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Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee**January 28, 2015 - MTA Building in Palmer****RECEIVED****JAN 30 2015****BOARDS
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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 Griese, 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.

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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



Mat Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
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MTA Building - Palmer

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- I. Call to Order: 7:06 pm by Jehnifer Ehmann, Chair
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Jehnifer Ehmann, Terry Nininger, Andy Couch, Stephen Bartelli, Mike Buirge, Dave Young, Dan Montgomery, Tony Jones, Bill Folsom, Israel Payton, Mel Grove

Members Absent: Tom Deland - excused, Herman Griese - excused, Jeff Tuttle - excused, Randy Talvi -excused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 - 11 members present
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with amendment to add BOG/BOF representation as an item and also to reconsider proposals 207 and 208. Mike Buirge also wanted to discuss a proposed fee increase. Proposals 192, 193, 195 removed from agenda as action has already occurred by BOG. 2nd by Tony Jones. Approved without objection.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA email vote to approve 1/21/15 minutes.
- V. Fish and Game Staff / DPS Present:
Gino DelFrate- ADF&G Area 2 Game, Sam Ivey -- ADF&G fish biologist, Fish & Wildlife Troopers Jimmy Lindberg and Brent Johnson.

Guests Present: Neil Dewitt - Anchorage AC, Bruce Morgan - Candidate for BOF, Birch Yuknis.
- VII. Old Business:
 - a. Persons to be heard:

Bruce Morgan: Former chair Anchorage AC - seeking position on BOF. received a vote of support and letter of recommendation from the Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee concerning his seeking this position. Anchorage Business owner and believes there should be another representative for personal use and sport fishing interests on the Board of Fisheries, hopefully someone from in the Cook Inlet Area. Interested in escapements first and maintaining the fisheries. Israel asked Bruce about a proposal he had written which would require electronic sport recording of king salmon harvest within 24 hours. Bruce said, ADF&G did not feel they had the budget and data was already good enough. Mel asked Bruce if he at one time was interested in federal management of Alaska fish in Cook Inlet. Bruce answered that he had raised the question if there is endangered species issues that could mandate some changes in management because of the extreme shortage of Kenai River king salmon. Jehnifer thanked Bruce for putting his name forward and said that there are currently 8 - 10 people putting their names forward. Jehnifer said she was going to let other people know they could come speak to the Matanuska Valley AC in regards to the AC taking a position.

Andy Couch made a motion that the AC write a letter to the Governor stating we feel in order to maintain balance on the Board of Fisheries that another member should have a personal use / sport fishery back ground. 2nd By Bill Folsom. Unanimously approved 9-0-0.

New Business:

Dan Montgomery gave a report on the recent BOG actions. I could not keep up with all that actions taken -- but Dan also provided a tabulated report. Proposal 71 still on March agenda.



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	# Support	# Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	148	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C.	
SEE MINUTES FROM MEETING 1/28/15			
BOG	149	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C.	
S	11	0	Proposal 149 would reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in the Twenty Mile / Place drainages of 14 C. According to Gino ADF&G is wanting to keep the hunt going. Conditions can change rapidly for this hunt. Andy asked what the Department objectives were for Twenty Mile /Portage. Jehnifer read from a Department data sheet. Gino mentioned how many permits ADF&G was anticipating giving. Motion to approve proposal 149 passed unanimously 11-0-0.
BOG	150	Establish an antlerless moose drawing permit hunt for physically disabled residents in Kincaid Park, Unit 14C.	
O	2	9	Proposal 150 would establish an antlerless moose hunt for disabled residents in Kincaid Park. Dan asked if a hunt could be conducted in Kincaid Park. Gino mentioned that ADF&G had received a letter from the Municipality of Anchorage saying the Municipality would not allow a moose hunt to occur in Kincaid Park. ADF&G supports concept. Steve Bartelli supports having a hunt in the Municipality but all residents should have an opportunity to harvest not just disabled. If firearms at an issue Steve mentioned this hunt could be opened to archery or some other special weapons. Jehnifer pointed out that if this hunt is pursued caution and sensitivity need to be given to ensure non-hunting users who recreate in the park are not brought to a position of anti-hunting. She supports expanded opportunities to hunt especially if the resource is available but would like to see hunters exercise understanding and ethics so that the perception of hunting is not damaged. She is concerned that the proposed gain of a couple permits does not outweigh the potential for user group conflicts within this particular area in addition to its close proximity to a population center. Mike felt like it is a can of worms with a large population nearby. Terry mentioned that we do not want to antagonize people particularly joggers and hikers for possibly just a few moose permits. According to Gino any new hunt in Anchorage is controversial. ADF&G's fall estimate was about 10 -12 animals, but moose may be moving in and out of this area. Steve Bartelli tired of worrying about everyone's feelings all the time however he feels that this might not be a good fight to start on. Bill Folsom mentioned traffic with hikers, skiers, dog walkers could create a large uproar over a hunt in this area. Mel felt if there are surplus moose that can be harvested then a harvest should be allowed. Motion failed 2-9-0.



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Supports or Opposes?	# Support	# Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	151	Change the any sheep bag limit for Unit 14C to any ram, for draw hunts DS140, DS141, DS240 and DS241.	
F	5	6	Proposal 151 would change the bag limit for archery hunts from any sheep to any ram. Population has remained stable since about 2007 although the population had previously been considerably higher. Dan favored the proposal. Mel favored maintaining status quo as population can allow some harvest of female sheep just as moose hunts can allow some harvest of females. Mel had participated but did not harvest a ewe. Israel participated and did not take a ewe. Steve planned to oppose as he knew someone who drew a permit that he felt would be tickled by any animal to harvest. Andy favored allowing some harvest of ewes which at present is a small number of animals especially if it is a persons first big game animal. Jehnifer supports the proposal that would change to any ram as sheep populations statewide seem to be in a decline and if in this area the habitat can support a larger population and not taking of ewe's has the potential to grow the population she feels it should be changed to any ram. Committee fairly divided. Motion failed 5-6-0.
BOG	152	Establish a resident only sheep hunt area in Chugach State Park, Unit 14C.	
F	0	11	Proposal 152 would designate 14C as an area open to sheep hunting by residents only with exception of the Governor's permit. Steve opposes. Dan opposes as number of nonresidents is already significantly reduced. Motion failed unanimously 0-11-0.
BOG	153	Limit the number of next of kin nonresident sheep tags in Unit 14C.	
O	1	10	Proposal 153 would create a next of kin rifle tag and a next of kin archery tag with an allocation of only one tag per each hunt. Some people feel that nonresident tags may not be getting used if drawn by non-guided hunters. This seems like a way of creating a guided hunt without calling it that. Jehnifer read some ADF&G information on how many unguided nonresident participate already. Dan spoke in favor mentioning that the nonresident unguided allocation would actually go up with this new proposal. Andy mentioned that more nonresidents could likely participate if more of them were unguided with a lower success rate. Motion opposed 1-10-0.
BOG	154	Increase the number of nonresident goat drawing permits on Unit 14C.	
F	2	8 Abstentions: 1	Proposal 154 would increase the number of nonresident drawing permits in DG852, DG854, DG858 by one permit annually to guided non resident hunters. This would likely take away from allocation to non-guided nonresidents. If harvests increase according to ADF&G number of permits go down. Motion failed 2-8-1.

