

Northern Norton Sound AC
12/6/16
Pioneer Igloo, Nome, AK

- I. Call to Order: 1507hrs by Chairman Charles Lean
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Charlie Lean Chairman, Adem Boeckmann, Kevin Knowlton Secretary, Nate Perkins, Daniel Stang, Tom Gray, Charlie Saccheus, Clifford Seetook, Jack Fagerstrom, Davis Lincoln, Stanley Tocktoo, , Brandon Ahmasuk, Sara Okbaok
Members Absent: William Kakoona, Paul Kosto Vice Chairman
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:8, 13 present Quorum requirements met.
List of User Groups Present: Commercial Fishing and Crabbing, Subsistence Hunting and Fishing, NSEDC, Nome Eskimo, Kawerak,
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Kevin Knowlton, second by Adem Boeckmann to approve agenda with the following additions: off shore mining concerns and beach mining and cigar fish habitat, switch items, 6 & 7, add discussion fall moose hunt 22B, Stanley Tocktoo explains Teller didn't get moose. Motion passes Unanimous.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 4/5/16 & 1/20/16
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Motioned: Tom Gray
Nate Perkins: Seconded
Minutes approved Unanimous
1/20/16
Motioned: Nate Perkins
Seconded: Tom Gray
Minutes approved Unanimous
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Letty Hughes, William Dunker, Carmen Daggett, Jim Menard, Kari Rasmussen
- VI. Guests Present:
Dan Reed, Jacob Martin (Nome Eskimo), Lucas Frost (Nome Public Schools), Brian Ubelakel (BLM), Eric Osborn, Ken Keith (NSEDC FR&D), Ashley Dunker (NSEDC Fishery Biologist), David Evans
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:
- IX. Elections:
 - a. Nominations: Charlie Lean, Edward Stang, Tom Gray, Nate Perkins, Adem Boeckmann, Kevin Knowlton, Lucas Frost, Dan Reed, David Evans.
 - b. Results: Tom Gray, Adem Boeckmann, Nate Perkins, Charlie Lean, Lucas Frost, Edward Stang, and Kevin Knowlton. New members seated.

- c. Officers: Chairman; Charlie Lean, Vice Chairman; Nate Perkins, Secretary; Kevin Knowlton.
- X. Public Comments Concerns:
 - a. Eric Osborn: the pot limit comes into effect, the pot limit should be around 40 pots, it would be nice if Menard had the authority to add more pots. I am afraid people will still fish 40 pots or more then get more permits. Permits are going up, there was not a lot of consultation with fisherman, if it were subsistence regulation it would be illegal, I think it needs to be changed.
Charlie Lean: explains procedures for putting regulations in.
 - b. Adem Boeckmann: Expressed concern for how the subsistence crab fishing is being affected by commercial crab fishing in the winter.
Eric Osborn: Explains it isn't going to curtail the amount of fishing people are just going to buy more permits. Everyone in this area does both commercial and subsistence fishing. This commercial fishing allows families to subsist.
 - c. Stanley Tocktoo: On the coastline we have a lot of sea mammals we depend on, there are barrels up and down the coast we don't know they are going to contaminate, I don't know what is in them. On the coast is from Shismaref to Ikpik, they are out during spring and fall. We are seeing a lot of cows and a lot less bulls, no one is catching, no one can catch antlerless moose.
Charlie Lean: Explains the process for dealing with the barrels out on the coast. Just a picture that could be sent to the park service would be helpful.
- A. 22B moose
 - Davis Lincoln: Inquires about the board helping with the moose allocation. A minority of the moose taken in 22B West are taken by the residents of the subunit. Opening on Sept 1st is too warm. I think the season closes on the 7th or the 8th. We saw a bunch of moose later after the season closed. Out of White Mountain we go by boat and your gas bill gets high and it is hard if you don't get a moose. It gets pretty frustrating.
 - Stanley Tocktoo: September is too early, the big game hunters, they put the moose in trash bags when they are transporting across. Trash bags are black and makes the moose go bad.
 - Tom Gray: We have an allocation issue and a season issue.
 - Jack Fagerstrom: We noticed a large number moose were be taken by people from Golovin, White Mountain or Council. That is how we ended up with a winter moose hunt. We went back to changing the dates.
 - Charlie Saccheus: A lot of the moose hunters keeps the bags open to keep meat edible.
- B. Mining Impacts on crab
 - Adem Boeckmann: Would like to request a study on the impacts of the mining on the crab habitat.
 - Charlie Lean: Explains history of crab harvest and mining impacts on the crab. Explains the jurisdiction on process for going about dealing with this issue.
 - Adem Boeckmann: the North Pacific Research council did a study on impacts on mining on crab issues.
- XI. Jim Menard: Explains the GHL, CDQ
 - a. Adem Boeckmann: I make a motion for the CDQ on the winter proposal to have it managed as was last winter.
 - b. Seconded: Tom Gray
 - c. 13 support, 1 absention
 - d. Adem Boeckmann, I think 80,000 isn't too much. I wanted to have some impact. This is an excellent economic opportunity and we get an incredible price during the winter.

