on up to 25 registration permits for SF50 bulls. Note: DM338 is the hunt in Unit 13D. Herman said with only 25 permits there could likely be confrontations over who got the permits. Dan felt that only hunters who were actually going hunting would get the registration permits. Andy felt like all the registration permits would be gone immediately on the first day of registration, and hunters not at the front of the line would be left out. Jehnifer is opposed because of the potential for conflict and inconvenience to participants who have to wait in line for a small amount of permits at an undetermined dept office. The amendment failed 3-9-1. Proposal 61 as written failed 2-11-0.</p>
62		Open a nonresident caribou drawing hunt in Unit 13.	
	2	11	<p>Proposal 62. Would create a caribou drawing hunt for nonresidents with 100 or some other number of permits issued. 2300 caribou were taken this past season. Herd has high calf and high bull ratios this year. ADF&G numbers are approximately 13,000 hunters total taking approximately 2500 caribou with approximately 20% success rate. Dan Montgomery will support the proposal. Steve Bartelli wants to oppose because of the heavy use by Alaska residents -- so many residents want to participate. Terry Nininger mentioned the amount of money that nonresidents pay and the opportunity for guides to make some money off the resource. There are a finite number of animals to take but not many animals remain in the unit after early October. Dan mentioned the nonresident tag costs \$325 with a 3 times match in federal money that comes into the state. Jehnifer mentioned opposition -- wanting it to remain a resident hunt because there is already significant hunting pressure within the Copper Basin. Motion failed 2-11-0.</p>
63		Limit the drawing permits for Nelchina caribou (DC480-483) to two permits per household.	
	3	10	<p>Proposal 63 would limit drawing permits to 2 per household. Herman asked how ADF&G determines who is in a household. ADF&G mentioned it is difficult and the way they do it now is to ask. Steve Bartelli agreed with the concept. Very Difficult to enforce. Andy Couch mentioned this only penalized larger households. If someone is paying their \$5 they should have just as much opportunity to draw as any other household. If a household wants a guaranteed opportunity to hunt they can do tier 1. Jehnifer supports this proposal in concept because she knows of families who have received 3+ permits per household while other households receive no permits. Motion failed 3-10.</p>
64		Divide the resident fall caribou hunt (RC566) into late and early seasons.	

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	0	13	Proposal 64 would divide hunt RC566 into two fall seasons with 50% of permits for each hunt, if quota not taken then allow a winter hunt. Steve Bartelli wants the opportunity to hunt when he wanted. ADF&G said this could make it more difficult for the Department to manage allocation wise ADF&G is neutral. ADF&G mentioned that the majority of harvest occurs in the later fall season. Dan Montgomery was opposed because of how unpredictable caribou are. Andy Couch mentioned that according to the ADF&G harvest figures the AC was given the largest share of the caribou harvest occurs in the later fall opportunity so only allowing 50% of permits during the time frame would unduly restrict hunters that wanted to hunt later. Motion opposed unanimously 0-13-0.
65		Bring the community subsistence hunt and general season hunts into closer alignment.	
	0	13	<p>Community Harvest Hunt proposals 65 - 69 The community harvest proposals seek to provide exclusive use opportunity for a specific group at the exclusion of other Alaskans. Many people on the AC commented about how all of these proposals seek to continue an exclusive type opportunity or some even seek to provide a more exclusive opportunity. The meeting where this group met followed some wild rules, how is it that 12 can "PASS" proposals on a positive vote of only 6 members.</p> <p>Proposal 65 would bring hunt seasons into closer alignment but in a vague manner that make is difficult to comment. The goal of this proposal is to limit participation. Participation should be allowed to all Alaskans. Motion opposed 0-13-0.</p>
66		Require participants in the community subsistence harvest (CSH) program to commit to participation for a period of two years or more.	
	0	13	Proposal 66 would require a 2 year commitment. This attempts to reduce Alaskans from participating. This proposal could also increase participation in that more Alaskans may buy into the hunt. Tracking a two year commitment is very difficult to track. Jobs change --- residency changes. Households change. Motion failed 0-13-0.
67		Limit the areas where community subsistence harvest hunters may hunt outside of Unit 11, 12 and 13.	
	0	13	Proposal 67 nearly identical to proposal 66. Motion failed 0-13-0.
68		Change the CSH group size definition to "25 or more households".	
	0	13	Proposal 68 would change the regulation from 25 Alaskans to 25 households in order to participate. This seeks to eliminate Alaskans from participating in a subsistence opportunity where all Alaskans are supposed to have an opportunity when the game population is above the ANS Number. Motion opposed 0-13-0.
69		Include "individuals, households, or families" in the moose subsistence hunt when the harvestable surplus exceeds the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS), and change the hunt start date to September 1 (from August 10).	
	0	13	Proposal 69 is a better opportunity than most of what was proposed. Committee members like the idea of all hunters starting on the same date, but did not want to fix a broken program. Motion opposed 0-13-0.
70		Add definitions of "Community" and "Individuals, Families, or "Other Social Groups" to 5 AAC 92.072.	

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	0	13	Proposal 70 does not provide specific definitions. Without specific definitions to agree with it is hard to know if we really support this proposal or not. Definitions should allow participation by all Alaskans. One member suggested voting the whole thing down. Another suggested support. Motion opposed 0-13-0.
71		Implement a system to ensure communities or groups approved to participate in the moose and caribou CSH meet the intent of the Board of Game findings for the CSH program.	
	0	13	Proposal 71. Doing something like this spends a lot of state resources on a hunt that generates very little or no money for the state to run it.
72		Follow same basic guidelines as old Tier II system (points to each community based on past use of resource).	
	0	13	Proposal 72 The old point system did not work for many Alaskans this is a way to discriminate against allowing all Alaskans to participate. Much of this is unenforceable. Motion opposed 0-13-0.
73		Require hunters to be engaged in a pattern of subsistence uses of Nelchina caribou for the Tier I hunt.	
	0	13	Proposal 73 CSH committee vote numbers provided in book don't add up. Why is a vote given on all of these proposals if they all are being forwarded to the Board. Why were some proposals amended if "All proposals were forwarded to the board. All Alaskans are subsistence hunters they should not be eliminated from their opportunity just because someone else wants everything. Motion opposed 0-13-0.
74		Require direct approval by the Board of Game of groups applying to join the Copper Basin Community Hunt.	
	0	13	Proposal 74 - See prop 73 comments. motion opposed 0-13-0.
75		Implement reporting and antler destruction requirements for community subsistence hunt harvested moose in the Unit 13 area hunt.	
	0	13	Proposal 75 would require antler destruction in Cantwell or Glennallen. Discriminates against hunters who live elsewhere. Motion opposed 0-13-0.
76		Require that antlers taken through the CSH hunt be turned in to ADF&G.	
	3	9 1 abstention	Proposal 76 would require turning in antlers to ADF&G. Some support for the management of these hunts should be provided. Motion failed 3-9-1.
77		Establish a quota for each subarea in Unit 13 for the "any bull" moose hunt.	
	1	12	Proposal 77 would establish a firm any bull cap. One person was not interested in having any bull hunts at all and did not want quota numbers for that reason. ADF&G feels this might allow for a larger harvest. Motion failed 1-12-0.
78		Require more rapid harvest reporting of moose taken under the "any bull" hunt in Unit 13.	
	0	13	Proposal 78 requires more rapid reporting of any bull moose. Some felt this already went into effect over the past season. Others did not want to support anything that had a bull quota. Motion opposed 0-13-0

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79			Direct ADF&G to open and close the “any bull” moose season on certain days in Unit 13.
	0	13	Proposal 79 would direct ADF&G to open and close the any bull moose on certain days in Unit 13. Some members do not support "any bull" aspect and are opposed. Motion opposed 0-13-0.
80			Modify the community subsistence moose hunt season dates and restrict all hunters from using motorized vehicles Units 13, 11, and portions of 12, during the periods August 18-22 and August 25-28.
	0	13	Motion 80 - Would slow down reporting. Members don't support early season. Some members don't support restriction to non-motorized. Opposed 0-13-0.
81			Restrict community subsistence harvest hunters in Units 13, 11 and portions of Unit 12 from hunting within 24 hours of using off-road vehicles.
	0	13	Motion 81. Would restrict hunting after using and ATV. See 80 for comments. Unenforceable most of the time. 0-13-0.
82			Manage the Unit 13 community subsistence harvest caribou hunt through the set season as long as the overall harvest quota is not exceeded.
	0	13	Motion 82. Would allow Community harvest caribou hunt to continue as long as their quota was not met and the overall caribou quota was not met. If this was adopted there is a likelihood that the registration hunt and drawing hunt could close with the community hunt continuing. Motion opposed 0-13-0.
83			Discontinue the community subsistence harvest (CSH) program when the harvestable surplus exceeds the minimum Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS), and replace it with a weighted drawing permit for Alaska residents only.
	2	11	Motion 83 does many things: it changes all moose hunt dates to start on September 1 at the earliest when the harvestable surplus exceeds the minimum amount necessary for subsistence. And many other things. Motion opposed 2-11-0.
84			Change the “any bull” hunt in Unit 13 to a drawing hunt.
	8	5	Motion 84 would change hunting of any bull moose and cow moose hunt to a weighted drawing only. Money would be generated to manage hunt. Community harvest opportunity may continue at earlier season dates. Motion passed 8-5-0.