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BOG	155	Add a drawing permit hunt for black bears within the JBER Management Area in Unit 14C.	
S	11	0	Proposal 155 would create a new black bear hunt on JBER Management Area. ADF&G has already been in discussion with JBER management about this hunt. Sounds like a good idea to our AC. Motion passed unanimously 11-0-0.
BOG	194	Prohibit the use of hunting dogs for taking upland game birds after October 31, in Southcentral Region Units.	
F	0	11	Proposal 194 would not prohibit upland bird hunting with dogs after October 31. Mike absolutely opposes proposal. Motion opposed 0-11-0. Dog owners should be allowed to hunt with their animals after October 31.

Motion to have Dan Montgomery represent the AC at the upcoming Southcentral BOG meeting. 2nd. Motion passed with no objections.

Further discussion on **Proposal 207** previously opposed by the AC. This proposal would disallow use of aircraft to sport sheep may not be allowed. Increase hours before allowing hunting after aircraft use. The majority of public participation in previous AC meetings was opposed to these proposals to further restrict hunters using aircraft. Spotting portion from aircraft is unenforceable. Otherwise this regulation may totally prohibit recreational flying during sheep season. How can a distinction be made between a recreational flyer and a sheep hunter? Same day airborne rule has been in effect for 50 years and works fine as is. Motion opposed unanimously 0-11-0.

Further discussion on **Proposal 208** previously opposed by the AC. Status Quo is the preferred option of Israel and Dan. The problem with this proposal is it is not specific. If the Board received a similar proposal from the public how would the Board choose from a multiple guess proposal. It was suggested that ADF&G manage sheep from a specific management plan. If a change needs to be addressed by a proposal each proposal should address only one issue. Motion opposed unanimously. 0-11-0.

INSERTED MINUTES 1/21/15 MVAC MEETING WITH NOTES ON PROPOSALS 207 & 208

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 0-14-0

BOF Statewide Shellfish proposal comments

Proposals 258, 259, and 260. Birch Yuknis is in favor of all of these proposals, as the number of recreational users far exceeds the number of commercial operators and there is simply not enough shrimp for large commercial harvests. Mel was opposed to the opening of commercial shrimping, but now sees more people getting into it, and does not want to see this taken away. According to Sam Ivey with ADF&G the current allocation is 40% commercial fishery and 60% sport. Note if the threshold of 100, 000 harvestable surplus shrimp is not available only the sport shrimping is available. Birch says the problem he sees is that when the commercial operators comes through with large numbers of pots the number of available shrimp decreases dramatically. Steve reported that other people's pots are sometimes raided. Law enforcement agreed that there is considerable robbing of pots some by sport users as well. Mel mentioned that the commercial area is shifted on a 3 year rotation. Bill wondered what type of monitoring of the commercial user there is. Sam said the sport people have a permit and report at the end of the season most commercial fisheries report on a more regular basis but he did not know specifics about this fishery. Law enforcement said that they did not know of a lot of enforcement effort on shellfish but specifically mentioned they focus heavily on salmon. Bill's point was that both commercial and sport fisheries may be managed more on an honor system than through concerted effort. Dan made an amendment to close commercial fishing in Area 1. 2nd by Steve. Mel mentioned that closing just one area to commercial harvest would put more commercial effort in the other areas. Steve mentioned that he would like to restrict commercial fishing to just Area 1 and then he the sport could fish the other areas. Most years both gear groups have been harvesting near their GHs, according to Sam. Andy Couch mentioned that he would likely be doing nothing from the information he had on hand. Amendment failed 0-10-1. Proposals 258, 259, 260 as written- Motion failed 0-4-7.

Proposal 251 and 253 is opposed by Birch Yuknis. No action by the Advisory Committee for lack of a knowledge of how to address the issue.

Proposal 244 would create a 60 clam bag limit on the West side of Cook Inlet. Harvest has been prohibited this year on the Eastside of Cook Inlet. According to Sam Ivey with ADF&G About 98% of the clam harvest on the westside has been commercial at this point. There may likely be some kind of increase in sport effort on the westside of Cook Inlet. No current biological issue. Terry opposes as he feels if there are so many clams currently on the westside we should continue to allow sport harvests to continue. Law enforcement mention was that when the bag limit is decreased clams are high-graded and more smaller ones left. Motion opposed 0-11-0.

Motion to have Terry Nininger represent the AC at the statewide BOF meeting. Motion passed without objection.

Mike Buirge talked about license and tag fee increases being proposed information to be sent out by Jehnifer.

Next Advisory meeting scheduled for April 1, 7 p.m at MTA in Palmer. To work on already written statewide proposals for BOG and Statewide BOF on April 10.

AOC annual meeting is coming up March 6 in Juneau this year according to Mel with a chance to meet with valley legislators.

Dave asked if there are other positions available on the Advisory Committee there are currently 2 spots available. Dave wanted to know if we would want to fill those two spots. Jehnifer said the AC could vote on new members with 2 weeks of public notice.

Dan mentioned that proposals 106 and 107 dealt with any ram hunts and that the Board of Game left the hunts as is.

