

ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

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**Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee Meeting
October 28th, 2015 11:45 pm
Native Village of Unalakleet, AK**

- I. Call to Order: Time by Jacob Ivanoff @ 12:03pm
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:), Milton Cheemuk (Vice Chair), Jacob Ivanoff (Secretary), Matilda Hardy.
(Shaktoolik Alt), Nicole Brukner (Unalakleet), Wes Jones (Unalakleet), Morris Nassuk (Koyuk).
Members Absent: Wade Ryan, Stebbins
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Wes made the motion to approve the agenda with changes.
Seconded by Frank Katchatag
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 1/23/15
Wes made the motion to approve the minutes
Seconded by Matilda Hardy
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carmen Daggett, Tony Gorn, Letty Hughes, Scott Kent, Jim Menard,
Jenefer Bell
- VI. Guests Present: Fred Jay Ivanoff, Renae Ivanoff
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:

Frank Katchatag was seated to the Advisory Committee

ACR 4 (Proposal 223): Establish and aggregated pot limit of no more than 20 pots per permit holder for the Norton Sound Section winter through the ice commercial fishery.

Wes mentioned that by supporting the ACR it would reduce the amount of crab pots lost during winter crabbing. Last year there was 105 crab pots loss that was reported.

Morris asked if there was a subsistence limit on the amount of pots used for subsistence use.

Wes told him that there wasn't.

Frank asked if it was legal to use hand lines for commercial crabbing

Wes stated that it was legal now.

Wes made the motion to support ACR 4

Seconded by Jacob



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG No Action	55		Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year This will not have any changes for us.
BOG Support	57 6	 1 Abstained	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls Morris stated that Koyuk residents are concerned that this will open the possibility of allowing commercial bear hunters to gain revenue with this proposal. Fred Jay stated that he would be for it because it will give residents opportunities to make more income in which there are not a lot of jobs in our region. Jacob made a motion to support 57, seconded by Frank. Motion passed.
BOG Support	71 7	 0	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions Jacob made a motion support 71, seconded by Wes. Wes stated that this will mostly affect guided hunters.
BOG Oppose	72 0	 7	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts Wes made a motion to support 72, 73, 74 as a block, seconded by Frank. Wes said that he is opposed to these proposals and that there are some merits to these proposals and that he doesn't think that it is a realistic size caliber for moose and bear. Motion failed.
BOG Oppose	73 0	 7	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts Jacob stated that there are a lot of hunters that use a smaller caliber for caribou and they do successfully harvest the caribou.
BOG Oppose	74 0	 7	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
BOG Oppose	79 0	 7	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours Wes made a motion to support 79, seconded by Frank. Wes stated that the documentation is an added burden on trappers when they have to document the weather. Matilda also stated that the extra documentation for the mechanical issues that may arise. Frank mentioned that having to check the traps everyday you would leave behind human scent that would cause the animals to stay away from the traps. Morris stated that it would not allow enough time for animals to go to the traps. Wes stated that this would defeat the trapping method. Motion failed.
BOG No Action	80		Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more Jacob stated that we don't have cities over 1,000 and Frank said that there are city ordinances that deal with this.
BOG Support	81 7	 0	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares Wes made a motion to support 81, seconded by Jacob. Wes said that this is clarifying what underwater means. Motion passed.



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG No Action	85		Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou Jacob made a motion to request that this be moved to the Region V BOG meeting, seconded by Wes. Wes requested that this be deferred to the Region V BOG meeting and that this proposal is directly related to Region V issue where it would be the appropriate place for this to be discussed. Motion passed
BOG Oppose	103 0	7	Require Tier I subsistence permit holders to report harvest information Wes made a motion to support 103, 104, and 105 as a block, seconded by Frank. Wes said he is opposed to all three proposals because they add undue reporting requirements and extra regulations to subsistence hunters. Motion failed.
BOG Oppose	104 0	7	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report
BOG Oppose	105 0	7	Modify the qualification under the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system
BOG No Action	127		Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 23 This is out of our area.
BOG Support	131 7	0	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A Wes made a motion support 131, seconded by Morris. Wes said he thinks this works well the way it is. Motion passed.
BOG No Action	132		Modify the hunting season for snowy owls Jacob said that we don't hunt them.
BOG No Action	133		Modify the hunting season for cormorants Jacob said that we don't use them but other communities do and utilize their feathers for their spears and eat them.
BOG Support	135 7	0	Increase the number of nonresident drawing permits for brown bear in 22 Remainder. Jacob made a motion to support 135, seconded by Frank. Wes said the effect is outside our area but we are supporting the idea of increasing the harvest of brown bears from our region. Jacob said that the increase harvest of bears would help reduce the predation on caribou. Motion passed.

Wes made a motion to submit a proposal to the BOG to change the moose hunt in RM 841 to close September 20th with the ability to have an EO when the quota harvest is projected to be reached, seconded by Frank. Wes said the reason for submitting this is to follow what the department practice has been for the past four years and we know that we will continue to ask for extension for the hunt. Motion passed 7-0.

Minutes Recorded By: *James Van der*
Minutes Approved By: *Wesley W. Jones*
Minutes Approved By: *Frank K. Kelly*
Date: *11/23/15*

Federal Proposal Discussion:

WP 16-37 Change in harvest limit and season for caribou (21D, 22,23,24, 25, 26A, 26B)

WP 16-43: Change hunt area description and closure for caribou (Unit 18, 22A)

WP 16-44: Change hunt area descriptions, harvest limit and season for brown bear (Units 22 C, 22D)

WP 16-45: Change hunt area description for caribou (Unit 22E)

WP 16-46 Rescind closure for moose (Unit 22E)

WP 16-47 Create antlerless moose season (Unit 22E)

No actions have been taken but a letter of support for WP 16-37 will be written to the Federal Subsistence Board as long as the regulations mirror the State's current regulation.



Southern Norton Sound AC
2/8/2016
Telephonic Meeting

- I. Call to Order at 11:04 am by Wade Ryan

- II. Roll Call: Wade Ryan, Jacob Ivanoff, Wes Jones, Matilda Hardy, Frank Katchatag, Morris Nassuk, Peter Martin Sr., Allen Atchak, Milton Cheemuk
Members Present: Matilda Hardy (Shaktoolik), Wade Ryan (Unalakleet), Jacob Ivanoff (Unalakleet), and Wes Jones (Unalakleet), Allen Atchak (Stebbins), Morris Nassuk (Koyuk)
Members Absent: Peter Martin Sr (Stebbins). Milton Cheemuk (St. Michael), Frank Katchatag (Unalakleet)
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: Subsistence users

- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Matilda Hardy to approve the agenda, seconded by Morris Nassuk. Motion passed.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 10/28/15, Wes moved to approve previous meeting minutes. Seconded by Matilda. Motion passed.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Letty Hughes, Bill Dunker Carmen Daggett, and Tony Gorn
- VI. Guests Present: Charlie Lean (NNSAC)
- VII. Old Business:
Review of Board of Fish proposals
Wes gave an overview of the proposals that affected the Norton Sound Region. He mentioned that there is now a crab pot limit of 20 for the winter crab fisheries in the Norton Sound area. Proposals 127 and 128 passed and the boundaries are now extended. Proposals 129 through 134 passed.

- VIII. New Business:
Review ACR 19 Modifying caribou hunting regulations in Unit 22.
Charlie Lean gave an overview of ACR 19 and stated that NNSAC supported this ACR. He stated that he created this ACR due to the amount of hunters accidentally shooting young males and not harvesting the caribou due to the fears of getting a citation. With the change in regulations this allows the hunters to harvest any sex of caribou when given the opportunity.
Morris Nassuk mentioned that he was unaware of this change in regulations and is concerned about having tags.
Charlie Lean told Morris that this new proposal doesn't put any quotas on male or female but allows a harvest of 5 caribou a day and up to 20 caribou per year. We did say at the NNSAC meeting that we expected to see 1/3 cows shot.
Wade Ryan inquires what the current regulations are.
Tony Gorn explained the Unit 22A and B regulations.
Wes Jones requested the department's position.
Tony Gorn stated that their recommendations are in draft. The department agrees with the spirit of Charlie's proposal. He thinks the department is going to have different dates for cow harvests. He can see the Department recommending March 31st as the closure date for cows.