Andy Mentioned that he would not be at the next meeting. Terry Nininger offered to take on secretary duties for that meeting.

Next Meeting Comment on BOG 3 year cycle proposal, finish up proposals through 95 then 198 and 199 then on into Units 14 and 16 through proposal 139, then (on into 14C in January).

Terry Nininger mentioned Ayrshire Road the driving route to Little Susitna River Public Use Facility and Susitna Flats State Game Refuge is budgeted by the Mat-Su Borough for paving and also that there is an ongoing trespass issue in the Mat-Su Borough where an individual built a 5 -6 mile section of road on borough and private land without an easement or permission. He intends to update the AC on these issues as they develop in the future.



Dan Mentioned he will be gone until Jan. 13 so he will not be making meetings during that time frame.

Next meeting December 17th 7 P.M. at MTA Building in Palmer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch

Minutes Recorded By: _____
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____



Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Dec. 17, 2014 - MTA Building in Palmer

Call to Order: Called to order by Jehnifer Ehmann at 7 PM

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Roll Call:

Members Present: Jehnifer Ehmann, Terry Nininger, Tom Deland, Stephen Bartelli, Mike Buirge, Jeff Tuttle, Dave Young, Randy Talvi, Dan Montgomery, Herman Griesse, Bill Folsom, Israel Payton, Mel Grove

Members Absent: Andy Couch, (excused), Tony Jones, (excused)

Fish and Game Staff Present: Lem Butler, Todd Rinaldi

Guests Present: Neil Dewitt, (Anchorage AC), Frank Newman, (Anchorage AC)

Persons to be heard:

Frank Newman-BOG Proposals input: these are his opinions not that of the Anchorage AC: 106 & 107, 108 proposals-he would like to see supported. Also on Proposal 108, he would like to hear where the proposal is at with the Mat-Valley AC. Does Dan Montgomery have any input on 108? Proposals 109, 107, 111 are well written; they are actually trying to work with some numbers. Proposal 118: He doesn't want see added sheep pressure. Proposal 115: Frank is opposed to early openers-even youth hunts-a sheep hunt is not an introduction hunt. Proposals 118-124 are all early hunt proposals-he is opposed to early hunts.

Neil Dewitt: He was at the 2 day caribou meeting (yesterday & today) at the Hilton Hotel in Anchorage. This meeting involved the North Slope Western Arctic caribou herd. Reduced caribou hunt-bow only-no taking of calves: This will kill the cow right before she calves. Neil questions the cow mortality rate. This will be taken up at the UAA at the Student Union March 13-17th.

Dan Montgomery-spoke to Ted Spraker, (Chairman-BOG): there is a crowding problem-will come up with some proposals for a couple of drawing hunts. Then have a general season again from September going forward. The Board is open to ideas. They will be looking for proposals to vote on during the March meeting. Spraker said he doesn't have a set agenda. BOG will be meeting January and again in February. Decisions will be made in March.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 needed for quorum-quorum met

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 12/3/14 Minutes approved without objections.

Approval of Agenda: December 17, 2014 amended agenda approved without objections.

Old Business:

New Business: Review of BOF Proposals. All committee members will be referenced by their first name. Lem Butler & Todd Rinaldi, (ADFG), will also be referenced by their first names.

Add proposal #32

BOG 32: Proposed by the Alaska Professional Hunters Association: Dan indicated that residents have 2 bear limits. This will not change the allocation – it's simply for a resident to use when they want to take a relative hunting. The hunter must buy a tag and be with a relative – he can't hunt alone. Israel notes that it is not a big deal to get drawn when you are an out of stater. He doesn't see the need for the proposal. He would not support it. Dan says the guides will have a little more access with the relatives. Steve indicates that this is unprecedented-he doesn't want see it get started. Herman notes that transferring harvest tickets can become a real undesirable issue.

Motion fails: support 3; opposed 9; 1 abstains

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion
BOG 85			Modify the community subsistence harvest permit system.
S	8	3 Oppose 2 Abstain	Steve-really likes this one. Eliminates the 300 hundred animals and put them into the rest of the permits. Lem says this represents about 150 caribou a year. Dan says it is working now where everybody up there can go hunting. He will not support it because the system is actually working. Bill supports – there is plenty of caribou for everybody to harvest on an equal basis. Steve feels it does exactly the opposite-it gives them the ability to get more than 300 caribou.
BOG 86			Divide the annual harvest quota for Nelchina caribou.
O	0	13-0	Steve indicates that this reduces the seasonal opportunity. Lem is opposed to this proposal.
BOG 87			Remove the exclusive hunting restriction for caribou in Unit 13.
O	4	9-0	Lem-last time we had 25,000 people signed up. Currently 7,000 people are signed up for tier #1. Mel notes that it keeps moose hunters out of his hunting area. He is opposed to it-leave it the way it is. Bill-community hunts are what are destroying the moose hunting in there. It would still be working if they maintained a 4 brow tine & 50" spread. He wants to keep it the way it is. Jehnifer is in favor of 87-removing the decoupling. She doesn't want to be tied to unit 13-wants the freedom to hunt moose where she wants.

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG 88		Change the method of determining the Amount Necessary for Subsistence in Unit 13.	
0	0	13-0	Steve is opposed-he believes all resident hunters are subsistence hunters. General committee concurrence. Lem-the Department is neutral now but may change.
BOG 89		Change the eligibility criteria for all Tier II subsistence hunts in Unit 13.	
0	0	13-0	Israel-who is Kenneth Manning? Lem- Manning is from the Kenai and wants to get back to Tier 2. Lem notes that the Department is neutral-but may change.
BOG 90		Change Unit 13D goat drawing hunt (DG720) to a registration hunt.	
0	3	10-0	Dan states that 500 hunters put into for 35 permits-about 8 are non residents. Dan supports 90: it opens up the registration for both residents and non residents. Wants proposal for BOG 91-not Bog 90. Lem: The Department doesn't get complete surveys in the area. Agency does not support it right now. Steve to Lem: Does Lem know right now if he has a conservation concern? Dan: they have never done a goat survey. Have a registration hunt, have a quota and close it when it's met. The Department can close by emergency order if there is a heavy hunt. Jeff to Lem: Could private pilots give you count info? Lem: There is a credibility issue-it's hard to evaluate. Steve indicates that he is going to support, notes that without counts that indicates a conservation concern. Jeff: Goats spread like rabbits and he would not be concerned about over harvesting. Herman: Goats do have an issue with predators, disease, snow conditions and ice conditions. Herman says it's not the way to manage a questionable goat population-he is opposed. Troy: It would generate extra money that goes to the department: if there is an abundance of sheep or goats there then give out more permits. Jehnifer is opposed-It is similar to #61-hunters will have to wait in line for an undetermined amount of permits.
BOG 91		Add all of Unit 13D to mountain goat registration hunt RG580.	

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
O	91 As Ammended 3	9 oppose 1 Abstain	Dan would like to amend 91: He would divide into 3 areas: between the Richardson Hwy. and the Tazlina Glacier, and the Tazlina Glacier and Matanuska Glacier, and the Matanuska Glacier to Cold Creek. Dan wants this proposal for BOG 91-not Bog 90. Dan notes that there is an undetermined amount of permits for # 90 above. Dan indicates that for the 3 different units (above): they have a 5 goat harvest for each unit with a 15 goat harvest total. Steve backs Dan's 5 goat max and supports the amendment. Jeff supports Dan completely. Amendment vote: 4 Support - 2 Oppose- 7 Abstain
BOG 92			Lengthen the goat permit season in Unit 13D to align with the registration hunt.
O	0	12 Oppose 1 Abstain	Dan-no road system-endanger people if it goes any longer
BOG 93			Allow the taking of brown bear over bait in Unit 11 and 13.
S	10	2 Oppose 1 Abstain	Dan supports –a spring brown bear (BB) harvest has been very successful. Agency is not concerned yet about conservation. Gives people another hunting opportunity. Herman-doesn't have a problem with proposal. Lem said 26 BB have been harvested over bait. Dan-will be pretty good harvest first year, and then it will drop down. Dan supports. Randy-supports. Israel-has ethical problem with nonresident running bait stations. Israel-make an amendment to the proposal for a resident only hunt. Mike second's the amendment. Bill: if trying to manage we shouldn't be eliminating non-residents-especially given the state budget shortfall-this can generate money for the department. Pitman-Robinson money is a 3 to 1-one: \$ 500 tag will bring in \$ 2000 to the state. Lem: monies from funds go into ADFG. Amendment of no nonresidents fails: support 5, opposed 7, abstain 1 Proposal as written:
BOG 94			Open a fall season for hunting brown and black bear over bait in Unit 13D.
S	11	1 oppose 1 Abstain	Dan: This is a MVAC proposal. BOG has no conversation concern-Dan supports. Randy is opposed to timing-moose hunters will be stumbling into a bait stations. Mike: signage should make it a non-issue. Lem is watching. Bill to Lem: can Department squash the hunt? Lem-yes if we have biological reasons. Herman asks about the term "over abundance" used in the proposal? Dan: Are lot more bears out there than everyone realized? Lem does not have bear population #'s in this area-hard to get. Herman abstained because there wasn't any hard data.