Several members thanked the wildlife troopers and Sam Ivey for attending.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch

Adjournment: 10:32pm

**Cooper Landing Advisory Committee
November 28, 2014
Community Building**

- I. Meeting was called to order by George Heim, Chair at 6:35 pm
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: George Heim, Ed Holsten, Mike Adams,

Members Absent Excused: John Pearson, Gerald Neis

Members Absent Unexcused: Billy Coulliette, Alex Kime

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

Approval of Agenda moved unanimously
- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes was done.
- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Sherry Wright
- V. Guests Present: Dan Wright, Theo Lexmond
- VI. Old Business: None
- VII. New Business: Election of members and officers

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George Heim, Ed Holsten and Theo Lexmond were elected for 2 ½ year seats.
Mike Adams was elected as ½ year alternate.

NPS subsistence hunts – We are a subsistence community and it was considered important. Park land is not considered traditional hunting for Cooper Landing. Lake Clark, Kenai Fjords would be a couple of park lands that would be effected. The committee needs more information on what process took place and how to submit comments. Kenai Fjords National Park headquarters office is in Seward, so they should be able to provide information about how to submit comments. Moved by Robert, 2nd by Ed to send this comment “ We’re opposed to the restrictions based on the process exists for communicating between state and federal agencies, decisions like these should follow that process so that informed decisions can be made.” Robert will make sure the comment gets to the NPS.

Prepare comments on BOG Southcentral Region meeting

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG 149			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C.
Support	5	0	The committee would like to allow the biologists the flexibility in management.
BOG 156			Shorten the moose seasons in Unit 15.
Oppose	0	5	This would be a substantial reduction in opportunity to harvest. Anything that reduces our chance at harvesting a moose is opposed. There is concern of hunting during the rut and warmer temperatures may create more spoilage.
BOG 157			Change the general bull moose season dates in Unit 15 to September 1-30
No vote			This later hunt may be good, but also may push into the rut.
BOG 158			Open a nonresident moose season in Unit 15C.
No action			Why would they not allow nonresident hunting currently? There is limited harvest. This may impact subsistence hunting. Nonresidents would have a higher success rate due to required.
BOG 159			Open nonresident moose drawing hunt in Unit 15.
No action			Based on Prop 160
BOG 160			Open a nonresident moose season in Unit 15C or implement predator control.
Opposed	0	5	Looking at the biological resources here, if we allow a nonresident season, those who have C&T in the area, may be shooting themselves in the foot. ADF&G has the biology to keep the numbers within their objectives. The current management plan is working.
BOG 161			Change the bag limit for moose in Units 7 and 15 to 50-inch antlers with three or more brow tines.
Support	3	2	Based on current situation with the bull cow ratio, changing to a three brow tine could jeopardize, especially for non-experienced hunter, will need to look carefully in harvest. The larger bulls need to be protected. Flexibility in restrictions will allow opportunity to harvest. It may be in subsistence hunters best interest to keep the regulation as is.
BOG 164			Open seven day archery seasons for moose following the general seasons in Units 7 and 15
Opposed	1	4	It's a late season hunt, so there is concern about hunting through the rut. Additional harvest on low moose populations would also be a concern. Following the general season, there is a late rut and moose get stupid during the rut, which may cause over-harvest. With no rifle hunters in the field, moose may also be less wary. One member remembered a late season archery hunt on sheep that the animals were still pretty wary and difficult to find.
BOG			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
168			
Support	5	0	Same reasons as Prop 148. Ability in the coming year putting in a new proposal that could be used for subsistence hunting.
BOG 169			Open a nine day, resident archery season in August for Dall sheep in Units 7, 14C and 15.
No vote.			The number of harvestable full curl are not there. Would opposed due to being on the river tying flies at that time. It would probably be a great hunt though.
BOG 170			Modify of the harvest management strategy for Kenai Peninsula brown bears, Units 7 and 15.
No action			The idea of setting up areas so that pressure in remote areas is reduced. Prefer Prop 171. No action due to action on Prop 171
BOG 171			Modify the brown bear harvest management strategy on the Kenai Peninsula, Units 7 and 15.
Support	4	0	Front country and back country would have different limits. This allows harvest in urban areas where bears can be problematic. The amount of bears harvested would not be changed. It may have an inadvertent effect of closing out a hunt earlier, due to more accessible bears taken closing out the harvest. This will be well regulated, due to being a registration hunt. Part of the benefit would be to allow more harvest, rather than more DLP kills. 1 abstention due to would like to see more data on bear population survey and distribution.
BOG 172			Lengthen the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15 and remove the meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait.
Opposed	0	5	Not that stoked about taking brown bear over bait, but definitely not excited about not salvaging meat. The distance from residents for bait stations can be problematic.
BOG 173			Remove meat salvage requirements for taking brown bear over bait in the Southcentral Region.
No action			Based on action on Prop 172
BOG 174			Remove meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Southcentral Region.
No action			Based on action on Prop 172
BOG 175			Shorten the season and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.
Support	5	0	Based on knowledge, populations are down, reducing season and bag limits is a good idea. Also concern of getting into the mating season in early spring.
BOG 176			Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.
No action			Based on action on Prop 176
BOG			Shift to an earlier opening date for beaver trapping in Units 7 and 15.

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177			Checking traps when the ice is not fully frozen could be a problem. A person could set close to shore line. This would not make the season any longer. Trappers have discussed this issue many times. Quality of the pelt is the determining factor. Open water doesn't warrant earlier opening. In years when there is warmer weather you can set in open water anyway.
BOG 178			Require trap identification in Units 7 and 15.
Support	5	0	Refuge requires some type of identification to enable the permit. It's possible that this could help enforcement if people are neglecting their trapline. You can get your trap ID when you pick up your registration.
BOG 179			Establish a trapper identification numbering system for Units 7 and 15.
No action			Trap identification is already taking care of registration issues. No action based on Prop 178.
BOG 180			Restrict trapping in the Cooper Landing area.
Support	5	0	Most people know the process that went into developing this proposal. This requires 250 foot set backs in certain areas. A committee was formed in Cooper Landing and through the discussions previous proposals were turned down. Specifics would be helpful with supporting testimony at the Board meeting. Fairbanks has two voluntary areas that are no trapping (not regulatory, more of a gentlemen's agreement). The two areas are quite a ways from Fairbanks. Concern of restrictions just being the tip of the iceberg were expressed. The Cooper Landing committee after much discussion and maps laid out specific areas, that are primarily an off set of 250 feet in certain areas. There was a lot of diversity in the group that met. The problem isn't local trappers as much as others coming in to the area, but living somewhere else. A map that outlines the area is needed for clarifying and perhaps allaying some of the concerns expressed by trappers. One concern was if this would impact any water traps. Conibear traps have taken dogs, snare traps have caught dogs. Concern of these types of regulations expanding is a valid concern, but much of what is being asked is common sense that is not always followed (based on the Trapper's code of ethics).
BOG 181			Restrict trapping in the Seward and Moose Pass areas.
Support	3	0	Exact same proposals as 180 but in Seward and Moose Pass areas. Referenced comments on Prop 180. 2 abstained due to lack of knowledge of those areas.
BOG 182			Prohibit the taking of big game from boats in Units 7 and 15 in coastal or estuarine waters, with an exception for persons with disabilities.
No action			Some of the areas are inaccessible without a boat, but concern of wounded animals in steep terrain is warranted.