The proposal doesn't address administration. There are a lot of benefits for a registration permit; it isn't a big deal it is just the piece of paper you pick up before you go hunting.

Morris Nassuk inquiries about the \$50 fine without reporting.

Tony Gorn mentioned that fine could be at the digression to the biologist. We have no plan at all for fining people if they don't turn in their hunt report card, the future of caribou hunting you are going to see an enhanced educational effort to get people to report their harvests, and we don't plan on fining hunters.

Morris Nassuk inquired about the similarity of dates.

Tony Gorn stated that the Department supports the spirit of Charlie's proposal, the one concern is about cow hunts.

Charlie Lean stated that NNSAC discussed the cow hunt and that it made sense to not hunt pregnant cows. We decided we weren't going to get really excited. There is a logical issues and we shouldn't be targeting cows especially pregnant ones. We would probably accept that amendment to the proposal but we didn't put it in.

Morris Nassuk stated that he thinks that we shouldn't be shooting pregnant cows.

Charlie Lean explains that the state is going to put that in, we will meet with AC members and we had a few people speak in support of that, so I think our committee will be in support of adding that.

Wes Jones made the motion for the ACR 19. Seconded by Morris Nassuk.

Wes stated that he has a few points; 1) Hearing Unalakeet this is a good proposal it addresses concerns of hunters after the huge change in regulation last year. One of the important points, we don't like a yearly bag limit but we would rather have that and we don't want to reduce the daily bag limit to make the trips economical.

2.) He feels that other people would be in favor of cow's closures in the late spring, I don't have dates to suggest, but we will let the board and the department to decide the dates.

Wade stated that he think this proposal is good and deal with mistaken identity with hunters.

Morris Nassuk agrees with Wes's points.

Jacob agreed with Tony's date of April 1st, and said that most of the hunters are done hunting by that time.

Motion to adopt ACR 19: 6 support ACR 19, none opposed.

Tony Gorn: The information that was given is from the Nome office and is my best guess on the best information that I have. Headquarters and subsistence division is going re-do this. The Nome office is supportive in the spirit of Charlie's proposal.

Morris Nassuk is the primary for statewide BOG and Jacob Ivanoff is the alternate.

Jacob is the primary for the Area M, and Wade is the alternate.

Adjournment: 11:35 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Paul Ivanoff
Minutes Approved By: Wesley Williams
Minutes Approved By: Paul K. Kufel
Minutes Approved By: W. L. G.

Date: 3/3/16

Minutes

Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee Teleconference

December 10, 2015 / 2:30pm

Call to Order

The chairman, Doug Carney, called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm

Roll Call & Quorum

SHAC members present were -

Rick Breckheimer - Lime Village

David Bobby & Charlie Gusty – Stony River

Doug Carney & Terrance Morgan- Sleetmute

Barb Carlson & John Zeller – Red Devil

Absent -Fred Bobby - Lime Village

Quorum is established – 5 needed.

Others Attending

Nissa Pilcher -ADF&G Boards Support

Josh Peirce -ADF&G Biologist

Susan Hubbard-Sleetmute resident

Nissa Pilcher -

Nissa explains how minutes must be approved when they are submitted.

Someone one the committee needs to be designated to approve the minutes for accuracy after they are written.

The committee made a motion and voted to designate Doug Carney as the person to approve SHAC minutes.

Chairman

Doug Carney asks members if there were any additions to the agenda.

Approval of agenda was given.

Chairman said that minutes of Dec 16, 2014 were lengthy and asked for vote on deferring reading and approval of minutes till next SHAC meeting – members concurred.

Chairman explains how proposals are used at BOF & BOG meetings –

Boards can generate their own proposals using amendments to other proposals, information gathered at Board meetings and from comments on proposals.



In the comments SHAC makes today for these board meetings, we can offer amendments to any of the proposals that are to go before the Board, including our own.

I'm going to turn the meeting over to Barb Carlson so she can go over the proposal that she put before BOF last year. We'll also go over other proposals that have to do with king salmon for the next BOF meeting.

After Barb is done with BOF proposals, I will go over BOG proposals with you, so we can make comments of approval or disapproval on them.

Barb Carlson – BOF Proposals

At the last meeting I was given approval by SHAC to make proposals as needed after going to the March BOF meeting. Since that time I have gone to many meetings concerning the shortage of Chinooks. This included BOF meetings, BOF subcommittee meetings, and salmon working group, (KSMWG), meetings.

I have spent much time with ADF&G subsistence, which helped in the writing and formatting the 3 proposals I came up with for our committee. **These are proposals 94, 96, & 97.**

I decided it would be better to keep each component of SHAC's plans separated into their own proposals to meet BOF desire for only one singular idea or regulatory change per proposal.

This is also preferred by BOF for purposes of selecting components of any proposal they want to use to create a proposal of its own.

There is also BOF proposal 222, which is similar to SHAC's 97, in that it deals with permits.

Proposal 93, by KNA is similar to SHAC's 94, in that it deals with in-river goals.

There are not a lot of proposals that concern us, but the few we will deal with are in regard to King salmon.

David Bobby left at 3:25 during discussion of proposal 96.

Charlie Gusty had left by 3:45, so did not vote on proposal 97 comments.

BOF proposal discussion is included in the proposal comment form.

Doug Carney – BOG Proposals

(At this point Josh Peirce made SHAC aware he was online.

Josh pointed out several proposals he thought SHAC might want to consider, which it did.)

Proposals discussed were 5, 50, 69-74, 77-87.

BOG proposal discussion is included in comment form.

SHAC moved & approved Barb Carlson to represent SHAC at the January, 2016 BOF meeting .

SHAC adjourned at 5:15p.m.



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BOG O	5 0		Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds On small birds there is little meat except for breast & legs, (spruce chicken), the rest is often used by trappers for bait
BOG O	50 0		Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex Keeping sex organs on is easy / For a single sex hunt it is the most useful & cost effective way./ DNA? – cost & time issues make it unworkable
BOG O	69 0		Prohibit hunting with domestic dog Dogs on a hunt hurt nothing. Reasons given in proposal make no sense
BOG O	70 0		Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting Silly – enforcement would be impossible & largely the opinion or hunch of an officer
BOG O	71 0		Clarify same day airborne prohibitions Silly – enforcement would be impossible & largely the opinion or hunch of an officer
BOG O	72 0		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts Caliber use and effectiveness depends on the marksmanship of the shooter & his knowledge of his own limitations
BOG O	73 0		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts Caliber use and effectiveness depends on the marksmanship of the shooter & his knowledge of his own limitations
BOG O	74 0		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts Caliber use and effectiveness depends on the marksmanship of the shooter & his knowledge of his own limitations
BOG O	77 0		Allow the use of artificial light for taking furbearers Currently can & do use artificial light on land & water. For beaver, otter, or any other furbearer it is a useful tool
BOG S	78 5		Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares This would invite excessive interference on any trap line. When traps are checked, scent of checker in the set area & on trap. Totally destructive to any trapping effort.
BOG O	79 0		Require traps to be checked every 24 hours Traps/ sets checked or disturbed too often don't catch well. Paperwork? – no thanks!
BOG O	80 0		Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1000 or more Local control by each city might be needed, but not Top-Down universal regs on this issue.
BOG O	81 0		Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares Language makes intent unclear.