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG 95		Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan, shorten the season, and add a no-hunt corridor along the roads in Unit 13B.	
0	0	13	<p>Lem states that this is a management experiment-the Department is neutral but would like to see this experiment continue. Bill has seen less ptarmigan in recent years. Todd notes that this increases the maximum harvest in roadside areas. Car loads of people take birds along the road system. Dave: put a bag limit. Steve: This is difficult to enforce 2 ½ miles from the road-he would support an amendment to remove road restriction. Seconded by Dave. Bill: there are a lot of people who just drive the road and shoot ptarmigan. He has a problem with people driving the road in casual dress and if they get a ptarmigan too far from the road they will just leave them. Herman: the problem with the amendment is the potential to push birds away from the area because of the snow machine activity. He sees the issue as the season dates not the road restriction. Herman also notes birds are struggling in that area. Steve would withdraw the motion. Amendment fails: 0 support 13 opposed. David supports a bag limit. Leaving the dates the same. Herman second's. Troy: proposer wants to expand the season – the proposer really didn't have any conservation concerns on this. Amendment fails: 6-7-0 Jehnifer supports the concept that if there is a conservation concern we need to look at restricting the bag limit.</p>
BOG 96		Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and 14B.	
S	13	0	<p>Dan supports this proposal. Herman has problem with the targeted hunts. He says people are cutting down trees for moose harvest bait. Todd does not know of any trees down for moose. Todd states that there is a 2 mile buffer and that many homes fall within the area. Many hunters harvest a moose within 8 hours. No permits issued into 14B last year, and at this time he is not anticipating having hunts in 14B this year. Todd also notes that the number of trespass complaints are next to none. Mel notes that the population is actually increasing. Lem concurs: The models that we have are suggesting that we'll have to harvest 600-1000 additional cows in a given year. The Department is trying to come up with additional opportunities to increase the take.</p>
BOG 97		Establish a resident, late-season archery hunt for moose in Units 14A and 14B.	

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
O	0	11 oppose 2 Abstain	Bill is opposed to special hunts that are outside the regular season unless there is another fee tag for the special hunt. Mike states that, as a bow hunter, from august 10-17 you can't see a moose if it is 20 feet away because of the dense brush and foliage. Mike is opposed. Jehnifer is opposed – people who are not interested or trained to hunt with a bow may consider participating simply because of the additional opportunity. This increases the potential for unethical hunting practices, and unnecessarily wounded game.
BOG 98			Open a late-season archery-only hunt for moose in Unit 16.
O	0	11 oppose 2 abstain	Bill is opposed for same reasoning in #97above. Todd: Unit-16B is well into its population objective.
BOG 99			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B.
S	13	0	Todd supports proposal: this is only a tool to control population. Herman notes that Kalgin Island has a very poor food source for moose.
BOG 100			Allow brown bear to be taken over bait in Unit 14B.
S	8	4 oppose 1 abstain	Todd indicates that there are very few nuisance bear calls. Department is neutral-but there are some difficulties in this proposal that Department would like to see passed. Israel: we also voted in # 93 & 94 with no real data. He would ask AC to pass. Dan supports-agency doesn't have any conservation concerns. Brown bears are a lot more skittish around bait. Herman will not support proposal because it is not under Intensive Management. 31 black bear 18 brown bear harvested per year in 14B in last 10 years.
BOG 101			Review and modify the Unit 16 predation control plan.
S	13	0	Lem: The department is agency complying with regulations. They really don't change anything. Nothing new. Todd-indicates that they will have some triggers if the problem doesn't perform; portions of the program can be suspended. 16B has some modifications to wolf population surveys. All methods and means and seasons are remaining the same. The only changes are in the triggers. This will be a lot more digestible than the statute language. Proposal passed 13-0.

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG 102		Establish a fall season for hunting black and brown bear over bait in Unit 16.	
S	11	2	Dan notes that was proposed by MVAC. Todd: This establishes fall brown bear season that area doesn't have right now. Department is neutral on this proposal. Israel: in table #3 (see info sheet distributed by ADFG) 16B: why do harvest numbers vary so substantially? Todd: This is a reflection of hunter interest. At inception it can be high but then it drops off later. Todd notes that there is no indication there has been a drop in population. Israel has concerns about easy access, especially along river areas and problems with bear interaction.
BOG 103		Establish the Hatcher's Pass Youth Management Area in Unit 14A, for small game hunting.	
S	11	1 oppose 1 abstain	Dave is opposed to the orange vest, otherwise he supports.
BOG 104		Open a general hunt with no closed season and no bag limit for beaver in Unit 16B.	
O	0	13	Todd: All diseases that beavers carry are not accurate in this proposal. The Department doesn't have a biological perspective in 16B. He likes sealing as it offers some of the few data points that are available to the Department. Dave does not support because hides are of no value out of season. Todd has no biological concerns in this unit. Jeff: There is a huge amount of beavers but he is opposed.
BOG 105		Expand the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge.	
	*		Herman supports- most of the listed lands are owned by the state. The refuge is given control to manage them under the refuge management plan but their exclusion complicates enforcement. Adjacent lands that were intended to be in the refuge needed to be incorporated into the refuge. This proposal is meant to get the legislature's attention. Todd-ATV use would be monitored. Mike: Too many restrictions, too big an area. Todd: Department is neutral. Bill notes that there is going to be more and more lands, private lands, that are going to be put into private trusts that will impact hunting and ATV use. Steve: Why haven't the legislatures acted on this? Herman: They haven't been pushed. Mel indicates that doesn't think there needs to be any more land designated. Bill proposes to postpone this proposal until the next meeting. * Postponement passes: 11-1-1



Israel has a sheep study that he will distribute.

Next meeting January 21, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 10:30

Minutes taken Terry Nininger



Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee

January 21, 2015 - MTA Building in Palmer

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Meeting called to order By Jehnifer Ehmann at 7:06 p.m.

Members Present: Jehnifer Ehmann, Terry Nininger, Tom Deland, Stephen Bartelli, Mike Buirge, Jeff Tuttle, Dave Young, Randy Talvi, Dan Montgomery, Herman Griesse, Tony Jones, Bill Folsom, Mel Grove

Members Absent: Andy Couch-excused

Public present: Neil DeWitt, Rod Arno, Tom Rothe, Joe Cizek, Hans Nordstrom, Cole Hawkins, Birch Yuknis, Tony Marchine, Russ Hall, Nick Steen

ADFG: Lem Butler, Frank Robins, Kevin Colson, **Alaska State Trooper** Jimmy Lindberg

Quorum: 8 needed for Quorum -- Quorum Met

Approval of Previous Meeting: Minutes: Dec. 17, 2012 Approved without objections.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the Agenda approved as noted below:

Motions to add To Agenda: add BOG proposals # 207 & #208 to the agenda by Israel Payton. Also motion to add an informational and outreach table for community outreach at the Gun Show at Raven Hall at the Fairgrounds.

The agenda is approved as amended.

New Business:

Persons to Be Heard:

Neil DeWitt, Anchorage AC: legislative guidelines: During the last Anchorage AC meeting the following proposals were approved (14-0-0) regarding legislative affairs:

- 1) Any proposal to be considered by the BOG must be sponsored by at least one AC.
- 2) Both the BOG and BOF must comprise of at least 5 members who have been elected and served on a Fish and Game Advisory Committee or in the Legislature.
- 3) Move the Fish and Game Board support section to the Legislative Affairs. Board Support will be overseen and funded directly through the Legislature. The Department will not have any influence over its employees or budget. Any legal opinion the Boards or the AC need will come from Legislative legal.
- 4) The Department must have its written comments into the Board support sixty (60) day prior to the end of the AC comment period.

- 5) The Department's job is to provide the best biological information available, nothing more, social input will come from the AC's and the public.
- 6) Members of the Boards who are retired state employees will receive either the stipend and per diem or their pension for the time in service; not both, (no double dipping).
- 7) All matching money the Department receives must be reported to and appropriated to the Department through the Legislature. The Commissioner may not divert more than \$ 25,000.00 from any project without the approval of the Legislative Counsel.
- 8) Under AS 16.05.130(d), add a date no more than 60 days after the end of the fiscal year to submit the required report to the Legislature.