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BOG 184			Begin resident sheep seasons seven days earlier than nonresident seasons in the Southcentral Region.
No action			No action based on Prop 190.
BOG 185			Begin resident sheep seasons seven days earlier than nonresidents in Units 7, 14, and 15.
No action			No action based on Prop 190.
BOG 186			Limit nonresident sheep hunts in the Southcentral Region with shorter seasons, drawing permits, or other methods.
No action			No action based on Prop 190.
BOG 187			Allow a maximum of 10% of nonresident sheep hunt participation for the Southcentral Region.
No action			Based on action on Prop 197.
BOG 188			Limit sheep harvest by nonresidents to 10% of total harvest in Units 7, 14, and 15.
No action			Based on action on Prop 197.
BOG 189			Limit allocation of nonresident sheep permits to 10% in the Southcentral Region Units.
No action			Based on action on Prop 197.
BOG 190			Allocate 10% sheep harvest for nonresidents in Southcentral Region Units.
No action			Based on action on Prop 197.
BOG 191			Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Southcentral Region Units.
Support	0	5	The trade off between felt or sticky soles and studs is just that – it's a trade off. There is enough concern of someone hunting somewhere that has Elodea and transporting that from lake to lake that this is warranted.
BOG 194			Prohibit the use of hunting dogs for taking upland game birds after October 31, in Southcentral Region Units.
Oppose	0	5	Disagree with this. This may be a trapper that doesn't want dogs in the field, but it's everybody's resource.
BOG 195			Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations in Southcentral Region Units.
Oppose	0	5	This proposal is too vague – what is meant by removal of all contaminants? If there were particles of donuts, would they have to remove the soil. This goes from one extreme to the other – the real issue is cleaning up the existing regulatory language.

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BOG 196			Add five days to all resident hunting seasons and allocate 75% of the drawing permits to residents in the Southcentral Region.
No action			No action based on Prop 197.
BOG 197			Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Southcentral Region Units.
Support	5	0	Natural resources should go to the residents of Alaska in the first hand.

Next meeting tentatively mid-February to discuss shellfish BOF proposals.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Sherry Wright
 Minutes Approved By: George Heim
 Date: 12/2/2014

Susitna Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee meeting minutes for December 11, 2014 meeting

Meeting convened 6:35 pm Sheep Creek Lodge

Members Present: Steve Runyan, Gus Gustafson, Bruce Knowles, Steve Schaffer, Ted Schachle, Mike Wood

Members Absent Excused: Billy Fitzgerald, Robert Meals, Israel Mahay

Gus moves to adopt agenda, Ted 2nd

Approved unanimous

Minutes from November approved unanimous

Information forms for AC members handed out from Department wildlife biologists

Discussion of cow hunts. Reason given for Anchorage AC's decision to not authorize cow hunts is that there was a misprint of information concerning population of the 20 mile cow herd. Information is now current and correct. Biologists testified that Unit 14C is currently at the low end of the objective, and biologists want it to stay there. Steve Runyan mentioned that authorizing the hunts does not mean they will be prosecuted; it gives the board the option to reauthorize, and Fish and Game still has authority to stop the hunts or not conduct them if population numbers don't support a hunt.

Gus moves to reauthorize 14c moose cow hunts. 2nd by Mike Wood. Unanimous pass.

Discussion of moose in units 14 B and A. Moose objective in 14A is 6500, pop is 8500. Cow hunts are a necessary means to check the population and allow more residents opportunity to harvest moose for meat. AM435 is a useful tool for lowering spot populations as well as overall population of the unit, with 80% hunter success rate.

Funding will soon be an issue, so prepare for fewer and less comprehensive surveys this coming year.

14A has several issues regarding its moose population; large are habitat and social issues of harvesting moose near homes.

Motion to reauthorize Cow hunts in 14A and 14B. Unanimous pass.

Discussion of predator control in 16B and 16A. Appears successful; in 16B North no wolves or tracks sighted in surveys. 35:100 calves/cows, 70:100 Bull/cow in 16B

Department may ask board to drop 16 out of intensive management. They feel the measures on bears have not been effective in meeting their goals, and thus are ineffective. Numbers being

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harvested are not high enough to have the desired effect. Member observations in the field differed with that report.

Old business concluded.

Bruce Knowles- discussion on subcommittees; fish, game and trapping

Steve Schafer chairs trapping subcommittee

Gus Gustafson chairs hunt subcommittee

Steve Runyan chairs fish subcommittee.

Meeting adjourned

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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.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
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

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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

This space may be used to record minutes.

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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 support	140 13	0	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C. Done annually, this gives ADF@G area biologist the necessary tools to conduct a antlerless hunt if conditions warrant.
BOG support	141 13	0	Restrict the taking of goat for five years when a nanny is taken in Unit 6. 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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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 0	 13	Change the bag limit for black bears in Unit 6D to one every three years. 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 13	 0	Establish a registration hunt for black bears in Unit 6D. 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 0	 13	Modify season dates for hunting black bear in Unit 6D. 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 13	 0	Modify Unit 6B moose controlled use area 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

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Jan. 13, 2015
NERRS Building, Homer, AK.