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BOG S	82 5	0	Amend the requirement to fix a big game locking tag This is a reasonable , logical fix for unnecessary tickets written
BOG O	83 0	5	Eliminate the use of harvest tickets in any hunt requiring a metal locking tag Harvest tickets are the main tool indicating hunting pressure and game harvest. Having it only online won't work for many parts of the state.
BOG S	84 5	0	Clarify the inspection requirements for licenses, harvest tickets, and permits Officers should only be able to check individuals when they are actually engaged in hunting, trapping or transporting meat or animals during or after the effort.
BOG O	85 0	5	Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou Not statewide. Should be addressed at appropriate Regional meeting
BOG O	86 0	5	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep Not statewide. Should be addressed at appropriate Regional meeting
BOG O	87 0	5	Prohibit the Board of Game from adopting regulations restricting the use of off-road vehicles for declining quality of an outdoor experience. Methods & means is within BOG powers. Off road vehicles can be and have been intrusive, run off animals, destructive to habitat – tundra. Should be decided case by case. Some areas need this, (salmon streams, tundra rural areas where most effort is on foot)

Minutes Recorded By: Barb Carlson

Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney

Date: 12-12-2015

Tyonek Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

December 8, 2015

Tyonek Tribal Center

On December 8, 2015 at the Tyonek Tribal Center, Chair Alex Pfoff called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

Roll Call:

Member	Present	Absent
Alex Pfoff, Chair	X	
Gwendolyn Chickalusion, Vice Chair	X	
Elizabeth J. Standifer, Secretary (New)	X	
Norma Chickalusion	X	
Donald Standifer, Jr.	X	
Theodore Chad Chickalusion	X	
Janelle Verduce	X	
Larry Heilman		X
Randy Standifer, Sr.		X
Ben Caswell, Alternate	X	
Lindsay Bismark, Alternate		X

Nominations Open for Election – 5 Seats Open – Seats will expire 06/18

Alex Pfoff nominated Ben Caswell. Ben Caswell accepted.

Janelle Verduce nominated Elizabeth J Standifer. Elizabeth J Standifer accepted.

Gwendolyn Chickalusion nominated Norma Chickalusion. Norma Chickalusion accepted.

Gwendolyn Chickalusion nominated Janelle Verduce. Janelle Verduce accepted.

Donald Standifer, Jr. nominated Lindsay Bismark. Lindsay Bismark accepted prior to meeting.

Nominations Closed.

Voting Results:

Elizabeth J Standifer, Secretary

Ben Caswell, Alternate

Lindsay Bismark, Alternate

Action Items BOG proposal discussion

i. Proposal 111 _____

1 Favor, 7 Opposed to Proposal 111

OPPOSE

ii. Proposal 110

All **Oppose** Proposal 110

Proposal 136

Discussion: Tyonek Fish & Game Advisory Committee would have supported this proposal but would rather like to see 2 hunts as well as holding the same dates as Tier II.

All **Oppose** Proposal 136 as it currently is.

Other Business

Tyonek Tribal Conservation District (TTCD)

Gwendolyn Chickalusion gave a verbal update of TTCD past and future projects.

Fish passages, invasive species, Robert's Creek Culvert Replacement opened up 11mi of fish passage, two (2) pike derby's held – 85 pike caught. Upcoming plans include expanding efforts to catch pike.

Adjournment

Elizabeth J Standifer moved to adjourn, Gwendolyn Chickalusion seconded. Adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

MOTION to adjourn PASSES

Minutes recorded by: Elizabeth Standifer

Minutes Approved by: Alex Pfoff

Date: 1/30/2016

UNALASKA FISH & GAME LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

16 December 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

5:37pm, by Chairman Frank Kelty

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frank Kelty

Tim Mahoney

Mike Holman

Jennifer Shockley

Shari Coleman

Dustan Dickerson

Melissa Good

Roger Rowland

Jeff Hancock (Alternate)

ABSENT:

Steven Gregory

Margaret Kochuten

Don Goodfellow

GUESTS PRESENT:

Miranda Westphal, ADF&G Unalaska Office Area Management Biologist; Justin Leon, ADF&G

Additional guests appeared telephonically: Taryn O'Connor-Brito, ADF&G Board Support; Dan Martin, Fleet Manager Icicle Seafoods; Brent Paine, Executive Director United Catcher Boats; Matt Keyse, ADF&G Kodiak Commercial Fish; Donn Tracy, ADF&G Kodiak Sport Fish; Dave Crowley, ADF&G King Salmon

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Frank Kelty: added Board of Fish & Game survey to New Business.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Agenda was reviewed and adopted with addition.

APPROVE PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:



(Fisheries discussion p. 2-4 excerpted)

**Board of Game Proposals 95-98 for the Statewide Game Regulations meeting
March 18- 28, 2016 Fairbanks, Alaska. Requested by, Committee member Mike
Holman.**

- Proposal 96/97: Both proposals addressed establishing a point system for drawing hunts. Discussion: Dave Crowley, ADF&G staff, reported that point systems have come up in the past and ADF&G was against proposals because they're expensive system to operate. Also, associated costs would be passed on to hunters and ADF&G staff could have less funding for field time. Mike Holman contested, reasoning that costs would not be prohibitive and noted that hunt entries are only \$5, and tripling or quadrupling costs would probably not deter hunters. Melissa Good mentioned that a

point system might be good but perhaps now is not the time with the State fiscal situation. Roger Rowland asked about preferences for residents and Dave Crowley said some hunts were resident-only. Motion to support by Rowland, seconded by Holman. Motion passed 5-3.

- Proposal 98: This proposal would require permit hunt conditions and procedures for a point system for drawing hunts with an allocation for non-residents and non-resident permits. Discussion on how complicated this proposal would be to implement? Dave Crowley, ADF&G staff, stated that non-resident permit purchases currently account for about 75% of license fees; so, limiting non-resident participation would reduce funding, through fees, to the State. Motion to support by Good, seconded by Rowland. Motion failed 0-8.

Board Survey

The Board of Fisheries and Board of Game have an online survey regarding potential changes to Board process due to the State of Alaska budget crisis. Primary issue of concern is that proposal process might be moved to 5-year cycle rather than current 3. Members who had not already done so were urged to complete survey.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

VOICE OF THE MEMBERSHIP

NEXT MEETING:

Taryn O'Connor-Brito, ADFG Board Support, briefed committee on election/term problems which need to be corrected at next meeting. Next meeting tentatively set for some time in April 2016.

ADJOURNMENT 8:17 PM



1/18/2016

Frank Kelty, Chairman Jennifer Shockley, Secretary Date Approved



Upper Kobuk Kobuk AC Meeting
12/11/15
Ambler School
Teleconference 1-800-504-8071 Code: 442-1717

- I. Call to Order: 11:48 am by Marvin Joe Cleveland
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Marvin Joe Cleveland (Chair-Ambler), Louie Commack (Ambler Alternate), James Commack (alternate Shungnak), Billy Custer (telephonic), and Frank Downey (Ambler)
Members Absent: Theodore Tickett Sr. (Shungnak), Glenn Douglas (Shungnak), Murphy Custer (Kobuk), and John Horner Sr. (Kobuk)
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Add Sheep Working Group
Add Elections
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 1/28/15
 - a. Frank Downey: Inquired about the status of having the moose season open up early because during the summer around July people run out of caribou and need another source of meat.
Carmen Daggett: Suggested filling out a board of game proposal form by the deadline.
- V. Motioned to accept minutes Louie Commack
James Commack: Seconded
- VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandon Saito (Wildlife Conservation) and Carmen Daggett (Boards Support Section)
- VII. Guests Present: Harry Douglas, James Commack, Louie Commack, Sidney Cleveland, Calvin Williams, Gale Tickett, Alvin Williams, Ernest G. Lee, Roy Ramoth, Brian Jones.

Federal Staff: Ken Adkission (NPS) and Marci Johnson (NPS)
- VIII. Old Business:
 - a. Caribou Herd Update: Brandon Saito: Explains the problems with shadows and not getting an accurate count of caribou because of shadows in the photographs. Explained concerns over rain on snow events.
 - b. Louie Commack: Expressed concern for people in Noatak and extending the CUA.
- IX. New Business:
 - A. Elections: Shield Downey (Interim President-3 year term), Louie Commack (Two year term), Bryan Jones (1 year alternate), Alvin Williams (1 year term). Elections were conducted on paper ballots and calculated by Carmen Daggett and Sidney Cleveland and recorded on voting record. Elected AC members volunteered for their length of terms.
Joe Cleveland: Explains there have been caribou over by Hughes.
Harry Douglas: Wants to have fish and Game look into migratory patterns of caribou in response to the Ambler Mining district.



Sidney Cleveland: expresses concern over adding the new underground mine, it is like adding another net for the caribou.

Gale says that climate change is an issue.

Louie Commack: Sport hunters use planes to scout and then they move around.

Bryan Jones: Explains that there are non-licensed guides taking people out.