Neil also noted the following DM hunts with the Dept. adding the following moose: 423, adding 2, 424 adding 5 for a total of 45, 446 add 5/total 25, 427 add 10/total 35, 428 add 5/total 15, 430 add 2/total 5, 444 add 4/total 6, 448 add 0/total 13 and 666 add 0/total 13. On DM 666 Neil noted that the Dept. said they might add 3 extra tags to the McHugh Cr. Unit.

Neil believes that by adding these moose the Dept. is hoping that the Anchorage AC will authorize cow hunts. He said that the next AC meeting is scheduled for 2/3/15, (with a subcommittee meeting on 1/29/15), and they hoped to address the cow hunt issue then, although he was unclear what their decision might be.

Rod Arno: Alaska Outdoor Council: AOC has 1 proposal: #84: Unit #13. They would take any bull out of Sub. Hunt and turn it into a draw hunt. Once you pull a tag you go to the bottom of the list. This is a fair way of allocating, per the AOC. Sheep proposals: some have been generated by BOG officers, so AOC questions the legality of legal process. OAC would like to stay with status quo. The Board has been generating proposals that are inconsistent with the data. Per AOC, he hopes that the AC's will vote down all sheep proposals.

Tom Rothe: Eagle River-avid duck hunter. He is opposed to BOG #131 & #132. Golden Eyes are abundant-no justification for reducing the bag limit. # 132-would require harvest ticket and report for every water fowl. This is completely redundant by the USFWS-there is plenty of data already available. The Dept. can't use this kind of data and would cost money to take this data.

Hans Nordstrom: Opposes setting different set of rules for sheep hunting-no difference than any other hunting regs, specifically # 207. AC should vote no.

Joe Cizek: RE # 207-this boils down to ethics and respect for other people. There needs to be more of a thought out process. Steve Bartelli notes that this is impossible to enforce.

Cole Hawkins: Re # 108: This is a guide with non-resident clients. The noose is tightening on aviation portion of the regs. As time goes on it's going to get worse and worse.

Birch Yuknis; Valley resident-small business owner in the Valley. #113 & #120: He supports # 130: he also is a pilot for supports the others speaking on the aviation issues.

Tony Marchine (sp): Voices concerns about the aircraft issues. We don't have all the info for writing a blank policy.

New Business: AC Outreach: Mike Buirge needs someone to man the booth at the Raven Hall, Palmer Fairgrounds at the Gun Show.

The Mat Valley AC representatives for the SE regional BOG meetings, 2/13/15 – 2/17/15 will be Jehn, Terry, Tom & Steve.

New Business: Review of BOF Proposals. All committee members will be referenced by their first name. Lem Butler & Todd Rinaldi, (ADFG), will also be referenced by their first names.

BOG#198: Lem Butler-ADFG is neutral on this proposal, but wants to start controlling the population, Issuing 10 permits right now. Steve doesn't agree with additional pressure on cows during winter hunts. Dan also seconds Steve's view: cows are stressed after a long winter.

AC votes: opposed 14-references our comments on BOF #60.

BOG #199: Lem Butler: managing based on the midpoint of the harvest. Dept. doesn't want to take the moose harvest portion out of this proposal. This is only reducing the lower end of the harvest. Steve: feels the current system is working. Likes the ways the dept. is doing business right now.

Opposed 14

BOG #200: Lem-dept. is neutral. Steve: Same comments s #199

Opposed 14

BOG #207: Israel does not support this proposal. Dave asks will he get in trouble just viewing from the air? Dave is opposed. Dan is opposed: it is way too restrictive. Who will make determination on the ground? This is something that is new-no public record of proposing this type of proposal. Basically a 24 for hour rule that is not enforceable.

Opposed 0-12-2

BOG # 208: Herman-restricts-more restrictions. Herman is opposed. Steve-it would limit access, would restrict access-he will oppose-it is too restrictive for sheep hunters. Dan: Board was pressed to do something-have no conservation concerns. Dan will vote it down; we need to separate out all these options. Bill-this same philosophy could be applied to other hunting regs. Bill is opposed. Israel-is opposed to big blanket overall change.

Opposed 14 (0-14-0)

**Central/Southwest Game Proposals:****Mandatory-** Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG 105			Expand the Palmer Hay Flats State Game Refuge.
	9	2-3	<p>Thomas Rothe: This proposal is to improve public access for hunting and fishing. For the past 25 years the dept. has not been able to get a bill in the legislature for this. Tom found the statutes that BOG can set aside land for a game refuge. Could partner up with TNC or Ducks Unlimited for lands adjacent to refuge area. 5 parcels were purchase as far back as 1990 to become part of the refuge. They have conservation covenants that won't allow development. (No gravel mining, etc). Currently in limbo-DNR ownership. DNR can't change the status for refuge use. Todd: Dept. will include 4 additional proposals that are not listed in # 105. Lem: the Dep't. Is neutral on this proposal. Mel: parcels are currently owned by the state? Tom; yes, to be used to be consistent with fish and game refuge regulations. No net added restrictions. DNR can hand it off to the Dept and have the Dept manage it. Steve: refuge lands are managed by the department or are refuge lands managed by DNR? Todd yes. Steve is all about access. Trooper Lindberg: if it is encompassed in the refuge it will give the troopers more leverage to law enforcement control. Steve-will this release any additional funds to work on other areas? Doug-yes it would assist. Herman-he worked to get this area in the ecosystem. It is important for us to consider that this ties the ecosystem to the refuges. He encourages the AC to support; it will not create any problems with ATV users. Herman notes that he is on the Board of the Friends of the Palmer Hay flats. Bill: this land was originally purchased as private lands. But was purchased in the name of the state, but encumbers it in the name of the refuge. His thinking is that this is now too moot to even been discussing this. He is not for putting any more lands into the refuge. He was going to be opposed but doesn't now think it now makes any difference. Dave: was it purchased for hunting and fishing for just for the refuge use? Area will be ATV restrictive? Tom: there is no difference between hunts and refuge (?). Mel; to the trooper-you can't ticket anyone who is not in the refuge? Trooper, typically. The area (new) will be ATV restricted. If the whole area is in the refuge will make enforcement easier.</p> <p>Passes 9-2-3</p>
BOG 106			Change the Dall sheep hunts in Units 13D and 14A to full curl rams with limited permits.
			<p>Dan-believes that we should go back to full curl in these units and reduce the number of permits until full furl population increases. Todd-dept is neutral. Mel- some people like this hunt because they don't have to hunt for full curl. Dept has a lot of safety measures in this proposal. Steve would rather have the</p>

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
	1	13-0	<p>hunter have an opportunity to hunt any sheep. Lem- we can't sustain the population with only the full curl component. Ram numbers are relatively stable. Have found a lot of nutritionally stressed animals that may be driving the decline as much as anything.</p> <p>Dan-the whole goal was to have more old rams and this is not working-none of the animals get really old. Israel-he respect Dan's opinion but he will defer to the managers. The hunt seems to have a high satisfaction rate-in general he is all for any bull/any sheep-he will be opposing. Bill supports any ram-there should be some areas that go for any ram. Dan-if you just keep the number of hunters you are never going to get to the ram population increase. Jehn is opposed-have talked to some folks who want to preserve these hunts -she is perfectly happy to hunt for any ram-is happy with the quality of that type of hunt. She also respects Dan's opinion.</p> <p>Support 1 opposed 13</p>
BOG 107			Change the bag limit for Dall sheep in Units 13D and 14A to full curl.
			Take no action-see comments on # 106
BOG 108			Reinstate language regarding proof of guide-client contract for Dall sheep, mountain goat and moose drawing hunts.
	8	5-1	<p>Dan-Doug Vincent Lang didn't want one hour of his staff putting time into this hunt. This proposal just reinstates this requirement-it did not affect the guides. It's been this way for a long time-just removed last march. It brings in hundreds of thousands of dollars for the department. Does not affect residents at all. This is Dan's proposal and he supports. Lem-only place that they have actually checked is Kodiak-didn't check anywhere else. Mel supports-it is a revenue steam for the dept. Israel-he supports - he notes that some people in some hunts put in for a drawing hunt, get selected and then don't use the permit. Herman-Lem says dept. takes no action. Would be a big effort for the dept. Dave-a hunter needs to find a guide to go through this as a non-resident. Bill-in reality you probably have more people apply. Mike-will not stop them one way or the other if they don't have to put up serious money.</p> <p>Passed 8-5-1</p>
BOG 109			Allow a maximum of 10% of sheep hunt participation for nonresidents in the Central/Southwest Region.
	0	14-0	<p>109-124</p> <p>Vote to lump all these together: passed</p> <p>See comments to Board proposal # 208. No biological reason to support. Randy-some people have expressed interest because of road proximity. Dan board will likely not support. Dan will vote down.</p> <p>Opposed 0-14-0</p>
BOG 110			Limit sheep harvest by nonresidents to 10% of total harvest in Units 11, 13, 14, and 16.



BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG 111	0	14-0	Change the nonresident general sheep hunts to draw hunts for the Interior region, and cap the number of permits based on sheep density.
BOG 112	0	14-0	Change the nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts and limit permit distribution to 10% of the annual ten-year average for the Interior Region.
BOG 113	0	14-0	Open a bow hunting-only season for Dall sheep in the Interior Region.
BOG 114	0	14-0	Change all nonresident general season Dall sheep hunts in Unit 20 with a 75% distribution of nonresident permits.
BOG 115	0	14-0	Create a youth Dall sheep hunt in Unit 20 Remainder.
BOG 116	0	14-0	Limit nonresident sheep hunting in the Central/Southwest Region by having shorter seasons, drawing permits, or other methods.
BOG 117	0	14-0	Limit allocation of nonresident sheep permits to 10% for the Central/Southwest Region Units.
BOG 118	0	14-0	Begin resident sheep hunting seven days earlier than nonresidents in Units 9, 11, 13, 14, and 16.
BOG 119	0	14-0	Establish earlier season date openings for resident sheep hunting in the Central/Southwest Region.
BOG 120	0	14-0	Open a nine day, resident archery season in August for Dall sheep in the Central/Southwest Region.
BOG 121	0	14-0	Modify the season dates for Dall sheep in the Interior Region.
BOG 122	0	14-0	Open resident sheep hunting seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in the Interior Region.
BOG 123	0	14-0	Open resident sheep hunting seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in the Interior Region.
BOG 124	0	14-0	Open resident sheep seasons one week prior to nonresidents in Units 25 and 26.

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Israel: Governor. Walker appointed Roland Maw to the Board of Fish. This commands our immediate attention and needs to addressed in correspondence to the Legislature.

Jehn: The Junior Ice Fishing Derby at Finger Lake is 2/21/15. Bring your kids or come out and help. Derby tickets are for sale and should be available at the Gun Show at the Fairgrounds.

Jehn expressed sincere appreciation to have the ADF&G here. We are so grateful to have the Dept. showing up for our AC meetings.

Next meeting January 28, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 10:30

Minutes taken Terry Nininger



Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee

January 28, 2015 - MTA Building in Palmer

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Meeting called to order By Jehnifer Ehmann at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Jehnifer Ehmann, Terry Nininger, Tom Deland, Stephen Bartelli, Mike Buirge, Randy Talvi, Dan Montgomery, Herman Griesse, Tony Jones

Members Absent: Andy Couch-excused, Israel Payton-excused, Mel Grove-excused, Bill Folsom-excused, Jeff Tuttle-excused: Tony Jones left after Proposal # 138-leaving a quorum of 8

Public present: Neil DeWitt, Steve Flory, William Scherl, Jim Kedruski, George Jacoby, Robert Caywood, Frank Neumann, Hans Nordstrom, Joan Nininger

ADFG: Gino Delfrate, Todd Rinaldi, Jessy Coltrane, Dave Saalfeld, Dave Battle, Kevin Colson
Alaska State Trooper Jimmy Lindberg, Pete Probasco BOG

Quorum: 8 needed for Quorum -- Quorum Met

Approval of Previous Meeting: Minutes: January 21, 2015 Approved as amended, (language change in Proposal #108 comments).

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the Agenda approved

New Business:

All committee members will be referenced by their first name. Gino Delfrate, Todd Rinaldi and Jessy Coltrane, (ADFG), will also be referenced by their first names.

Persons To Be Heard:

Steve Flory, Anchorage AC: Steve provided two handouts: a budget amendment which will be provided to AC members for review after the meeting and the 8 point proposal memo regarding legislative affairs that was also provided by Neil DeWitt at the last meeting. Steve asked if there were any questions. No questions, but Terry asked Steve about the overall tenor of the legislative affairs memo. Terry noted that the Anchorage AC seemed to have an adversarial relationship with the Dept. of ADF&G. Steve commented that they did not have an adversarial relationship with the Dept.

George Decoby, Anchorage AC: Several ADF&G people are here tonight that want to have the AC's reauthorize Proposal #148. His big objection to this proposal is shooting cows with calves. We want to be saving the calves. If you vote against us your vote will nullify our AC. Consider that the Anchorage AC will be voting against the Mat-Su AC on future actions taken by the Mat Valley AC. Steve Bartelli noted that we haven't or won't in the future be voting against the Anchorage AC; we are independent AC and will be voting based on our independent information, discussions and decisions.

Frank Neuman, Anchorage AC: For clarification the Anchorage AC took a vote on # 148 but the motion was called back and they haven't taken final action and will not until 2/3/15 meeting.
Steve Bartelli: what language are you considering amending? Frank: All options are on the table-it all comes down to how the committee will adopt the proposal-it is not dead.

Robert Caywood, Anchorage AC: Cow hunts in general have all the AC's in turmoil-they had a biologist on the ground because he wanted to shoot cows. They shot so many cows that they didn't have enough to meet the ANF. We have to manage the game to the highest sustainable yield. If we don't take care of our moose we won't have any.

New Business: Review of BOF Proposals. All committee members will be referenced by their first name. Gino Delfrate, Todd Rinaldi and Jessy Coltrane, (ADFG), will also be referenced by their first names. ADF&G will be referenced as Dept.

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion
BOG 125		Open a seven day moose season for bow hunting following the general season hunts in Units 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16, and 17.	
	0	9-0	Todd-Dept is neutral. Dan-he will vote against-these hunts already has a high participation-there doesn't need to have high participation while in the rut. Todd-in some areas like 14A Dept wouldn't want to see an increase in bull harvest.
BOG 126		Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region.	
	9	0-0	Todd-this is a Dept proposal. Steve supports.
BOG 127		Remove the meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Central/Southwest Region.	
	8	1-0	Gino: to avoid trichinosis-cook your meat thoroughly-don't feed raw meat to your dogs. Steve will support-he thinks brown bears are primarily a trophy animal.
BOG 128		Remove meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Central/Southwest Region. Aligns with black bear	
			AC to take no action. Mike is opposed. See Proposal #127.
BOG 129		Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations in the Central/Southwest Region.	

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	8	1-0	Gino: -this is a theme for several proposals. If it is a state wide regulation the Dept will oppose them at the board (BOG) and take up the local meetings.-the Dept is not acting on the merit of the proposals. Dan: this is just a rule that applies to baiting? Gino: he will have to check-the contaminated soil is also considered bait-soil still has the ability to attract animals. Dan: he has done baiting-this rule goes too far-no great chance of attracting bears. Dan will vote in favor-although he has not seen examples of bears coming in to eat contaminated soil. Herman is opposed-his history of experiences has had many incidences of people dumping grease over the fence. In an area where it rains enough it is not real an issue.
BOG 130			Allow same-day airborne hunting of wolves and coyotes.
	9	0-0	Mat Valley AC proposal: Steve supports for sure. The airplane plays no larger role than other methods.
BOG 131			Lower the bag limit for goldeneye for the Central/Southwest Region.
	0	9-0	Steve opposes. Gino: this proposal was placed in this region meeting by accident-it will probably be moved to the appropriate meeting,
BOG 132			Require harvest reporting of migratory birds by species in Central/ Southwest Region Units.
	0	9-0	Herman-is in favor of voting this down because authorities do not need that much information.
133			Remove Restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Cen./ SW Region Units
	0	9-0	Gino: The Dept is opposed because it is a state wide regulation. Todd-the conversation has been that this is a real issue. Dan-he requires all his hunters to wear chest waders. Definitely a possibility for problems. Dan will vote down. Steve will vote down. It will be difficult to enforce. Some people can have them, some cannot.
BOG 134			Require certification for big game hunters using crossbows in the Central/ Southwest Region.

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	1	8-0	Todd-state wide proposal, per Gino above, (Proposal comments #129), the Dept will oppose. Gino: the Dept is working on a crossbow regulation-he recommends you consider it as a statewide regulation. Herman-both Basic and Bowhunter education courses offer good info as an alternative. Steve is going to oppose-he can understand it for additional instruction but where do we go from here-certification shotguns? Mike-a mussel loader requires certification. Mike will support. Randy will vote no-we don't need to add additional requirements. Dan will also oppose for the same reasons.
BOG 135			Add five days to all resident hunting seasons and allocate 75% of the drawing permits to residents for the Central/Southwest Region.
	0	9-0	Dan-in actuality it would increase the non-resident allocations. Dan will oppose.
BOG 136			Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Central/Southwest Region Units.
	0	9-0	Dan-similar to what we voted down before. He likes the current system.
BOG 137			Allocate 10% sheep harvest for nonresidents in Central/Southwest Region Units.
	0	9-0	Dan-how do you allocate a harvest when you don't know what the harvest is? Dan will vote down
BOG 138			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Units 20A, 20B, and 20D.
	Take no action		Gino: Dept would like to reauthorize-even if they don't hold the hunts. Dan: he's thinking the Dept has gotten their goal and gone beyond-Dan would like to see reduction of antlerless hunt in this region. Steve-agrees with Dan-there is no data for this area-take no action without our skin in the game.
BOG 139			Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska.
	8	0-0	Steve supports-Todd: Dept would like to see brown bears taken. In the last 3 years been they have been maintaining population at lower end-at this time we have large numbers-it just encourages bears to be taken in those numbers. Dan-he will support. Sometime in the future we might consider a tag fee to include sheep and caribou and moose. Non residents pay for 89% of dept budget-Dan believes residents need to make a greater contribution.