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- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by chair Dave Lyons at 6:05 PM.
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Dave Lyon (Chair), Tom Young (Vice Chair), George Matz (Secretary), Tom Hagberg, Gus Van Dyke, Doug Malone, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Marvin Peters, Joey Allred, Ty Gates, Michael Craig, Dennis Wade, Gary Sinnhuber.
Members Absent Excused: NA
Members Absent: Hannah Heimbuch
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previously approved by email
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Thomas McDonough, Jeff Selinger, Jan Rumble, Sean Farley, and Sherry Wright
- VI. Guests Present: Beaver Nelson, Gus Van Dyke, Jason Herreman
- VII. Old Business:
Sherry Wright, Boards Section, gave a briefing of the recent BOG work session where they decided to change from a 2 year to 3 year cycle (which the Homer AC opposed). As a result, there will not be a BOG meeting on Southcentral Region issues until four years from now. Sherry also handed out a draft proposal (RC 19) that the BOG is working in regarding Dall sheep hunting regs. There are a number of proposals in the current proposal book which address this issue. It was noted that the BOG draft addresses several issues in one proposal, which is not considered acceptable for proposals submitted by the public.
- VIII. New Business:
Jan Rumble, Comm Fish Area Management Biologist, described the Pollock experiment that her office is working on. This experiment is to determine if state waters can provide a smaller harvest of Pollock than would be of interest to local fisherman rather than the large trawlers, thereby creating a fishery that has a less expensive entry level for new and aspiring fisherman. She said the experiment was allocated a catch of 22,000 pounds in waters off of Kachemak Bay and that in eight trips so far they caught 15,000 pounds. ADF&G biologists have also been monitoring chinook bycatch, a major issue with trawl fleets. They caught 34 chinook of which 32 were successfully released with two as mortality. Apparently, more development is needed.

Elections. We had 8 persons interested in the 7 seats available this year (5 due to term expiration and 2 resignations due to moving as well as 2 alternate seats). Those elected to full terms are Jim Meesis, Doug Malone, Joey Allred Jr., Thomas Hagberg, and Michael Craig. Those

elected to 1 year vacant seats are Philip Jones and Nancy Hillstrand. Hanna Heimbuch was elected to an alternate seat.

The current officers, Chair Dave Lyon, Vice-chair Tom Young, and Secretary George Matz were reelected to their positions.

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	68		Change the CSH group size definition to "25 or more households".
	14	1	The CSH permit process is being abused by allowing permits for those who shouldn't qualify based on the original concept.
BOG	136		Allocate 90% of big game drawing permits to residents for Central/Southwest Region Units.
			After much discussion on this proposal, which generally favors the concept, and learning that the BOG has a similar proposal in the works, the motion was withdrawn with the understanding that the proposal will be considered again at the next AC meeting so that we base our decision on current information.
			SOUTHCENTRAL REGION PROPOSAL COMMENTS FOLLOW
BOG	140		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.
BOG	141		Restrict the taking of goat for five years when a nanny is taken in Unit 6.
	14	0,1	This approach has worked in other GMU's because of the risk of losing an opportunity to hunt goats for five years. It has raised awareness of the issue and resulted in better identification.
BOG	157		Change the general bull moose season dates in Unit 15 to September 1-30
			After much discussion on this and similar proposals, the motion was withdrawn until we have an opportunity to see proposal that staff is working on. The Homer AC supports the concept and would like to see seasons in other Southcentral GMU's the same as GMU 15.
BOG	168		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.
	13	0,1	The AC supports that cow moose need to be harvested in order to keep the population within winter carrying capacity and without harvesting more bulls that could lead to an unacceptably low bull:cow. Also provides more opportunity for meat hunters.
BOG	169		Open a nine day, resident archery season in August for Dall sheep in Units 7, 14C and 15.
	0	14,0	Sheep are already under nonsustainable pressure without adding more pressure. There is no surplus hunting opportunity.
BOG	170		Modify of the harvest management strategy for Kenai Peninsula brown bears, Units 7 and 15.
			Although the AC generally favors #170, the motion was withdrawn after we learned that staff is rewriting proposal 171 which would be more consistent

			conceptually with #170. Proposal will be taken up again when the new staff proposal can be reviewed.
BOG	175		Shorten the season and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.
			See #176
BOG	176		Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.
	14	0,0	<p>This proposal is needed because nonsustainable harvest of ptarmigan has been occurring in the Caribou Hills for years, particularly during the spring when deep snow provides easy snowmachine access. As a result, ptarmigan populations in the area have been severely overharvested and depleted. The AC unanimously supported amendments to this proposal which would;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Change the season from Aug 10-March 31 to Sept 1-March 1. It was felt that chicks have not yet matured by the current opening date. Also, an earlier closing date would limit excessive harvest via snowmachine. 2. Include spruce grouse to the proposal so that their season, bag limit, and possession limit is the same as ptarmigan. 3. Apply this proposal to all of 15C, not just the Caribou Hills. 4. Allow a season possession limit of 20 for ptarmigan as well as spruce grouse.
BOG	178		Require trap identification in Units 7 and 15.
	13	1,0	<p>Before submitting this proposal, the Homer AC worked with local trappers to see if there was a way to avoid some of the controversy with trapping on locally used trails (e.g. pets being caught) without losing the opportunity to trap. Trappers did not want their names on the traps or trail they use because of possible harassment. They did support, however, having an anonymous identification system. They felt that this system would also help identify stolen traps, which is a bigger problem for some than harassment. This proposal is contingent on #179 which authorizes ADF&G to establish an anonymous identification system.</p> <p>The vote against was by a trapper who doesn't want law enforcement damaging his sets while checking to see if traps have identification tags. It was pointed out that the proposal allows the trapper the choice of either putting a tag on the trap or having a sign within fifty yards of the trap.</p>
BOG	179		Establish a trapper identification numbering system for Units 7 and 15.
	13	1,0	This proposal needs to be considered with #178 and should be approved first. Authorization of an identification system is essential to what is trying to be achieved.
BOG	182		Prohibit the taking of big game from boats in Units 7 and 15 in coastal or estuarine waters, with an exception for persons with disabilities.
	14	0,0	The Homer AC believes this prohibition is needed to avoid overharvesting black bears because of the ease of hunting from a boat as well as greater possibility of not being able to retrieve an animal because of difficulties in coming ashore or not finding it when ashore. While it may be difficult to enforce, most people tend to obey regulations even of enforcement may be questionable.
BOG	183		Create a management area for Kachemak Bay in Unit 15C.
			Motion withdrawn until there is a better idea as to how this proposal offers something that doesn't already exist within current authorities of the respective

			agencies.
BOG	191		Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Southcentral Region Units.
	14	0,0	The AC sees no reason for making this exception.
BOG	192		Require harvest reporting of migratory birds by species in Southcentral Region Units.
	13	0,1	The AC believes that reporting harvest data is needed for sustainable management. Seaduck populations are in decline and this data, which is not currently available, will help rectify the situation. An amendment was approved that daily harvest reports be required.