BOF	141	Recognize rod and reel fishing as a legal means for subsistence fishing in all of the Kotzebue District.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	5	0	Shield Downey: If this is not already legal subsistence gear it should be that is the way to do it is rod and reel cause they will be getting in trouble now. If you don't have a net then you use a rod and reel. Louie: All my life I use rod and reel. Motioned Seconded: by James Commack. Harry Douglas: suggests a local preference.



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	55	Change the statewide brown bear bag limit to one bear every regulatory year	
Support	5	0	Moved by Louie seconded by James Frank Downey: Expresses support for this proposal.
BOG	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
Opposed	0	5	Louie Commack: Who is buying? We can't allow that up here. Brian Jones: That is a slippery slope. You have people going out and killing bears with hides and skulls and gall bladders. Jewelry is one thing, but selling the raw materials is a problem Motioned to oppose: Louie Seconded by Alvin
BOG	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
Support	5	0	Brian Jones: If you were able to get information you could get prosecuted. Motioned to support Louie Commack Seconded by Alvin
BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Oppose	0	5	James Commack: Motioned to oppose the proposals as a block Seconded by Louie
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Oppose	0	5	Louie Commack: Wants to be able to use a .22 for swimming caribou. Wants to make amendments later if the proposals pass at the March meeting to make amendments to these proposals for caliber size. Shield: Distance matters, a smaller caliber isn't going to get there.
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
Oppose	0	5	See comments from 72, 73, 74 Opposed
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	5	Louie Commack: The price of fuel and weather makes it difficult Motion to oppose Seconded by James Commack
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
Support	5	0	Motion to support: Bryan Jones Seconded Alvin Williams We aren't close to a population of 1,000 people
BOG	81	Define the term underwater for the purposes of allowing furbearers to be harvested with underwater traps or snares	
Support	5	0	Motion to support Louie Commack Seconded by Bryan Jones



Support	5	0	Bryan Jones: Motion support Seconded by Louie Commack
BOG Support	105		Modify the qualifications for Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system
	5	0	Bryan Jones: Explains this is how it should be. Louie Commack: This doesn't apply to us. Bryan Jones: Explains musk ox example from Tununak. Alvin: Motioned to support Seconded by Louie Commack
BOG Support	106		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions on brown bears
	5	0	Motion to support by Louie Seconded by Alvin
BOG Support	132		Modify the hunting season for snowy owls
	5	0	Motion to support by Alvin Seconded Bryan Jones
BOG Support	133		Modify the hunting season for deer and goats
	5	0	See comments proposal 132
BOG Oppose	134		Relieve the burden on hunters to obtain bow tags
	0	5	Louie: People down in Anchorage and Fairbanks, have to have tags we don't. Motioned to Oppose Bryan Seconded by Louie Shield: This is going to hurt us Bryan: This is going to make criminals out of people for doing what they do every year.

131 Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions

132 Modify the hunting season for snowy owls

133 Modify the hunting season for cormorant

Louie Commack: Sheep Working Group meeting report. Unit 23 sheep is closed. We need to slow sheep hunting because of decline of sheep because of the iced up mountains and they were talking about getting only full curl rams. They don't want to make the decline any more rapid than it is.
 Brandon Saito: Explains effects of hunters in comparison to weather.
 Bryan Jones: Expresses concern over the steep decline.

Louie Commack is elected to serve on the Sheep Working Group.

Shield Downey: Elected to represent the Upper Kobuk AC at the Statewide Board of Game meeting in March.

Louie Commack: Gave an update on the Ambler Road.
Adjournment: 2:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett
 Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]* Date: Dec 22, 15
 Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]* Date: 12/23/15
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From: SOA FISH & GAME KOTZ

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12/17/2015 10:43

#092 P.006/009

Federal Regulation Change Proposals

WP16-48: Allows a snow machine to be used to position a hunter to select individual caribou for harvest provided that the animals are not shot from a moving machine on Federal Land

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Bryan Jones: Motion Support

James Commack: Seconded

WP16-49: Seeks to change federal caribou hunting regulations

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Louie Commack Motions to support

Seconded by Bryan Jones

WP16-50: seeks to increase the size of the pool of federally eligible hunters who could potentially participate in that Cape Krustenstern muskox hunt.

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Louie Commack: Motions to support WP 16-50, WP 16-53, and WP 16-61 as a block

Seconded: By Alvin Willlams

Motion carries

WP16-51: Seeks to establish a federal season and hunt for muskox in the recently expanded hunt area of the Noatak River drainage

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

See comments WP 16-50

WP16-52: Seeks to reduce caribou hunting on federal land to 7 caribou a day

Support: 0 Oppose: 5

Comments: Motion to oppose Bryan Jones

Seconded by Alvin Williams

WP16-53: Seeks to close the federal sheep season in the Baird and Delong Mountains

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

See comments WP 16-50

WP16-61: Seeks to change caribou hunting regulations North of the Singgoalik River

Support: 5 Oppose: 0

Comments:

Public Comments or Concerns:

See comments WP 16-50

Adjournment: 3:00 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett

Minutes Approved By: Louie Commack Date: Dec 22, 15

Minutes Approved By: Alvin Williams Date: 12/22/15

Minutes Approved By: Alvin Williams Date: 12/22/15

**Upper Lynn Canal Advisory Committee
 2/12/16 Minutes (Excerpted for BOG Statewide 2016)**

I. Call to Order: Time by TM 5:01

I. Roll Call:

Members	Present/ Absent/ Teleconference
Tim McDonough (TM) / Haines seat	P
Jamie King (JK) / Haines seat	P
John Hagen (JH) / Officer Haines	P
Darren Belisie (DB) / Skagway seat	T
Daniel Hotch (DH) / Klukwan seat	P
Kip Kermoian (KK) / Haines seat	P
Luke Rauscher (LR) / Skagway seat	T
Derek Poinsette (DP) / Haines seat	P
Ryan Cook (RC) / Officer Haines	P
Will Prisciandaro(WP) / Haines	p
Randy Jackson (RJ) Haines	p

Members Present:11

Members Absent: 0

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

II. Approval of Agenda: RJ Approve, 2nd by TM with addition of letter.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: JH moved to approve with amendments, date, Letter and Vote.

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Rich Chapel, ADFG

V. Guests Present:

List of User Groups Present: See Attached Sign In Sheet (JH)
Rich Chapell, ADFG, Jones Hotch, Chilkat Indian Village, Emily Files KHNS, Karen Garcia Chilkat Valley News, Charlie Dewitt Haines Sportsman's Association

VI. Old Business:

- a) Tier 3 designation discussion, questions/concerns list for the DEC

The reason for the deviation from the original plan of a decision of letter of support for Tier 3 were explained to the attended members of the public by TM. The call was put for the audience to present questions they had on Tier 3 designation and what it means to them.

If tier 3 happens is it something that never changes?

Does this designation apply to all of the tributaries of the Chilkat?

Are there are provisions for terrestrial sewage treatment in this designation?

How many other rivers are designated Tier 3?

I would like to get a clarification on what is industrial wastewater discharge.

Would a logging truck on a rainy day be an issue if it splashes into the river? Would that be discharge?

Can Chilkat Indian Village withdraw this request?

Can "it" shut me down for just doing my existing business? (The inquisitor explained they have an existing gravel business on the Chilkat and is already under DEC permitting and was expanding to a logging operation.)

Is there a process to amend work with the DEC on this process now, to help define the regulations surrounding this?

A lot of the [Haines] highway runs close to the river. Will there be issues with sanding salting on the highway?

If some one has a fish camp on the river will that be grandfathered in?

Will someone be able to start a new fish camp on the river?

What about fish waste, will someone be able to dispose of that in the river?

What counts as grandfathered activities?

Is logging even allowed in a Tier 3 watershed?

Can septic systems or building pads be installed?

Will 2 cycle motors be allowed in the river?

If Klukwan wanted to pave a road would that be allowed?

What is the bottom line on how much you can deteriorate the water?

Does it mean I can't use my 2 stroke engine?

Can we even use the river?

Can you upgrade to a 4 stroke?

Will you go to jail if your cabin floor collapses?

Was there a specific date for town hall.

Who would decide on this designation? I don't want to go to bed one night and wake up and I cannot use the river.

Will there be baseline studies for multiple years to establish a baseline on the water quality?

Who will be paying for testing?

What specific land use is he referring to when he refers to land use may be effected?

What are the boundaries for this designated river?