Proposal # 148: Jessy: 14C is under an intensive management criteria with an objective of 1500 moose and they are currently meeting that objective at this time. Anchorage is heavily over

browsed. The Dept. maintains that it is of paramount importance to obtaining objectives. Most of cow hunts are on JBER. Due to changing to a 3 year BOG cycle the next opportunity to make changes will be 2019-with the first season available in 2020. Tom-what % of cows harvested in 14C come from JBER? Jessy: The majority of cows harvested in 14C come from JBER-roughly 98%. There has been a 50% success rate-between 5-8 annually. Steve-who makes the call on how many cows are taken? Jessy-that is my decision with Dave. Steve: I want to make sure Dept has the spine to authorize or stop the hunts based on sound biological reasoning, external pressures notwithstanding. Jessy indicates that they will authorize the hunts if appropriate. Steve is inclined to put trust in the Dept as opposed to antidotal info. Jessy said no counts conducted in 2014 due to lack of snow, but in 2013 on JBER the calf cow ratio was 30:100. Herman doesn't have any problems with proposal. Dan: What was the cow harvest in 2013 & 2014? Jessy: 25 in 2013. JBER has not had as high a harvest this year because of a lack of snow. The data is not complete yet but is heading to single digits. Dan: are you confident with the 1500 count? Jessy: yes with the data we have now. Tom: has this been the population objective for 1500 for the long term? Jessy: since 2005 it has been 1800-1500 moose. Terry notes that he supports this proposal. He believes that this gives the Dept another tool to use. He has talked with both current and retired biologists and believes that to maintain a healthy moose population and avoid over growth which can lead to starvation or disease, in addition to moose-people conflicts, you have to have the option of reducing numbers to maintain the proper ratio of bulls to cows for healthy reproduction. Terry also concurs with Steve that he is also inclined to put trust in the Dept data as opposed to antidotal information from others. Jehnifer indicates that she has received several emails and calls from members of the public expressing support for proposal # 148.

Proposal # 148 passes 8-0-0

Next meeting 2/25/15

Proposals for review at the next meeting: 149-155, 192-195, any additional proposal that any AC member would like to review please get to Jehn within the next week.

Tonight's meeting minutes need to be voted on in the next day or so.

Gino: There may be some proposals from the Dept forth coming in the near future. The Dept will take them to the March meeting.

Jehn extends much gratitude to the Dept for coming out and informing us about what is going on, also to Trooper Lindberg for attending.

Herman will be out of state in February, Tom will be gone for the 2/25/15 meeting.

Jehn also would like to thank members of the Anchorage AC for coming out from Anchorage and participating.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41

Minutes taken Terry Nininger



Iliamna Advisory Committee Meeting
November 6th 2014
Iliamna, Alaska
Minutes

- I. Call to Order: 11:08 by Randy Alvarez
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Randy Alvarez (chair), Lyle Wilder (vice chair), George Alexie, Tinny Hedlund, Tim Anelon, Robert Hill, Joel Jacko , Greg Anelon (late)
Members Absent: Jim Tilly (Secretary), Senafont Shugak Jr.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: (No formal agenda for meeting.)
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: (No previous minutes available.)
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Crowley – Game Biologist, Chris Peterson – Game Biologist, Scott Quist – Enforcement
- VI. Guests Present:
- VII. Old Business: no old business
- VIII. New Business: Unit 9 and 17 game proposals

Chris Peterson expounds on the current situation of the Mulchatna caribou herd. In the fall of 2014 a **minimum** population count was conducted (not a total population) and estimated the minimum to be above 26,000 animals. The majority of the population was located to the north and west of Koliganek and another population center east of Bethel. Bull cow and cow calf ratios are up but still below objectives. There was a photo census done this past summer and that information is still being processed. Total population may be as high as 30,000 for the entire herd.

Randy led a discussion on proxy hunt rules and regulations and who can qualify and how it is accomplished. Department related the rules of proxy hunting, you must have the hunting license and tag for the person you are hunting for. The person you are hunting for must be at least 65 years old or have a note from a doctor explaining you are unable to perform your hunting duties.



Dave expounded on the Upper Peninsula Caribou Herd. The current population is estimated at about 2,700 animals this year up from 2,400 animals last year. Encouraging news as population has been level or in decline recently. Target population for the herd is in the 3,500 – 5,000 animals. The South Peninsula Herd is doing well and currently there is a tier II hunt allowed. A tier II hunt for the Upper Peninsula herd would be at the earliest 2016 or 2017.

Proposal summary			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	44		Hunting season and bag limits for Moose – remove antler restriction
support	7	0	<p>Dave Crowley updated the board on Moose status in relation to proposal 44. Current survey estimates moose at 23 calves per 100 cows in a November survey of 9B. Decades ago since moose have populated the area they boomed population wise with a sharp decline and now seems to be leveling off.</p> <p><i>Additional Comment from Chairman Randy Alvarez; This proposal was submitted by our committee</i></p>
BOG	45		Hunting season and bag limits for brown bear
support	7	0	<p>ADFG regularly does not support this type of proposal, in the past with this type of regulation allowing one bear per year the population was over harvested in the 60s and 70s. Tinny suggests the bears are having a large effect on the moose population and allowing greater harvest will enhance moose population. Lyle discusses anecdotal evidence of large bear population in Lake Clark Pass and evidence of high calf mortality rate.</p> <p>Tinny moves to amend proposal to include resident and non-resident hunters in the proposal to increase pressure on bear and decrease pressure on moose. Tim seconds motion.</p> <p><i>Additional Comment from Chairman Randy Alvarez; voted to support and amended. This proposal was submitted by our A.C. Our original intention was to include nonresidents. There is still a high population of Brown bears. There was not a predator management plan put in place, and the population of moose continues to be low because of calf predation.</i></p>
BOG	46		Hunting season and bag limits for brown bear
No comment			No comment
BOG	47 & 48		Hunting season and bag limits for caribou



support	7	0	<p>Department is neutral on proposal as they already have emergency order authority to open seasons as needed to manage game. Tim moves to amend proposal to change closure date from the 30th to the 31st of March. Lyle seconds motion.</p> <p><i>Additional Comment from Chairman Randy Alvarez; AC Voted to support and amend. The intention of the proposal was to the end of March. Amend to March 31. The population of Mulchatna Caribou is sustainable. The Limit is 2 Caribou, but the season needs to be longer because of the weather and because the migration has been later.</i></p>
BOG	49	Hunting season and bag limits for moose	
No comment			No comment
BOG	50	Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose	
No comment			No comment
BOG	51	Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose	
support	7	0	<p>Department is neutral on proposal – no clear biological concern. Lyle suggests it is better to have longer season to be shortened by the department and more hunting opportunities than to have shorter season to be lengthened by the department. Department has no harvest quota for this region.</p> <p><i>Additional Comment from Chairman Randy Alvarez; Voted to support as amended. Our committee amended the proposal to include 9B, and 9C. We voted for a season from DEC 1- JAN 15, so 17B, 17C, 9B, 9C would all be the same hunting dates.</i></p>
BOG	52	Hunting season and bag limits for moose .	
No comment			No comment
BOG	53	Permit for hunting bear with use of bait or scent lures	
oppose	0	7	<p>Tinny suggests he is not in favor of baiting bears. Scott suggests it is a safety issue as well as state regulation does not allow the movement of game carcasses. Lyle states he is not in favor of baiting or moving carcasses as proposal would allow for the reasons stated.</p> <p><i>Additional Comment from Chairman Randy Alvarez; We oppose bear baiting or scent lures. Bears would be more apt to hang around villages, causing more conflicts and D.L.P's.</i></p>
BOG	54	Salvage of game meat, furs, and hides	
support	6	1	<p>Department is opposed to proposal – no intensive management plan for unit 17. Enforcement explains that state regulation prohibits selling unless made into</p>



			crafts and may create problems if this is the only area allowed to sell bear hides and parts. Tinny doesn't support selling bear parts. Discussion on the topic, this may give locals a chance to make some money off their effort. Enforcement suggests that these type of proposals don't tend to fly at the board of game. <i>Additional Comment from Chairman Randy Alvarez; Committee supports for reason that we see no reason that residents should not be able to. For economic reason, and non-resident hunters can if their state allows it. 1 vote opposing did not think it's right.</i>
BOG	55	Trapping season and bag limits and 92.095(3). Unlawful methods of taking furbearers	
No comment			No comment
BOG	56	Trapping season and bag limits and 92.095(3). Unlawful methods of taking furbearers .	
No comment			No comment
BOG	57	Trapping season and bag limits and 92.095(3). Unlawful methods of taking furbearers	
No comment			No comment
BOG	275	Armstrong fishing sites in the Kvijack	
No comment			No comment

Date and time of next meeting: TBD – late February or March, in Nondalton for fish proposals.