- e. Kevin Keith: Explains the benefit of the winter fishery for people who don't have boats and the winter CDQ give opportunity for people to make money during the winter.
- f. Tom Gray: What has the winter fishery has taken as far as out of the 80,000. Usually they are five percent or less. In recent years what number would we have to go to if we didn't use the CDQ.
- g. Charlie Lean: Explains that we were concerned about the trend of increased winter harvest and the impacts multiplying on subsistence in particular.
- h. Tom Gray: How can we give the winter crab fishery more of a life. I am trying to speak on behalf of the winter subsistence crab fishery and how we get a stable winter crab fishery in the future. The NSEDC number is the 8%.
- i. Charlie Lean: Explains the CDQ the GHL and the stability of the ice, the market, and before there was no upper limit during the winter fishery.

MOU: Charlie Lean: Explains MOUs

Charlie Lean: I don't think anyone has read this, I have not.

Kevin Knowlton: Suggests tabling the MOU till the next AC meeting.

Charlie Lean: I am hesitant to write a letter on my own and pretend to speak for the rest.

Nate Perkins: I think we move to take no action.

Bill Dunker: Inquires any input or guidance in how the new permitting system is working in this region. In order to assist managers in Unit 23 and 26A.

Charlie Lean: Explained frustration about the lack of the need for conservation from the board coming out of the RAC meetings. We and Southern Norton Sound ACs cut back harvest and other interests said thanks we will take that caribou.

Adem Boeckmann: Explains his understanding of conflicts on the river and inquiries about curiosity of how that Unit 23 closure conflicts happened.

Tom Gray: Is Fish and Game talking about Intensive Management for the WACH?

Charlie Lean: Several of us were talking about predators on calves. Ravens and foxes would be a significant predators on calves it would be good to know some of these lesser known predators. What predator works that age class of animals.

Adem Boeckmann: It is interesting you mention raven's we can really bumped up raven populations.

Stanley Tocktoo: We find dead fawns they are being killed by the elements, the calves are just frozen. I take them home.

Tom Gray: The bears are getting a bad rap, when there is something wolves are playing big role up.

Jack Fagerstrom: I heard this old elder talk about wolves that kill for sport. The wolf needs to be recognized as a significant predator.

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Opposed	0	14	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton Seconded: Adem Boeckmann Tom Gray: I don't want to see a no fly zone in Unit 22. I don't think other people should be deciding that for us. Stanley Tocktoo: I know what we can do for the low flying.
6	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Interior/Northeast Arctic and the Arctic/Western Regions		
Opposed	0	14	Motioned to support: Nate Perkins Seconded: Kevin Knowlton Charlie: Proposer believes that all Alaskans are subsistence users. Tom Gray: We need to make our own regulations, Al Barrett, I don't want to put my destiny in the hands of people on the road system
8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	11	2	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton Seconded: AdemBockmann
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	9	4	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton Seconded: Adem Boeckmann Dan Reed: Explains on small grouse and ptarmigan the legs. People are going to harvest what they want. This is an example of an ineffective reg. Charlie: I harvest the legs. May be ineffective but provides direction to hunters. Stanley Tocktoo: Explains he leaves the skin on and we cook the feet Adem Boeckman: I can support the change
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	12	1	Motion to support by: Tom Gray Second: Kevin Knowlton Tom Gray: I am going to suggest get rid of tag fee and instate registration hunt. We have no idea how many people are out there. We need to go back to managing our resource. We need to know how many people want to kill bears. If we have registration history. I would be comfortable or saying the resource can take a beating or no we can't. Charlie: Inquires about Bill's comments on registrations Bill: Explains subsistence bear hunt that is not very much used. Brandon: Inquires about if the Department hears of unreported harvest. Inquiries about if the department thinks there is a conservation concern. Bill: No, The harvest has been 100 bears per year. Tom Gray: Explains that the bear increase, I want to know what the hunter interest is.
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	12	2	Motion to Support: Kevin Knowlton Second: Brandon Ahmasuk