Does it go all the way to Pyramid island? Glacier Point?

Who gets to decide the use of the lands besides DEC?

Who would enforce tier 3?

Would it just effect those that just need to apply for a permit?

I would like to ask DEC for examples of what has been shut down because of Tier 3, logging mining 2 stroke motors in other Tier 3 systems. We need some examples.

b) Requests to F&G for goat hunt action

KK-motion to get detailed information Haines specific data. RJ 2nd KK Withdraws the motion.

RC – motion to implement goat-hunting quiz. DP 2nd. Unanimous Passed 11-1

RJ- did we take ask for action?

b) Skagway trapping letter

TM. Read letter to Ms. Leach and Attorney Agenda as amended by DP.

RJ-moves to support this letter. DP 2nd carried unanimously

VII. New Business:

c) BOG proposals

STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES March 8–12, 2016 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	6	Modification of definition of moose antler.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	OPPOSE- Biologically this is not a problem. This is very rarely cited. By opposing this, we encourage discretion in moose hunting. Our committee believes that this would make the moose hunting more complicated.
BOG	7	Clarify definition of antler point.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	1	10	OPPOSED – Opposition believes that rule clarification is unnecessary. Supporter comments – Sole supporter agrees with the proposal that the rule language is unclear or redundant and should be removed.
BOG	77	Allow the use of artificial light to taking furbearers.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	OPPOSE - The tone of regulations should be for the conservation of resource, not to encourage more harvesting. We believe this would be to allow shooting and harvesting animals all night long. This is not trapping this is night hunting. This would provide an unfair advantage. We are concerned that this opens the door to overharvesting of animals.
BOG	78	Remove the requirement for identification tags on all traps and snares.	



<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	1	10	OPPOSE. 1 support 10 oppose. Tags good thing. They make you an ethical trapper. They make a trapper accountable for their actions and how they are setting traps. If your name is on a trap, you will be responsible for it. Here in the valley there isn't a problem. The trapping community is small but very active. If there is someone making poor decisions as a trapper, we likely know whom they are and can reach out to that trapper and work with them. Supporting comments - A Trooper may destroy set to check the tag on a trap or snare. Requiring tags invites abuse from people opposed to the activity of trapping.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	11	This would be extremely burdensome on the trapper. This goes above and beyond standard practice of trapping. We also feel that this would be overly burdensome to enforce.

c) Skagway hatchery letter of support.

TM calls for a question 9 in favor, 1 oppose 1 abstain.

Next meeting. March 18

Adjournment: WP motion to Adjourn RC 7:47 pm

Minutes Recorded By: John Hagen
 Minutes Approved By:
 Date: 2/12/16

11/17/2015 Upper Tanana/Fortymile Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM at the ADF & G office in Tok. Board members present: Leif Wilson, Jake Combs, Peter Talus, Lyle Cronk, Matt Snyder, Thor Jorgenson and Frank Entsminger. A quorum is present.

On the agenda, sheep meeting report was added and the year was changed to 2015 on approval of the last meeting's minutes.

Guests present were: Russ Landers, Zack Knaebel, Shawn Bayless, Doreen Parker, Jeff Wells, Jerry Hill, Aaron Atchley, Nate Berg and Sue Entsminger.

Minutes from 10/15/2015 had been emailed out to all. Lyle moved to approve, Peter seconded. Call to vote, passed 7-0.

Leif gave a quick overview of finalizing the minutes. The Board of Game does not want to accept draft minutes; they want them approved before going to them. It was suggested that one officer be appointed to go over the minutes and approve them however it was decided that the officer should email to all, get their replies and then approve the minutes to be sent onto Board of Game. Leif will be that officer and he will be emailing to all as suggested.

Jeff Wells spoke some on TMA harvest/population with multiple power point graphs, etc. Of the 61 permits issued there had been 20 rams killed and they are still waiting on 4 reports. The later season hunters seemed to have done better with one ram over 40" being harvested. During the survey more sheep were observed with lamb/ewe ratio of 47/100, fewer rams were seen but more legals. Lambs also looked good in the Knuzotin and Wrangell Mountains. Jeff also gave a guideline as to how the number of permits to issue is determined. ADF & G will be issuing 60 permits again for 2016 and maybe able to raise the number for 2017 if the sheep numbers stay up. As far the DMA portion is concerned, it looks like they will be increasing their number issued for this year, possibly 65/65 permits. Moose surveys of GMU12 have been moved to 2016 due to lack of snow in that area. GMU20E is just about finished and will have numbers available at the next meeting.

In covering the budget concerns of the Joint Board meetings, a few suggestions came up to get in the minutes and onto them for their next meeting 12/09/2015. Some states have committees to review all proposals prior to them being submitted for approval. Frank made a motion to limit the number of proposals any individual can put in, Lyle seconded. This would not pertain to AC's and may be a pathway to help streamline the system. Call to vote, 7 – 0, passed.

NPS update on final rule, members had a summary from Nisha to reference as well as comments from Sue Entsminger. Seems there were 60,000 – 70,000 comments from the lower 48 and NPS does not feel that any of these rules will affect subsistence users when they received emails questioning this. NPS response was baiting is a safety issue, baiting creates conditioning of bears but users in our multiple use areas have never seen where baiting has caused a safety issue.

Shawn Bayless gave an overview of USF & W proposed rules. The draft will not be turned in until the first of the year and the public will have 90 days to comment. Our local refuge will be holding a public meeting on Feb. 11th from 5 – 9 PM at the Tok School. US F & W feels that predator control is contrary



to the guidelines of the refuge. Under the methods and means for management many things are permitted such as: snaring bears, baiting bears, taking a bear during denning and same day airborne from aircraft at a bait station. Sue Entsminger stated that local AC and community members need to write to the Anchorage office of F & W to express their views.

Frank Entsminger will be attending the sheep meeting Dec. 5th and 6th, representing the local AC. Frank knows the views of the local AC in that the least amount of changes as possible and he will cover views on all proposals with an open mind and no political agenda, as specified in Nisha’s checklist. Sue Entsminger, Aaron Bloomquist, Shawn Bayless and Leif Wilson will also be attending, representing their own entities.

The Board of Game proposals are lengthy and it will take one meeting just for the sheep proposals. It was decided that the December meeting would be good to cover those proposals. This would be right after some of the board has attended the sheep meeting.

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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	2	Modify the definition of ATV	
Oppose	0	7	after much discussion it was decided that there was not enough info to support.
BOG	3	Establish a definition for general hunt	
Oppose	0	7	General hunt definition, try and get some of the hunts out of subsistence. This could change the A & S, what about Tier I and II, non-residents are allowed in registration area which is also a Tier I in the Forty Mile Caribou. Not enough info to support.
BOG	19	Establish a regulation for board-generated proposals	
TNA			Possible amendment; Change so that Board of Game proposals must be brought forth by at least 2 members. No Motion.
BOG	20	Clarify the meaning of “specific location” of wildlife	
TNA			Pertains to info about caribou herd, when the offices get visitors or calls wanting to know where the caribou are located.
BOG	57	Allow the sale of brown bear hides and/or skulls	
Support	7	0	
BOG	67	Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways	
TNA			Trapping the highway right of way corridor, need permission of the land owner behind the right of way that is currently no specified in the regulations. Athna land, private land owners, etc. some roads, the ownership is to the center line, others stop at the utility/state right of way. Should leave it to the attorneys
BOG	69	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog	
Oppose	0	7	



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	70	Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting	
Oppose	0	7	
BOG	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
Support	7	0	Members always thought both pilot and hunter on the ground would be charged, Russ Landers stated the sentence is being added for clarification.
BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	
Oppose	0	7	Not as much a conservation issue as a social issue. This would keep kills out of site and ¼ mile from any state maintained highway. Could be signs used in close proximity of towns or cities. How would this affect the Taylor Highway which is non-maintained in the winter? Seems kind of open ended and needs more clarification. AC suggests if the Board of Game passes this proposal that local AC recommends that GMU12 and GMU20E be exempt.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	7	This is an unreasonable proposal.
BOG	80	Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more	
Oppose	0	7	City ordinances should cover, not a statewide issue.
BOG	87	Prohibit the Board of Game from adopting regulations restricting the use of off-road vehicles for declining quality of an outdoor experience	
Oppose	0	7	Comment: can't even believe the AOC submitted this and no way should Board of Game pass this.
BOG	90	Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat	
Support	7	0	
BOG	104	Require hunters to submit a subsistence hunt report	
TNA			Need to define what they mean by subsistence, don't know enough to support.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 16th, 7PM at the ADF & G conference room in Tok. It was brought up that December would also be elections for Jake, Frank and Peter's seats. Sue E. also brought up that the only village that is represented is Northway and maybe a letter needs to go to the council offices to see about a member from each coming on the local AC. Leif said that Nisha had tried a few years ago but he would mention to try again. In the past there was Kenny Thomas from Tanacross, Chuck Miller from Dot Lake and Patricia Young for Tetlin. Leif also said that Melissa Erickson had expressed interest in the local AC.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:37PM.