Tinny moved to adjourn meeting seconded by George @ 2:30 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Lyle Wilder & Randy Alvarez

Minutes Approved By: Majority Consent

Date: 1-30-15



Copper River/PWS. AC meeting

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- Call to Order: Time by Tom Carpenter 7:00 pm.

- Roll Call Members Present: Fode, Tirrell, Carpenter, Greenwood, Baker, Hanson, Jones, King, Lohse, Collins, OBrien, Wiese, Renner.

13 present.

Members Absent: Bocci, Johnson, Nichols, Sapp.

- Fish and Game Staff Present: Game Biologist Charlotte Westing. Troopers Alex Arduser and Todd Mountain.

- Guests Present: Jim Wessel, Andy Morse, Dennis Zadra, Chris Bourgois.

New Business: Elections: Results, New or Re-elected. Name Term Expires

	Tori Baker	6-17
	Ardy Hanson	6-17
	John Bocci	6-17
	Jason Fode	6-17
	Mark King	6-17
	Dennis Zadra Alternate	6-15
	Brad Sapp, Alternate	6-15

Members still on committee: Tom Carpenter	12-15	Chair Game
Mike Collins	12-15	Secretary
John Greenwood	12-15	
Chris Johnson	12-15	



Victor Jones	12-15	
Dave O'Brien	12-15	
John Wiese	12-15	
Teal Lohse	12-16	
John Renner	12-16	Chair Fish
Troy Tirrell	12-16	

Biologist Charlotte Westing gave a presentation regarding current studies and data on several game species in Game unit 6. Very informative and much appreciated by all present.

Discussion on Board of Game issues

ACR 1

All opposed

ACR2

All support

ACR 3

All opposed

BOG

140

Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.

13 Support

0 Oppose

reason; Gives ADF&G area biologist necessary management tools.

BOG



194

Prohibit the use of hunting dogs for taking upland game birds after October 31, in Southcentral Region Units.

0 Support

13 oppose

reason; Would eliminate winter hunting with dogs. People like to hunt ptarmigan.

Reviewed board of fish proposals

BOF 245, 246, 247,248

13 Oppose

0 Support

BOF 249

11 opposed, 1 in Favor , 1 abstain

BOF 250

1 opposed, 12 support

BOF 251

All support

BOF 252

7 Support, 6 oppose

BOF 253

All 13 oppose



BOF 254

2 oppose, 11 support

They put it in there for a reason

BOF 255

1 oppose 12 support

BOF 256

No action see 255

BOF 257

13 in favor 0 oppose

BOF 258, 259, 260

13 opposed 0 support

Adjournment: 10:00 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Mike Collins



Copper River/PWS Fish & Game Advisory Committee
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- I. Call to Order: Tom Carpenter
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Baker, Carpenter, Collins, Fode, Greenwood, Hanson, Jones, King, Lohse
Obrien, Renner, Tirrell, Weise
Members Absent: bocci, Johnson, sapp
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion baker, sec king
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date....November 2014
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Westing ADF@G, Alex Arduser State troopers, Andy Morris USFS
Law Enforcement, Jim Wessel USFS Law Enforcement
- VI. Guests Present: Dennis Zadra Reg. Guide Unit 6, Chris Bourgeois
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business: 2015 elections, Unit 6 ACR proposals, Proposal 140, PWS shrimp

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	140		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.
support	13	0	Done annually, this gives ADF@G area biologist the necessary tools to conduct a antlerless hunt if conditions warrant.
BOG	141		Restrict the taking of goat for five years when a nanny is taken in Unit 6.
support	13	0	We are the authors of this proposal. We would like to see the board implement this similar language as they did in Unit 7 to stabilize the goat population's long term in Unit 6. This action is warranted due to increased take of nannies.

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
			Increased take of nannies from repeat offenders has forced closures of popular hunting areas.
BOG oppose	209		Change the bag limit for black bears in Unit 6D to one every three years.
	0	13	There are hunters who depend on black bears for subsistence, this proposal would diminish opportunity. About 75% of black bear hunters harvest one bear in their lifetime. This proposal does little to slow the current rate of harvest, and provides no new information in season to allow managers to control the hunt.
BOG support	210		Establish a registration hunt for black bears in Unit 6D.
	13	0	One of the major problems in controlling harvest in 6D is the lack of information available to managers in season. Currently, black bear hunting in 6D is managed using general harvest tickets, providing no in season information to manager regarding hunter effort. By creating a registration requirement, this will give the manager timely information to react in season when necessary.
BOG oppose	211		Modify season dates for hunting black bear in Unit 6D.
	0	13	This proposal suggests shortening the fall season. During the fall season on 25% of the total black bear harvest occurs. We do not feel this proposal will be effective in controlling harvest, and does nothing to increase pertinent information necessary to manage in season.
BOG support	212		Modify Unit 6B moose controlled use area
	13	0	We are the authors of this proposal. This is a quick fix supported by users, managers, and public safety. By adopting this specific modified language, it will alleviate an access problem during the non-motorized portion of the hunt. The cause of this problem was not man made, but rather a natural occurrence which destroyed a major access thoroughfare, erosion of the mile 36 bridge and about one mile of highway. No further modification to the current regulation involving the controlled use area is warranted outside the proposed modification as requested in this proposal.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Mike Collins
Minutes Approved By: Tom Carpenter
Date: 2-1-15



**Naknek/Kvichak Advisory Committee
Monday, December 15th
Bristol Bay Borough Chambers
Minutes**

- I. Call to Order: William(Sonny) Regan called the meeting to order at 7:13
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Richard Wilson, Brian Cato, Everett Thompson, William Regan, Ralph Zimin, Marc Watson, Joe Klutsch, Joey Klutsch and Gusty Tallekpalek

Members Absent: Fred Pike, Ryan Willson
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present: There were members of the Sport, Subsistence and commercial fisheries, also subsistence hunters and sport hunters present at the meeting. Fish and Game was present with Game Biologist David Crowley and enforcement State Trooper Skott Quist was also present.

- III. Approval of Agenda: Everett Thompson moved to approve agenda, Brian Cato 2nd. Committee voted unanimously to approve
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date.... Everett Thompson moved to approve minutes from April 16, 2014. Joey Klutsch 2nd. Unanimously in favor
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Crowley, local Game Biologist. Fish and Game inforcement Skott Quist also present
- VI. Guests Present: Alexander Tallekpalek, Troy Hamon, Pete Caruso, Annette Wilson, George Wilson Jr, Russel Phelps
- VII. Report by Richard Wilson on RAC Comments for NPS Proposed Rule: RAC Board feels the same as our Local Fish and Game Advisory Committee, that the Park already had nearly 4 Million Acres of Land that we can't hunt in. They don't have to tighten up restrictions in the Preserve where we can hunt. During the NPS Comment Period on Proposed Rule many of us individually saw the letter written by Joe Klutsh and signed on by Sonny Regan on our mutual feeling. Our Advisory Committee was in agreement with the letter and we all put our signature on letter. It was also mentioned that Troy Hamon of NPS was going to talk with Naknek Tribal Council about the matter as well because they might feel the same way.



VIII. Old Business: No old business discussed

New Business: See Actions taken below on Proposals, 44, 45, 48, and 126-135

Committee also discussed Proposal 275. Possible historical set net site Committee Tabled 275 until we get further information.

Dave Crowley spoke on the numbers of Caribou: North Alaskan Peninsula Herd up to possibly 2,700 animals. 44 bulls to 100 Cows. If upward trend continues this could lead to possible harvest as early as 2017. Southern Alaskan Peninsula herd 45/100 bull to cow ratio. He's guessing the population is 2,400. Looking for herd to be 4,000 head before hunting is allowed. Possibly a couple of years.