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			Discussion centered around clarifying reasoning and specifics of the reasons to proposals. Kevin Knowlton: If a hunter is going to pay the non-resident fees and each person should be able to harvest an animal. I am in favor of this proposal.
26	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
No Action			
27	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
No Action			
28	Eliminate the nonresident moose hunt in Units 22E and 22D remainder		
Support as amended	13	0	<p>Motion to support: Adem Boeckmann Seconded: Kevin Knowlton Adem Boeckmann: I am hearing that hunters are coming back with spoiled meat. Charlie Lean: Inquires about movement in between the two units. Nate: Inquires about 22E hunt and the harvest quotas being met. Inquires most of the people who are guided. Kevin Knowlton: Doesn't the department already have tools in place for emergency orders in place they can use to close those places. Adem: motion to support with amendment to eliminate 22D nonresidents Seconded: seconded Adem: Explains concerns that a similar is going to 22E. Brandon: August 10th is way too early, it is way too hot. I would like to get rid of that August portion would do some good.</p>
29	Open a hunting season for caribou in Unit 22A by emergency order only		
No Action			
30	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22C		
Support	13	0	<p>Motion to Support: Tom Gray Second: Brandon Ahmasuk Discussion of how much safer it is to hunt earlier in the spring</p>
31	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 22B		
Support	12	1	<p>Motion to Support: Tom Gray Second: Adem Boeckmann Tom Gray: I don't think we have enough information about this resource, I am seeing less bears. I am seeing less and less bears. In Unalakleet it didn't really effect anything. We need to walk carefully. Brandon: The general concern I am feeling is there are a lot of bears not just council from all of 22B. Department is neutral on this proposal we have not been able to identify a biological issue. Tom Gray: In 22A there were three people in the first year that shot two bears. There were several years that people didn't take any bears. It is getting tougher and tougher trying to make my clients happy. Adem: I wonder how much a bear hide goes for..</p>

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32	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22A		
No Action			
244			
245	Extend the closure line North of the Northern Norton Sound Section commercial king crab fishery from 64 15' N Latitude		
Opposed	0	13	<p>Motion to Support: Jack Fagerstrum Second: Adem Boeckmann Jim Menard: Department is neutral Charlie Lean: Explains the original intent of the current regulation. To reduce the impact on the winter crab fishery as a result of the summer crab fishery. The majority of people were affecting Golovin and White Mountain according to Roy Ashenfelter. They wrote a proposal to put the line there and that is why it is there today. Charlie: I believe this AC supported this boundary. Adem Boeckmann: I continue to support this line, I still have concerns the crab get into open water sooner there than in Nome. I can't tell you about the last trawl survey, if I read them correctly, 70% of the crab biomass resides Cape Nome West, 70% of the harvest over there. I have concerns about increasing opportunity of 70% harvest on 30% of the biomass. Nate Perkins: Explains that the original line was moved to support subsistence crabbers. Tom Gray: I think the line should stay where it is. The impacts were that we used to be able to get 30-40 crabs in a day now we get 3-5 crabs a day. Jack Fagerstrom: Explains what it used to be now Charlie Lean: I am not hearing any one speaking in favor of this proposal.</p>
246	Add a definition for crab rakes as legal subsistence fishing gear		
Support	13	0	<p>Motion to Support: Tom Gray Second: Kevin Knowlton Charlie Lean explained that this is a common means of harvesting Hanasaki crab out of the rocks by residence of St. Lawrence Island. Adem Boeckmann: I think it is an established method and means in Norton Sound and Chukchi sea too Stanley Tocktoo: Explained how they use a similar tool to harvest crab through the ice while hand lining.</p>

Advisory committee: votes to send Charlie to the WACH, BOG, and BOF meetings.

Nate Perkins is the alternate, Adem Boeckmann would do the crab in March 2017 if needed.

Adjournment: 7:38 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Christine R. Voss

Minutes Approved By: [Signature]

Date: 12/21/2016