Thomas Hagberg was approved to represent the Homer AC at the BOG meeting where these proposals will be decided on.

Adjournment: 9:15

Minutes Recorded By: George Matz
 Minutes Approved By: Committee at February meeting.
 Date: 2/10/2015

Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Feb. 10, 2015
NERRS Building, Homer, AK.

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- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by chair Dave Lyons at 6:05 PM.
- II. Roll Call:
 Members Present: Dave Lyon (Chair), Tom Young (Vice Chair), George Matz (Secretary), Tom Hagberg, Nancy Hillstrand, Doug Malone, Jim Meesis, Marvin Peters, Joey Allred, Ty Gates, Michael Craig, Dennis Wade, Hannah Heimbuch, Phillip Jones.
 Members Absent Excused: NA
 Members Absent: Lee Martin, Gary Sinnhuber
 Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
 List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previously approved by email
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Thomas McDonough, Jeff Selinger, Jason Herreman, Sean Farley, Gino DelFrate, Carol Kerkvlitt, Mike Booz,
- VI. Guests Present: Beaver Nelson, Chuck Wool, Wesley Hurgbyrd, Brent Keene, Roger MacCampbell – Div of parks, Jason Oakley, Div of Parks, Paul McConnel- AWT, Dwayne Nutsvold.
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business: Carol Kerkvlitt and Mike Booz gave an overview of Cook Inlet razor clam issues including statistics on historical clam surveys and harvests. Carol said that ADF&G would prefer the status quo which uses EO's to reduce harvest when that is needed. It was pointed out that an EO closed Niniichik last summer. EO's have the flexibility to be withdrawn if populations recover.

BOF	241	Reduce the personal use bag and possession limits for razor clams in eastern Cook Inlet.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	7,0	<p>We discussed proposal 241 and 242 in tandem. There was much discussion about the current situation. A guest stated that he thought the decline in razor clams was due largely to the increase in vehicles, (trucks and four-wheelers) that now drive onto the beach. The pressure of the tires on the clams crushes them. He said that years ago Washington razor clam populations also plummeted. What they did was not allow vehicles on the beach. Soon afterwards, populations recovered. There was discussion as to who would have the authority to prohibit vehicles on the beach, the Board of Fisheries or Division of parks and recreation.</p>
BOF	242	Reduce the sport bag and possession limits for razor clams in eastern Cook Inlet.	

<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	7	7,0	An amendment was moved and seconded to reduce the bag limit to 6 and possession limit to 12. This failed 6,8,0. While the AC generally supports reducing harvest, it was felt that rather than reduce harvest to a minimal amount, it would be better to just close it. That way it would be obvious that anyone on the digging clams was violating the law.
BOF	243	Close east Cook Inlet beaches to all razor clam harvest.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	14	0,0	Given the current situation, the AC felt that the only choice right now was to close all east side beaches to clam harvest. If some beaches were opened to reduced limits, it would attract those who would have otherwise gone to beaches now closed.
BOF	244	Establish personal use bag and possession limits for razor clams in West Cook Inlet.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	12	1,1	We had much discussions about the disparity between east side beaches being closed and no limits on west side beaches. It was noted that some of those who would dig clams on east side beaches and now chartering to go to the west side. While the bag and possession limit in this proposal may be too low given the cost of getting there, the AC felt that it needed to support the proposal so that ADF&G gets more involved to prevent overharvesting.

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BOG	157	Change the general bull moose season dates in Unit 15 to September 1-30	
	14	0,0	The AC supports having a later season with cooler temperatures and more developed spike antlers, but not so late that rut is underway when meat quality is less and disturbance of mating more likely. Accordingly, it voted 12,2,0 to amend the proposal to having a season from Spt. 1-25. The votes against this amendment favored having a longer season that has more weekends for hunting.
BOG	158	Open a nonresident moose season in Unit 15C.	
	8	6,0	An amendment to the proposal to have the season concurrent with the general season passed 12,1,1. Opposition to the proposal was based on the keeping with the precedence of not having a nonresident hunt if the GMU is under the Intensive Management mandate, which 15C is currently under. Essentially, if harvest opportunity is limited, there should not be any additional demand for hunting via nonresidents.
BOG	163	Eliminate the early archery season for moose in Units 15A and 15B.	
	8	5,1	While the AC supports an archery hunt, most felt that archers shouldn't have any special privilege over other hunters.
BOG	164	Open seven day archery seasons for moose following the general seasons in Units 7 and 15	
	1	14,0	Opposition to this proposal was based on not allowing a hunt during the rut, thereby jeopardizing the short mating process.
BOG	166	Change the resident, antlerless moose season in Unit 15C to November 1-30.	
	12	1,1	A later season for the antlerless hunt is preferred because of better conditions to prevent meat storage and to allow troopers to focus on bull hunts during the general season. The vote against was based on concern about taking moose from a different herd once moose congregate in their winter habitat.
BOG	167	Issue resident moose permits for problem areas near roads during the winter in Unit 15C.	

	12	2,0	An amendment to include an archery hunt passed by 13,0,1. The AC recognizes that this hunt is contingent on snow conditions.
BOG	173	Remove meat salvage requirements for taking brown bear over bait in the Southcentral Region.	
	0	13,1	Not salvaging the meat undermines the basis for allowing bait to be used for hunting brown bears.
BOG	174	Remove meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Southcentral Region.	
	0	13,1	Not salvaging the meat undermines the basis for allowing bait to be used for hunting brown bears.

Next meeting will be March 10 at the NERRS Building starting at 6:00. At this time there are no further proposals for the AC to consider.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee
1/14/2015
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Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chair David Martin.

Members Present: David Martin, Greg Encelewski, John McCombs, Norbert Miller, Clyde Clucas, Joe Simpson, Mike Schuster, Teague Vanek, Steve Vanek, Madeline Thompson, Aaron Berger arrived late. Clyde left about 9:15 pm. Teague Vanek left at 9:50 pm. Aaron Berger left at 10:05 pm.