Poor conditions to count moose. 35/100 bull to cow ratio and objective is 40/100. (I believe he said there are 23 calves to 100 cows but I could have those numbers wrong)

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	44		Remove the antler restriction for the resident winter moose season in Unit 9B.
oppose	1	7	Richard Wilson moved to adopt, Everett Thompson 2nd. Unanimously consented to discuss. There was discussion on Cows being mistaken as Bulls and dropping the Bull/Cow ratio. Richard Wilson asked if we are at that point where it should be just subsistence hunt. Department says no and are also opposed. More discussion. 34/100 Bull to Cow ratio, still a little low but have been seeing more calves, 1-2 calves per mature cow. Brian Cato called for question. 7-1 against Prop 44
BOG	45		Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 9B.
See Comments			Brian Cato moved to adopt, Richard Wilson 2nd. Unanimously for discussion. Discussion on Proposal and Amended Proposal. Consensus that Brown Bear is managed for trophy hunts but community members can still "take care" of problem bears. B. Cato expressed outside hunters don't want to pay to shoot a 8.5' bear. Committee decided to vote on proposal in two separate parts as read and as amended. Everett Thompson called for question, Kato 2nd. We are Unanimously in Support of Prop 45 as written. On the Amended Proposal we are against, 6-2
BOG	48		Extend the resident caribou season in Units 9B and 17B.
Supports	Unanimous		Everett Thompson moved to adopt, Richard Wilson 2nd. Many remember when we could hunt until April 15th. Travel conditions are sometimes better later on. Everett Thompson called for question, Marc Watson 2nd. Committee unanimously Supports Prop 48



BOG	126	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region.	
Opposed		Unanimous	Committee likes the breakdown between Southwest and Central. We like to keep it separate and not blanketed. Committee Unanimously voted to vote on Blanket Proposals 126- 137 combined with Everett Thompson moving to vote on all in one, Marc Watson 2nd. Everett Thompson called the question on proposals 126-137. Brian Cato 2nd. Unanimously opposed to Prop 126-137 and encourage authors in the future to break down proposals into different areas.
BOG	127	Remove the meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Central/Southwest Region.	
Opposed		Unanimous	
BOG	128	Remove meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Central/Southwest Region.	
Opposed		Unanimous	
BOG	129	Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations in the Central/Southwest Region.	
Opposed		Unanimous	
BOG	130	Allow same-day airborne hunting of wolves and coyotes.	
Opposed		Unanimous	
BOG	131	Lower the bag limit for goldeneye for the Central/Southwest Region.	
Opposed		Unanimous	
BOG	132	Require harvest reporting of migratory birds by species in Central/Southwest Region Units.	
BOG	133	Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Central/Southwest Region Units.	
Opposed		Unanimous	
BOG	134	Require certification for big game hunters using crossbows in the Central/Southwest Region.	
Opposed		Unanimous	
BOG	135	Add five days to all resident hunting seasons and allocate 75% of the drawing permits to residents for the Central/Southwest Region.	
Opposed		Unanimous	
BOG	136	Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Central/Southwest Region Units.	
Opposed		Unanimous	
BOG	137	Allocate 10% sheep harvest for nonresidents in Central/Southwest Region Units.	
Opposed		Unanimous	



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Adjournment: 9:09pm

Minutes Recorded By: __Everett Thompson_____

Minutes Approved By: Pole of members 7-0 support

Members present at meeting but not able to be reached:

Gustie Tallekpalek

Richard Wilson

Date: 1-2-15

**Coastal Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee****Meeting Minutes****Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 1:00 pm**For info contact Holly Carroll at 543-1677, holly.carroll@alaska.govCALL TO ORDER TIME: **1:06** by Chair: **Raymond Oney**

ROLL CALL/ MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clifford Kaganak, Sr.(Scammon Bay), Raymond Oney, Dominica Strongheart (Nunam Iqua), John Lamont, Eric Olsen Sr (Hooper Bay), Edward Adams (Nunam Iqua)NUMBER NEEDED FOR QUORUM: 4 QUORUM PRESENT: **Yes**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **Agenda approved with no amendments**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: **provided in packet, already approved**

FISH AND GAME STAFF PRESENT: Stephanie Schmidt, Summer Season Yukon Area Manager, Comm. Fish; Fred Bue Inseason Federal Manager, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Fairbanks; Patrick Jones, Area Wildlife Biologist, ADFG.

GUESTS PRESENT: Evan Polty, Martin Kelly, Ray Robert Meyers (Pilot Station),

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

NEW BUSINESS:

BOF: Voted on proposals 273 and 274 with unanimous support for both.

BOG: proposal 205 supported with amended language, see box below.

BOG: Proposal 201- opposed unanimously

Discussion of any other proposals the group may want to write:

Next meeting, call of the chair and any fish proposals need to be written by March 10 and notify the chair.

OTHER BUSINESS: none

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description- ON-TIME DEADLINE FOR THESE DECEMBER 26TH	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	273	Allow drift gillnet subsistence fishing after July 15 for harvest of summer chum	
support	5	0	Area manager explained the official department position is not fully developed but it could be a good tool to provide chum salmon harvest opportunity. Member from Emmo felt that it was a good opportunity for people to get their subsistence harvest, and they discussed that it would be a decision for the manager at their discretion based on sufficient run abundance. Motion passes unanimously.
BOF	274	Allow subsistence fish wheel fishermen in the Yukon Area to retain king salmon when some harvest is justified based on inseason run assessment.	
Support	5	0	
BOG	205	Allow taking of incident or stranded musk ox on ice flow in unit 18	
	6	0	Patrick Jones suggested changing the language to include all Alaska residents, and to show some burden of proof like a photo of the stranded island to be

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BOG	201		Salvage of game meat, furs and hides.
Support	0	6	Motion opposed unanimously.

Adjourn Time: 2:31 pm

Minutes Recorded By: *Holly Carroll*_Regional Coordinator____

Minutes Approved By: Chair Ray Oney____

Date: _____1/20/15_____



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**RECEIVED****JAN 30 2015****BOARDS
ANCHORAGE****Kenai/Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call to Order: Time by Mike Crawford
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: [Mike Crawford, Bob Ermold, Mike Hamrick, Dyer Vandever, Michelle, Andrew Carmichael, Pegge Erkeneff, Monty Roberts, Dick Dykema, Christine Brandt, Paul Shadura.
Members Absent: 0
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:6
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date....
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Selinger, Area Biologist, ADF & G
- VI. Guests Present: Ted and Elaina Spraker
- VII. Old Business:none
- VIII. New Business: Discussion about the recent federal subsistence regulation that allows gillnetting in the Kenai and Kasilof Rivers. The AC unanimously voted to support the writing of a letter to the Federal Subsistence Board stating our opposition to this.

This space may be used to record minutes.

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
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BOG	91		Add all of Unit 13D to mountain goat registration hunt RG580.
Oppose	2	10	Support- provides more opportunity. Oppose – It could lead to over harvest of the resource, but we like the idea of additional hunting opportunity when it is biologically sound.
BOG	93		Allow the taking of brown bear over bait in Unit 11 and 13.
Support	11	1	Support - This allows for more opportunity for hunting brown bears in an area that has a healthy, viable brown bear population. Oppose – Against baiting in



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			general.
BOG	94		Open a fall season for hunting brown and black bear over bait in Unit 13D.
Amend and Support	8	4	Amended to change the dates from Sept 21 st to Oct 20 th . This separates baiting from moose season so that any bait used could not be construed as something to attract moose. Support – provides additional hunter opportunity. Oppose – one person opposes baiting, the others felt that if proposal 93 passes, this would be too much opportunity and wanted to guard against both 93 and 94 passing.
BOG	95		Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan, shorten the season, and add a no-hunt corridor along the roads in Unit 13B.
Oppose	1	11	Support – too many birds taken. Oppose – It actually expands the season and we are unsure of the consequences of having the season open during the mating season in the spring. Birds are more vulnerable then.
BOG	99		Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B.
Support	12	0	We support the Departments reauthorization.
BOG	100		Allow brown bear to be taken over bait in Unit 14B.
Amend and Support	11	1	Amended the salvage requirement. Would like the salvage requirement of brown bears that are taken over bait to be consistent across the state, whatever that may be. No variation between units. Support – Increased hunting opportunity in a unit with a healthy viable bear population. Oppose – against baiting brown bears in general.
BOG	101		Review and modify the Unit 16 predation control plan.
Support	12	0	We support the department's plan.
BOG	104		Open a general hunt with no closed season and no bag limit for beaver in Unit 16B.
Support	8	2	Support – in favor of increased opportunity in an area where it sounds like beavers are at an almost problematic level. Opposed- The proposal didn't identify a salvage requirement. After further discussion, the group supporting the proposal stated that they assumed that there would be a salvage requirement similar to those of the units that allow shooting beaver under the trapping regulations. They wanted this assumption noted for the Board.

In addition to these proposals, there was discussion about proposals 207 and 208, and possibly any others addressing sheep hunting. The Kenai/Soldotna Fish and Game Advisory Committee requests that the BOG set up a public work group to discuss all the sheep hunting proposals as a cluster so that they can work towards a single resolution that will address all the issues of concern. The AC was unanimous in deciding to put forth this request.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Bob Ermold

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 1/30/15