12/16/2015 Upper Tanana/Forty Mile Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:07PM at the Tok Fish & Game Office conference room. Board members present included: Leif Wilson, Lyle Cronk, Jake Combs, Matt Snyder and Thor Jorgenson. A quorum is present.

Agenda was approved with the addition of Proposal 138 that didn't make it in the proposal book.

Guests attending were: Teresa Sager-Albaugh, Barb Pine, Bob Gingue, Jeff Wells and Zack Knaebel.

Jeff Wells gave update on 20E moose. Referring to power point charts the different areas and dates of survey were displayed in different colors and showed the bull/cow ratio is up. Last month's moose survey was about the same as last year with the majority of the moose harvest being in 20E. In checking collared moose, where they are in the fall and where they are in November, some were outside the survey area and a few in the upper West Fork. There were good conditions for the survey and the bull/cow ratio was similar to last year. ADF & G intends to keep an eye on harvest increases in 20E and keep comparing the numbers. Bull/cow ration has been up and down but is stable.

ADF & G will be having a moose workshop in Anchorage in a state-wide effort for all biologists to compare notes and techniques of gathering data for goals and objectives – to protect and maintain the population. Question came up about GMU12 but Tetlin Wildlife Refuge has not put out this sort of info and not sure how close projection may be since no survey done yet. The current goal to maximize opportunity may be over conservative, 15/100 to 40/100 with the most common being 30/100 in our area. Jeff asks that members be thinking of ways to meet the objective, like raising antler restrictions could curb the hunting pressure along the Taylor Highway. Committee could consider proposal to Board of Game if the ratio gets too far below 30/100. This item can be discussed more at the next meeting after the moose workshop.

Approval of meeting minutes from 11/17/2015. Lyle made motion to approve with Matt seconding. Passed 5 – 0.

Sheep working group meeting was discussed. Our delegate Frank Entsminger was able to attend but was not available for tonight's meeting. Leif was there as well as Teresa Sager-Albaugh. Next working group meeting is scheduled for Jan. 1 and 2 in Fairbanks. Hopes of things moving better at the next meeting was brought up so no issues were discussed except should there be a working group or not. Some feel that the Advisory Committees and Board of Game should be handling all this. There was definite animosity towards a working group and all need to try to work out the glitches before the working group can move forward. Number one concern for all was conservation and sustainability of the sheep population. Teresa said she heard that the facilitator can't make those dates and that the meeting would be moved to January 30 and 31. With 40 people making up the working group, it may be hard to get dates that suit everyone to attend.

Board of Game proposals, we need to comment on prior to their next meeting in March. Does the local committee want to wait to see the results of the sheep working group or get comments in now, it was



decided that the committee would move on with the proposals with the stance of the least amount of changes to the regulations and the Board of Game could table some of the proposals to give the working group time to come up with suggestions.

Proposal 207) Has already been passed into legislation, our local advisory committee supported it in the beginning and wants to give it a chance to see how it affects the issue. It appears to be working good so far.

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BOG	21	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	5	0	Has already been passed into law, our local advisory committee supported it in the beginning and wants to give it a chance to see how it affects the issue. It appears to be working good so far.
BOG	22	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	5	0	Has already been passed into law, our local advisory committee supported it in the beginning and wants to give it a chance to see how it affects the issue. It appears to be working good so far.
BOG	23	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	5	0	Has already been passed into law, our local advisory committee supported it in the beginning and wants to give it a chance to see how it affects the issue. It appears to be working good so far.
BOG	24	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	5	0	Has already been passed into law, our local advisory committee supported it in the beginning and wants to give it a chance to see how it affects the issue. It appears to be working good so far.
BOG	25	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	5	0	Has already been passed into law, our local advisory committee supported it in the beginning and wants to give it a chance to see how it affects the issue. It appears to be working good so far.
BOG	26	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting	
Oppose	5	0	Has already been passed into law, our local advisory committee supported it in the beginning and wants to give it a chance to see how it affects the issue. It appears to be working good so far.
BOG	32	Change all sheep hunts to drawing or registration permit hunts	
Oppose	0	5	
BOG	33	Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only and nonresident-only hunting; and establish a statewide registration season	
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	34	Extend the sheep hunting season statewide; provide a timeframe for resident-only hunting; establish a statewide registration season; and limit methods and means	
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	36	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	37	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	38	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	



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Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	39		Shorten the nonresident sheep hunting season statewide
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	40		Restrict nonresident sheep hunting to a limited number of drawing opportunities
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	41		Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	42		Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a 12% allocation cap
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	43		Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	44		Allocate ten percent or less of sheep permits to nonresidents
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	45		Establish nonresident sheep permit allocation of ten percent
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	46		Establish a statewide archery season for sheep, August 1–9
Oppose	0	5	These have already been discussed in other years at other meetings
BOG	47		Establish a statewide youth hunting season for Dall sheep, August 1–5
Support	4	0	Issues discussed was that it opens the season even earlier, what is the definition of a child, youth needing to go through the hunter safety program but can get harvest ticket without the program at 10 years old and what increase will be to the harvest and the effect on the numbers. Taylor highway youth caribou hunt was a great success with many letters of support coming into ADF & G. Thor moved to amend his motion to 14 year olds and applies to general harvest area only with limited draw state-wide of 5 per GMU. 1 ABSTAIN
BOG	48		Review and potentially modify sheep hunting opportunities statewide
Oppose	0	5	An issue discussed included normal guides vs. federal concession guides who already have a set limit of per year but wants no draw as non-residents on state lands, no to making residents choose draw or general hunt and definitely no to hunt dates by last name. **Support would be given to #2 preferred method over total draw with dates Aug. 10 th – 20 th , 7 – 10 days vs. 21 days and #3 to address federal lands also with draw and limit set by state and feds.
BOG	138		Change nonresident, general sheep hunts on state and BLM lands to drawing permit hunts
Oppose	0	5	

Adjournment: 10:00 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Vanessa Thompson
 Minutes Approved By: Entire AC
 Date: 2/18/2016

Wrangell Fish and Game Advisory Committee
January 4 and 28, 2016
Wrangell, Alaska

- I. Call to Order: Time 7 PM by Chris Guggenbickler

- II. Roll Call:
 Members Present: Eleven: Chris Guggenbickler (Chair), Brennon Eagle (Vice-Chair), David Rak (Secretary), Marlin Benedict, Bill Knecht, Brian Merritt, Alan Reeves, Robert Rooney, Winston Davies, Jason Rooney. Mike Bauer (Alternate).
 Members Absent: Six: Tom Sims, Janice Churchill, John Yeager, Tony Guggenbickler, Otto Florschutz, Scott McAuliffe (Alternate).
 Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight
 List of User Groups Present:

- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date:

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Wrangell AST Fred Burk
- VI. Guests Present:
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business: Wrangell AC Elections
 The Wrangell AC did not hold election in 2015. To resolve that issue members were elected for both two and three year terms. Two alternate members were appointed by the Chair for one year terms. Wrangell AC Officers were also elected for a one-year term.

Three Year Terms	Two Year Terms	One Year Alternate	Officers for One Year
Tom Sims	Rob Rooney	Janice Churchill	Chris Guggenbickler - Chair
Brennon Eagle	John Yeager	Brett Stillwaugh	Brennon Eagle - Vice-Chair
Jason Rooney	Winston Davies		David Rak – Secretary
Otto Florschutz	David Rak		
Scott McAuliffe	Mike Bauer		

Other New Business: Chris Guggenbickler reported to the Committee on the actions, personnel changes, and activities of the Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association at Klawock, Burnett Inlet, Shrimp Bay, Kendrick Bay, McClain Bay and Earl West Cove.