Members Absent Excused: Jeff Berger, Gary Deiman

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date January 14, 2014

Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Selinger & Sherry Wright

Guests Present: Jim St Peter, Jess Clucas

Elections were held with the following results: Jeff Berger, David Martin, John McCombs and Steve Vanek were elected for 2.5 year seats; Joe Simpson and Madeline Thompson were elected for .5 year alternates done by unanimous consent. David Martin was elected Chair; John McCombs was elected Vice Chair; and Steve Vanek was elected Secretary.

Gary Deiman was nominated but not elected to serve as Vice Chair.

Sherry Wright spoke about the BOG changing to a 3 year cycle, the Southcentral Region will not come up for four years and they combined Statewide to one annual meeting rather than Cycle A / Cycle B proposals. RC 19 was generated from the worksession for a laundry list of sheep options. Sherry pointed out to the committee that the Joint Board stated they did not want multiple option proposals, but each idea should be submitted as a separate proposal so that the record is clear if people support or oppose the concept presented in the proposal.

SF Division is collecting information about....

FSB has appointed new members to the RACs – Greg Encelewski spoke about this. Southcentral appointees Eleanor Dementi, Lee Alder of Glennallen, Gloria Stickwan,

Letter to the Governor on the Joint Board Commissioner interview process. We have a new governor who put in Sam Cotten as the interim commissioner for ADF&G. Five nominees were brought forward but the Joint Boards only forwarded one name for consideration. Roland Maw

was a candidate that had over 40 letters of support and did not even get an interview of the Joint Board. The BOG fully supported his candidacy. The BOF fully opposed it. This was very disrespectful toward Dr. Maw. David read a letter submitted by Ken Tarbox that pretty accurately spells it out and David would like to know if the Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee would like to send a letter to the governor as well. Taking the politics out of fish & game management was one of the new Governor’s campaign promise and this action puts into question how much that promise really meant. The lack of reasoning behind not approving him as a candidate is a real problem that needs to be addressed. The committee supports sending the letter or whatever method gives the most bang for the buck. When the state asks for qualified candidates and then mistreat one that attends.

Jeff Selinger provided the committee with a 2014 game report.

The committee then prepared comments on the following proposals.

Central / Southwest Region BOG Proposal Comments

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	99		Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B.
Support	11	0	This is an annual reauthorization. There are no predators and hunting maintains the sustainable population there. The Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee would like to be one of the reauthorizing committees officially for this hunt. Some of the members live 17 miles from their home. The other option would be to put Kalgin Island into GMU 15.

Southcentral Region BOG proposals

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	149		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C.
Support	11	0	This is an annual reauthorization. This is a limited area as far as browse is concerned that cannot sustain a larger population. The railroad also would rather have harvest than train kill.
BOG	156		Shorten the moose seasons in Unit 15.
	0	11	The committee heard an overview of the department’s amendments to this proposal.
BOG	157		Change the general bull moose season dates in Unit 15 to September 1-30
Support	6	4	The dates were changed back to August to allow for youth to go hunting. This

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
as amended			<p>worked good and is a movement around the nation, which is still a valid concept. Later in September they are getting into the rut. Weather is always an issue if you are responsible hunter (you should take care of your meat). School starts around August 18th, so the youth hunting is no longer a valid reason – prefers September 1 opening with it closing September 20. He would agree with going as late as September 25th, but that would be the latest. RAC has tried to push the season later several times and shot down. They have a couple issues – capable of harvesting more animals. Why would they want to shorten a season if there are more animals? Genetics of harvesting only the larger animals is another concern. Like the idea of September 25th for calling moose which greatly increases the odds of harvest. Part of the hunt is hunting. The more time you can have out hunting the better. He would like the season to begin August 20 or 25th. Support for a 30 day season was given. If you don't get a moose in the first couple days, the hunt is pretty much over until they go into the rut. Depending on the kind of winter, the rut seems to be occurring later as well. Member of the public stated they are starting into the rut around September 10. 50 any bull tags would provide opportunity in a split season was suggested. A question if there was any discussion of 45 inch rather than the 50 inch configuration. If the populations get into 30 bulls per 100 cows range, they could take a few more bulls. End of September to mid-October is the first rut. When they are gathering cows they are more apt to come, once they have gathered the cows they are less likely to leave them.</p> <p>AMENDMENT: August 25 – September 25 vote on amendment 5-5 failed This allows a slightly later beginning . Opposed believes the dates should remain the same for reasons stated earlier. Lack of seeing moose, twice the number of people hunting and still not an increased harvest, still have habitat issues. Even the tracks are lacking and question the methodology of the numbers presented. It's better than 5 years ago, but not nearly what they were 15 years ago. There is browse that hasn't even been touched. We are still not making the minimum goal of the harvest objective under intensive management. Prefers a precautionary approach. A change in the date is supported, but for a different reason. One member does see a lot more moose and a lot more bulls, although it's lower than it used to be. Harvest is limited by the spike, and 50 inch regulations. We'll increase it by adding a few more days, but not concerned about population. Changing the dates may also confuse the public</p> <p>AMENDMENT: Leave season dates August 20 – September 20 Vote on amendment 6-4</p>
BOG	158		Open a nonresident moose season in Unit 15C.
Oppose	0	10	Committee doesn't believe it should be open to nonresidents until we see more moose.
BOG	159		Open nonresident moose drawing hunt in Unit 15.
Oppose	0	10	Same justification as Prop 158.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	160	Open a nonresident moose season in Unit 15C or implement predator control.	
Oppose	0	10	Same justification as Prop 158.
BOG	161	Change the bag limit for moose in Units 7 and 15 to 50-inch antlers or three or more brow tines.	
Support as amended	10	0	The proposal was not written correctly. Amendment for a legal bull for harvest would be 50 inch antlers OR three or more brow tines on at least one side OR no more than a spike on at least one side The committee prefers allowing a variation of moose to be harvested to allow the genetics and takes it back to what it was before, eliminating some of the illegal harvest. It will be a test in the next four years to see if we can get the harvest objective up and a good compromise between the date change or the allow of cow hunt in 15C. It will also increase opportunity. Vote on the amendment 10 - 0
BOG	162	Eliminate all early and late season start dates for archery, muzzleloader, and shotgun hunts in Unit 15.	
Support	10	0	Unit 15C doesn't have any of these hunts. Support the reasons provided in the proposal.
BOG	163	Eliminate the early archery season for moose in Units 15A and 15B.	
Support	10	0	Same comments as Prop 162
BOG	164	Open seven day archery seasons for moose following the general seasons in Units 7 and 15	
Oppose	0	10	Same comments as Prop 162
BOG	165	Open an archery moose season for residents and nonresidents in Unit 15C.	
Oppose	0	10	Same comments as Prop 162. Prefer status quo
BOG	166	Change the resident, antlerless moose season in Unit 15C to November 1-30.	
Oppose	0	10	The Caribou Hills moose don't come down until later, so harvest on some of these animals would occur. The whole idea is to preserve the browse.
BOG	167	Issue resident moose permits for problem areas near roads during the winter in Unit 15C.	
Oppose	1	8	Some don't believe there are as many moose along the road, others think there are. One member abstained.
BOG	168	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.	
Support	8	3	This is an annual reauthorization. The population in Unit 15C is down in one member's opinion. Killing one cow affects the future population growth. Instead of hearing about moose starving and dying, the report is that they can increase harvest. That was not how this was presented at earlier meetings. Moose will migrate out back to the Caribou Hills, but the hunt occurs before they migrate. Some balance is needed on those mature cows.
BOG	169	Open a nine day, resident archery season in August for Dall sheep in Units 7, 14C and 15.	
Opposed	0	8	Not in favor of special hunts. One abstained.
BOG	170	Modify of the harvest management strategy for Kenai Peninsula brown bears, Units 7 and 15.	

