

Tyonek Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2018

Meeting called to order at 2 pm by Chair Alex Pfoff.

Members Present: Cassandra Kroto, Alex Pfoff (via teleconference), Gwen Chickalusion, Lecon Chuiitt, Jr, Donald Standifer, Jr, Justin Trenton, Norma Chickalusion

Members Absent Excused: Ernie Standifer, Janelle Verduce

Members Absent Unexcused: Chad Chickalusion

Public Present: John Standifer

Staff Present: Sherry Wright, Tim Peltier, Chris Brockman

ADFG Wildlife biologists give a report Tim provided a report – glad to be in Tyonek. Moose numbers are on the rise. Wanted to talk about how the moose appear. Last year a lot of people didn't get their moose in 16B. Committee wants to ensure the population is stable before liberating any hunting harvest regulations. Seems to be more cows than in the past. The biologist are looking for ideas from the community. They have about 100 cows collared from Skwentna to MacArthur River. Asked about changing the Tier II hunt from any bull to any moose. There are quite a few cows in this area and might be able to harvest some. Suggested opening them up for cow harvest occasionally to lower those numbers. Next spring they have plans to do some browse surveying. Moose around Tyonek seem to fair better, due to lower snow coverage (than up around Skwentna). Used to apply for subsistence permit and Tier II permits at the same time for a long time. Many of the older people are missing that opportunity because of the change. The committee said they are seeing more brown bears (even one with triplets). There is a need for more than one moose for some of the families (depending on family size). Maybe there needs to be a limit like with king salmon. Youth over the age of 10 to age 17 can get their own permit. Licenses are needed when they turn 18. Youth can go out during regular season and take their own bag limit. Discussion of harvesting antlerless moose, based on the populations. Moose seem to be getting smaller overall. That is one of the things the Department notes (calf weights in particular). Question if the collared moose are crossing the Susitna River much? The response was no.

The committee discussed holding membership to 7 regular members in order to make it easier to get a quorum, and may put in a Joint Board proposal for the same. Elections were held with the following results:

Discussion of Tyonek AC action on EO 25-01-18 (closure of kings) The committee discussed to change from 6 hour periods to 12 hour periods, because the tides may not be in tune with the open periods. We are already reduced in number of days (once per week) with 12 hours. Question of how many kings are caught catch and release (is more than Tyonek harvests). Question of why one user groups is growing while the other user group is limited by permit. The way the concern is worded, it is more for Deshka River. Tyonek doesn't want us to suggest

reducing hours in the period. Committee voted to support the petition with the changes discussed. Carried unanimous.

Discussion on Mt Yenlo's emergency petition – committee discussed this, but prefer to take no action.

BOG Proposals - There was some discussion about putting in a proposal to go back to previous method of applying for the Tier II and Subsistence king permits. It makes it difficult to apply in November/December for a hunt that doesn't occur almost a year later.

Joint Board Proposals – the committee discussed a few ideas and do not want to submit proposals for that.

Minutes recorded by Cassandra Kroto  
Approved by Alex Pfoff, Chair  
Date Approved: 4/24/2018