Alaska Board of Game
Statewide Meeting
March 18-28, 2016
Fairbanks

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	4	Amend the definition of bag limit	
OPPOSE	0	11	The Wrangell AC position on this proposal is similar to its position on the wounding of black bears. A wounding that results in evidence of blood is a taking; a kill is not required. If game is wounded, by evidence of blood, it is a taking, the tag should be cut, and the animal counted as part of the hunter's bag limit. A taking includes a substantial attempt to hunt an animal. Hunters need to carefully consider all aspects of a clean kill and retrieval prior to taking a shot.
BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
Oppose	0	11	The Wrangell AC supports the salvage of edible meat from breasts, thighs and legs from game birds, but the inclusion of wing and back meat along with gizzards and hearts as edible meat required to be salvaged from ducks and other game birds is not acceptable. The hunter may salvage those additional items if they choose, but not eating the wings, back, gizzard heart or other parts of the bird should not be a violation.
BOG	6	Modify the definition of a moose antler	
Support	11	0	This proposal was submitted to the Board by the Wrangell AC and we support it. Modifying the definition of a spike-fork moose antler to not consider hidden points would eliminate careful hunters from being cited for a violation of moose antler points they could not see. The points that originate from the base of the moose antler (burl points) should not count as a tine. These base points are often difficult, to near impossible, for the hunter to see as they are hidden in the moose's hair or ears. This is not a problem unique to SEAK and thus needed to address in a State wide proposal/regulation.
BOG	11	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts	
Oppose	1	10	A crossbow is not a common archery item/equipment, and a cross bow with a scope is not a primitive weapon, as it can harvest game at 100 yards it is more like a rifle. A restricted weapons hunt traditionally provides a more challenging hunt opportunity, and a crossbow would not fit that definition. A crossbow is not the same fair take opportunity as traditional archery or compound bow, as it takes less skill to use. A crossbow can be used in a rifle hunt. The proposal would change the allocation of certain game from rifle to restricted-weapons hunts as the success with crossbows increases the take of those animals.
BOG	50	Remove the requirement for evidence of sex for hunts with bag limits of only one sex	
Oppose	0	11	The current regulation works well and no change is needed. There is a need to maintain evidence of sex for a reasonable level of enforcement.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
BOG	54	Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species	
Oppose	0	11	A mulligan bag limit should not be provided for because the regulation would not be easily and clearly defined. The Wrangell AC favors regulation with a clear line for ease of enforcement, so that hunters know when they would cross that line. The mulligan bag limit would be a gray line that could be crossed or not. And it would be difficult for enforcement.
BOG	56	Prohibit the transport of hide and skull of black or brown bear from the field until edible meat has been salvaged	
Oppose	0	11	Bears should be treated the same as all other game. When there is a salvage requirement for bear meat, the edible meat should be removed before the trophy parts of the bear. The AC opposes the proposal because it is not always required to salvage bear meat, especially brown bears in some seasons.
BOG	66	Allow the use of felt soles	
Support	11	0	Felt soles on boots for wading in streams are superior for traction on slippery rocks. They promote safety by minimizing slips and falls into cold swift water. There are no equally safe alternatives for traction. The need to thwart/eliminate the spread of invasive plants and animals is recognized. This could be done with a required period of quarantine or a disinfectant/chlorine bleach dip/wash for the boots. Also the current prohibition of felt soles fails to address boot and shoe laces as a carrier for invasive plants and animals.
BOG	68	Prohibit the use of forward looking infrared (FLIR) devices	
Support	11	0	The use of FLIR devices in sport hunting is contrary to the principles of fair chase in the taking of game. Artificial light electronically enhanced night vision devices are currently banned on the taking of game. They give a hunter an unfair advantage. The Wrangell AC favors the elimination of FLIR use with this Board cycle.
BOG	69	Prohibit hunting with domestic dog	
Oppose	0	11	It is a long and time honored tradition to hunt waterfowl and upland birds with the use of a dog for retrieving. Hikers and campers also bring dogs into wildlands. The transmission of diseases to Alaska wildlife populations by retrieving and companion dogs is not a high risk.
BOG	71	Clarify same day airborne prohibitions	
Support	11	0	The Wrangell Ac agrees with the intent of the existing regulation and supports the effort to clean up its wording for same-day airborne prohibitions for hunting big game. That prohibition should extend to others the hunter has come into contact with. All involved in the hunt effort would have the same waiting period after being airborne. The proposal would be a help to enforcement efforts.



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BOG	72	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts	
Oppose	2	9	It is recognized that the use of a small caliber weapon could lead to wounding and loss of big game. This proposal is a step in the right direction, but the Wrangell AC leans toward allowing hunters to use common sense in their selection of caliber, and not have it set by State regulation. If a hunter was deer hunting in SEAK with a 223 rifle during moose season, and found a legal moose, they would like the opportunity to try and take the moose with a well-placed shot without violating the law.
BOG	73	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts	
Oppose	2	9	Same as proposal 72. The Wrangell AC leans toward allowing hunters to use common sense in their selection of caliber, and not have it set by State regulation
BOG	74	Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts	
Oppose	2	9	Same as Proposal 72. The Wrangell AC leans toward allowing hunters to use common sense in their selection of caliber, and not have it set by State regulation
BOG	78	Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares	
Oppose	4	7	The requirement for ID tags is a cumbersome time consuming task for trappers but it greatly aids in enforcement and accountability. It is quick and easy for AST to identify the trapper. It would be best to have the trapper's ID number, not their name, on the tag. The wire wrap is great to use.
BOG	79	Require traps to be checked every 24 hours	
Oppose	0	11	If this regulation change was made for GMU 1C it would be president setting for the remainder of SE AK. Requiring a trapper to check traps every 24 hours could result in dangerous, and perhaps fatal situations, as trappers would be required to boat in poor weather to check their traps in SE Alaska. This is also unrealistic, as well as dangerous for weekend trappers. There is a great amount of peer pressure for trappers to check their traps and the change in regulations is not necessary.

Adjournment: Approximately 10 PM

Minutes Recorded By: David Rak _____

Minutes Approved By: Chris Guggenbickler _____

Date: ___03/03/2016_____

**Yukon Flats Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Pikes Lodge, Fairbanks
December 14, 2015**

- I. Call to Order: 2:25 pm by Chairman, Larry Williams

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Gerald John (Arctic Village) Wilma Pitka & Rhonda Pitka (Beaver); Nick Henry & Jeffrey Wright (Chalkyitsik); Charles John & Jack Boyle Jr (Circle); Andrew Firmin & Walter Peter (Fort Yukon); Jessica Kozenifoff (Stevens Village); Larry Williams Sr. & Christian Tritt Jr. (Venetie)

Members Absent: Lance Whitwell (Arctic Village), Nicholas Baalam (Birch Creek), 1 Stevens Village seat
*J. Kozenikoff filled in for Roberto Burgess and Glen Simon Jr (Stevens Village) who both missed their flight into FAI. She was already in FAI for another reason.

Number Needed For Quorum on AC: 8

- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date: 2/11/2015

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Beth Lenart & Jason Caikoski (DWC); Seth Wilson (SUBS); Christy Gleason [Sabrina Garcia via teleconference] (DCF); Nissa Pilcher (BDS)

- VI. Guests Present: Vince Mathews & Mark Bertram & Steve Berendzen (FWS); Gary Lawrence & Ben Stevens (TCC); James Kelly & Kelda Britton (CATG), Joe Matesi, Jorma Pope [via teleconference]

- VII. Old Business: Questions about proposals that were discussed at the last meeting to be brought back up and submitted to the Board of Game

- VIII. New Business:

Concerns and comments from AC Representatives

- Andrew noted he had heard a lot of chatter about the Porcupine Caribou wanton waste in Canada; that lack of enforcement and bad hunting ethics were combining into significant overharvest on the Deptster.

Action Item

Draft letter to send on this issue and send it to the International Board as well as our state representatives..

- Larry noted that he had been asked why the Porcupine River was closed to no fishing without any warning; will be updated on this later in the meeting.