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
Oppose	0	9	Intensive management hasn't been in place very long. Prefer status quo. There are a lot of questions of the public what the dual management issues are going to be. There are ideological differences. One manages primarily for preservation, one manages for sustainable harvest. The refuge has gone beyond what their charter was when it was established.
BOG	171	Modify the brown bear harvest management strategy on the Kenai Peninsula, Units 7 and 15.	
Oppose	0	7	Department provided input on this proposal. The committee likes the concept of a front country / back country management strategy. This may be more appropriate in four years if/when the population gets more in sync. Front/Back country plays into the hands of the federal managers. One abstained
BOG	172	Lengthen the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15 and remove the meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait.	
BOG	173	Remove meat salvage requirements for taking brown bear over bait in the Southcentral Region.	
BOG	174	Remove meat salvage requirements for brown bear taken over bait in the Southcentral Region.	
No action		No action based on Prop 173	
BOG	175	Shorten the season and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.	
Support	8	0	The ptarmigan population is down because of more access by snowmachines, four-wheelers and the bag limit is too liberal.
BOG	176	Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Unit 15C, north of Kachemak Bay and Fox River.	
No action		Based on Prop 175	
BOG	177	Shift to an earlier opening date for beaver trapping in Units 7 and 15.	
Support	8	0	Support because it allows open water access and the reasons listed in the proposal.
BOG	178	Require trap identification in Units 7 and 15.	
Oppose	0	7	Don't see an issue and would be burdensome to trappers. Prefer status quo. One absent.
BOG	179	Establish a trapper identification numbering system for Units 7 and 15.	
Oppose	0	7	Same comments as Prop 178.
BOG	180	Restrict trapping in the Cooper Landing area.	
No action		There are already trapping regulations on the books.	
BOG	182	Prohibit the taking of big game from boats in Units 7 and 15 in coastal or estuarine waters, with an exception for persons with disabilities.	
Oppose	0	8	This is a principal method of hunting and it would reduce opportunity.

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	183		Create a management area for Kachemak Bay in Unit 15C.
Oppose	0	8	There is already a process in place and would be a slippery slope of no hunting. That is a use that should be allowed.
BOG	191		Remove the restriction against using felt sole waders while hunting in Southcentral Region Units.
Oppose	3	4	The restriction is put in place because of concern of invasive species. There are many areas that the habitat was destroyed because of human activity. Preservation of the resource is more important and hunters can use other methods to keep from slipping. One member disagrees with the legislation. Elodea is one example of this issue. One abstains
BOG	192		Require harvest reporting of migratory birds by species in Southcentral Region Units.
Oppose	0	8	There is a random survey currently done. Prefer status quo.
BO	193		Require certification for big game hunters using crossbows in Southcentral Region Units.
No action			There are special hunts for archery. Crossbows are not the same as archery, it is more like a rifle.
BOG	194		Prohibit the use of hunting dogs for taking upland game birds after October 31, in Southcentral Region Units.
Oppose	0	8	This is a conflict with trapping; however don't really want to tell people they can't use their dog to hunt. There is no season end date on this proposal.
BOG	195		Remove the requirement to clean up contaminated soil from bear bait stations in Southcentral Region Units.
Support	8	0	This would be ridiculous (any soil) which is biodegradable. Might be a back door approach to closing bear baiting. If the issue is for people to use containers it should have been written that way.

David is against any more cow hunts in Unit 15C until we see what the population does in the next four years.

The committee will meet again February 11th at 7 pm at the Ninilchik School Library in order to prepare comments on Statewide shellfish proposals.

AC representative for the BOG will be the chairman or his designee.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Vanek/Sherry Wright
Minutes Approved By: Central Pen AC
Date: 2-11-2015

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.



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

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.

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)

Please see comments in full below

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.

Please see comments in full below

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)

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.

This is an excerpt of the Upper Tanana Fortymile AC's minutes. For full set of minutes, please contact the Interior Regional Coordinator.

Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
 01.21.15 Meeting Minutes
 Pikes Lodge, Fairbanks, AK

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.



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

This is an excerpt of the Fairbanks AC's minutes. For full set of minutes, please contact the Interior Regional Coordinator.

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**

Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee

MINUTES- TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Monday, December 8, 2014, 1:00 pm

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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.

Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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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.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
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 with AMENDMENT	9	1	<p>already states they can't be more than 45 meshes deep. Made motion to support the proposal but change current language from 4" to "<u>4" to 4.5"</u> "By 45 meshes deep gear. motion passes with amendment to gear size language</p>
BOG	39	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18.	
supports	10	0	<p>Akiak- motion to support, Melvin 2nd. 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</p>
BOG	43	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
supports	10	0	<p>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</p>
BOG		Change BOG to a 3-yr cycle	
			<p>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</p>

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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