

**Southern Norton Sound AC**  
**12/8/16**  
**Community Hall, Unalakleet, AK**

I. Call to Order: 12:14 pm by Wade Ryan

II. P Roll Call: Wade Ryan (Chair), Jacob Ivanoff, Matilda Hardy, Morris Nassuk, Peter Martin Sr., Frank Katchatag, Stebbins seats Vacant, Wes Jones, Milton Cheemuk  
Members Present: Wade Ryan (Chair), Jacob Ivanoff, Matilda Hardy, Morris Nassuk, Peter Martin Sr.

Members Absent: Frank Katchatag, Stebbins seats Vacant, Wes Jones, Milton Cheemuk

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:5

List of User Groups Present: Subsistence users and Commercial fisherman

Matilda made comments regarding Mr. Sookiyak's passing. He served on the SNAC for several years.

III. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Morris seconded by Matilda motion approved

Morris moved to approve the Stebbins Alternate Matilda seconded motion passed

Jacob made a motion to have a moment of silent for Mike Sookiyak seconded by Wade motion passed

Matilda gave invocation

IV. P Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2/8/16 Moved by Matilda seconded by Jacob motion passed

V. P Fish and Game Staff Present:

Letty Hughes (DWC), William Dunker (DWC), Carmen Daggett (Boards Support), Brendon Scanlon (Sport Division), Jim Menard (Commercial Division)

VI. P Guests Present: Arley Nanounk, Renae Ivanoff, Gary Eckenweiler, Alfred Commack

Gary Eckenwieler stated that it would be helpful to use rod and reel as a mean as a subsistence tool for Chinook salmon. They catch more Chinook utilizing a set net over rod and reel. Jacob mentioned that this was discussed in the pass and we were not in support of the idea due to the guiding operation on the Unalakleet River but we were in favor for the Northern Region

Lillian said hello to the committee.

VII. P Old Business: P  
No old business P

VIII. P New Business:

Letty Hughes gave an overall view of the Western Arctic Caribou Herd (WACH). She stated that there was an estimated 201,000. Wade asked why it was implemented and when it was in effect. Letty explained what happened. Jacob stated that he and Charlie Lean asked to change to the permitting requirements to prevent hunters from becoming criminals.

Wade asked about the moose in the Unalakleet Drainage and Letty stated that they attempted to do surveys the past two years but the lack of snow prevented them from doing the survey. The department completed and bull cow ratio last week and the numbers are preliminary.

Rena asked how to access the permit for caribou hunting. Letty stated that you can get them at any vendors or at line.

Wade stated that if you want to obtain your hunting permit at the cost of this year, you will need to purchase them prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>. The cost of permits in 2017 is going to increase.

Alfred asked about the numbers of the moose survey, Letty told him that in 2013 there were 543 and they are still working on the numbers from last week's survey.

Jill Klien gave an overview of the MOU between the State of Alaska and the Federal Government. Wade had some questions regarding the purpose of the MOU. Jill explained that it was a coordination between the two entities.

Morris primary for BOG and Matilda as Alternate  
Wes primary for BOF and Wade as Alternate

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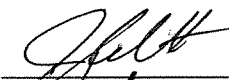
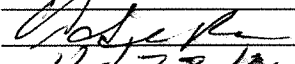
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Support	5	0	Jacob made a motion to support seconded by Matilda. With more air traffic, it disturbs the migration of the caribou and distract the hunters. We have to travel long ways to hunt and any disturbance makes it harder for us to harvest any caribou. It gives hunters an advantage when using an aircraft to hunt caribou.
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	5	Jacob moved to support seconded by Peter. Jacob disagree with the dates for closing the bulls. Wade commends the effort of putting subsistence in there.
8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Jacob. Wade stated that the residence of Alaska should have the priority to hunting.
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Wade. Wade stated that if you are going to kill a bird you should take all the edible meat home.
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	5	0	Jacob moved to support Matilda seconded. Wade mentioned that we have been doing this for years and there is no need to change.
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	5	0	Jacob moved to support seconded Matilda. Wade stated that we should maintain status quo. Jacob stated that a resident should not be penalized for their family member coming to Alaska to hunt
26	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
Support	5	0	Morris moved to support seconded by Wade. Wade stated the we should not have to continuously contact Fish and Game to extend our hunting season.
27	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
Opposed	0	5	Jacob moved to support seconded by Wade. Wade stated that he sees a lot of hunters leaving a lot of meat behind and not taking enough home. Jacob stated that he agreed with Wade and Morris in not supporting this because extending hunting seasons for nonresident because some of the moose may come into our unit.
28	Eliminate the nonresident moose hunt in Units 22E and 22D remainder		
Supported as amended	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Wade. Jacob said we will support the Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee
29	Open a hunting season for caribou in Unit 22A by emergency order only		
No			Wade there is something in place already.

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30	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22C		
Support	5	0	Jacob moved to supported by Matilda
31	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 22B		
Support	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Morris. Wade said that he supports more hunting of bears
32	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22A		
Support	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Jacob. Wade said that with the sea ice lingering around during the spring hinders the hunting time
245	Extend the closure line North of the Northern Norton Sound Section commercial king crab fishery from 64 15'N Latitude		
Support	5	0	Jacob moved to support seconded by Matilda. Jacob stated he supports the proposal because it should be fair to all crabbers.
246	Add a definition for crab rakes and allow crab rakes as lawful subsistence shellfish gear north of Cape Newenham.		
Support	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Wade.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By:   
 Minutes Approved By:   
 Date: 1/22/17

Prop 244  
No action

Prop 245

Prop 246