DWC Staff gave brief update

Porcupine update; handout

Moose survey update; hanout

Residents of Fort Yukon helped out this year with the moose surveys; volunteer spotters arranged through CATG. If any AC member/student is interested in doing this, please let staff know.

Chair expressed concern lack of moose on flats, we have meeting after meeting on this, and even created Moose Management Plan, and we are concerned that nothing was being done. The numbers certainly aren't increasing.

Department & Beaver representatives discussed the IM program that occurred near Beaver in the near past; noted there was a grant to do some more work that was given to Beaver. Department also reminded committee that most of the flats is federal land where predator control projects are not allowed. Noted that the wolf population is low in the flats because the moose population is low, but the bear population is healthy; there are a LOT of black bears. What has been done; liberalized black and brown bear bag limits, have a brown bear baiting season, community harvest for black bears (although no one is requesting to do this).

CATG noted that they had revived the Yukon Flats Moose Management Plan, and held a meeting in April. CATG gave meeting highlights; the outcome of the meeting was that a subcommittee was formed to meet in the new year, still working out how to funding implementation of ideas that came as of a result of the meetings such as hunter checkpoints at airports.

Chair commented that we need to revisit stuff if things aren't going in the right direction and asked if any education in the classroom on moose management techniques is being done currently. FWS referenced a video produced for teachers and curriculum that was worked out and distributed, but noted that no outreach had been done lately.

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BOG	5	Modify the definition of edible meat for all game birds	
support	12	0	Didn't know you only had to salvage just the breasts from smaller birds (grouse), we eat the whole d#\$& thing!
BOG	36	Modify resident and nonresident sheep hunting seasons	
support	12	0	Arctic Village concerned; had been stocking a sheep for a long time this fall and had a plane [guide] fly over and scare him off; See people fly around, even though they are not supposed to. Saw a plane crash because there is no landing spots (king creek).
BOG	54	Establish an additional statewide bag limit for big game species	
TNA			Too many pros and cons, five years is a long time unless you are a nonresident. What if you are trying to feed a family. Too complex of an issue for the board to work out much less us.
BOG	64	Allow harvest of brown/grizzly bear at black bear bait stations	
Support	12	0	



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BOG	65		Remove the requirement to salvage brown bear meat at bait stations
oppose	1	11	It is a federal requirement to salvage. If you are going to harvest a bear you should utilize it. Is bear meat edible? Don't think that the meat should be wasted if you shoot it. Bears aren't like wolves, they eat berries. Opposition; is bear meat even edible; brown bears are like wolves, are predators. Would you eat a wolf? Oppose the rest Support 1
BOG	67		Prohibit hunting and trapping from highway right-of-ways
support	12	0	Got clarification on changes, Circle is on the road system, think it is beneficial to support it
BOG	69		Prohibit hunting with domestic dog
oppose	0	12	Dogs can be used as a pack animal, what if you are walking a dog with a gun; then you could be ticketed!
BOG	70		Restrict the use of aircraft for spotting or locating big game species while hunting
support	12	0	
BOG	71		Clarify same day airborne prohibitions
Support w/Am	12	0	Discussion on what is considered big game; committee wasn't sure if wolf was considered big game or not; Doesn't seem to make any sense since by the time you land wolves will be a ways away. Lets stick to discussing moose or caribou. Proposal 71 is confusing, can see many ways to interpret this. Amendment; to make exceptions of wolves and bears
BOG	72		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for moose hunts
Support w/Am	12	0	If you shoot badly you won't be able to take down game with a large caliber, and if you shoot well you can take down game with a smaller one. But overall, we don't think that a small caliber is appropriate for a moose. Amendment; moose 30 caliber or larger
BOG	73		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for caribou hunts
Support w/Am	12	0	If you shoot badly you won't be able to take down game with a large caliber, and if you shoot well you can take down game with a smaller one. Amendment; .223 or larger for caribou
BOG	74		Establish minimum caliber ammunition for black and brown bear hunts
Support w/Am	12	0	If you shoot badly you won't be able to take down game with a large caliber, and if you shoot well you can take down game with a smaller one. But overall, we don't think that a small caliber is appropriate for a moose. Amendment; Bear 30 caliber or larger



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BOG	78		Remove all requirements for identification tags on traps and snares
oppose	0	12	This isn't a requirement where we trap, but wouldn't want to do it.
BOG	79		Require traps to be checked every 24 hours
oppose	0	12	In Arctic Village it is \$10 gallon fuel and \$12 for a quart of oil; it would be pretty expensive in the bush to do this
BOG	80		Move trapping away from cities with a population of 1,000 or more
oppose	0	12	This does not seem like a good idea to deal with it on a statewide level like this.
BOG	84		Clarify the inspection requirements for licenses, harvest tickets, and permits
support	12	0	Clarification on what this regulation would change and what constitutes 'hunting'
BOG	85		Remove the exception for harvest tickets and reports for caribou
oppose	0	12	It is hard to get the harvest tickets out here; even when I come into Fairbanks, sometime still can't get enough of them since many members can harvest more than the 5 caribou that come on one harvest card and sometimes can't find anyone to issue them another card, which still is only 10 animals and we can harvest more than that.
BOG	130		Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska
support	12	0	

Draft BOG Proposals

- Extend lynx season for 25 B 25D; February 28. Currently 25C is march 15th. Much better date considering the breeding cycle and the weather, still have a fur buyer. Fur will deteriorate (get springy) after that. Weather is still cold so coats are still good. RAC proposal put in to align it with other animals (wolverine, ect)

Lynx to 15 for all of 25; but would like to go to 31st to match what should have happen on FSB. Do what the FSB does, if it doesn't pass, then go to the 31st

- Increase black bar bag limit from 3 to 5 in unit 25B, aligning with 25D; housekeeping for us
- Positive C&T brown bear 25D
Currently negative finding, want to make it a positive. Finding made in 1987, cannot find any worksheets that SUBS did on this. If isn't on paper, then we don't use it but that isn't right. A lot of new documentation/information on bear hunting. Since the regulation is more liberal, then we should revisit this since we can take more. New information on bear use in flats

Can't find the C&T worksheet that would have lead to this decision
The board should reconsider

- Potlatch moose
addition additional language
funeral moose are separate celebratory moose, adding to mortuary moose Yukon Flats
allowance for a celebration of life; reference a festival from Tanana. If there is a specific event in
mind; a positive event/holiday celebration and not just when someone dies. If a proposal was
drafted that had a specific description that would happen at a specific time. How often how
many people, what would occur,
- Bear baiting 25D; someone from GMU 20 is writing a propsoal that concerns us, this is n't ok. submit
new proposal that if you submit a proposal you have to be a resident of that game management unit.
This is alarming. Resources are common property.
- Allow bear snaring in 25D for 5 years, or until revoked by BOG, or until population objection is met.
Need to get more aggressive. Nontraditional for foot snaring, but was taught how to neck snare bears
while growing up. This is making legal a traditional way of harvesting bears.
- Allowing tribal governments to establish guides.....for bears...my tribal government is opposed to
guiding in any way shape or form, be it an outsider; Disucssed, AC will not proceed with this.
- Same day airborne for wolves be be allowed in gmu 25D to promote due to low moose density. Land
and shoot.

Walter comment; a lot of our concerns are wolves & bears. We are deprived of our moose meat and of
our salmon. We have to balance between state and feds.

BOF

Sabrina Garcia gave a summary of 2015 summer season

ChristyGleason gave a summary of the 2015 fall season; including discussion on the closure of the
Porcupine river including why it was closed as well as what was done to notify residents.

(Fisheries discussion pages 6-7 excerpted)



Federal Wildlife Proposals

WP16-55

Put it in to match with wolf trapping seasons so if you incidentally catch one in a wolf set you aren't breaking the law

Support

WP16-56

Housekeeping; aligning state and federal regulations

Support

WP16-57

Support

WP16-58

Not that many people actively trapping in those areas, no outside people going there to trap via the road and only keeping the residents from trapping during these times.

Support

WP16-70 & WP16-71

We worked hard to get that proposal worked through and we haven't had the time to see what happens original intent was to take a brown bear incidentally, not target brown bears, don't want to have to break down camp and move if you attract brown bears.

Oppose

Adjournment: 8:30 pm