

Meeting with BBNA group and guide representatives **RC85**

To come up with consensus

**Items and Proposals to present to the Board of Game for
Game Management Unit 17**

Meeting Objectives/Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was to gather concenses items that we can all agree on for Game Management Unit 17

Discussion items for Proposals in GMU 17

Caribou proposals

Proposal 30 extending the caribou season to April 15th support No

Proposal 31 open season drawing hunt to non-residents No

Proposal 32 open non resident hunting for caribou No

**Proposal 120 modify the management objective 100,000 to 150,000
support 60,000-110,000**

Proposal 119 Predator Control Plan – public participation

Yes support amend to include public participation in the plan.

Proposal 121 Predator Control Implementation plans 9B-17 support

Brown Bear proposals

Proposal 25 NR brown bear bag limits to 2 No

Proposal 27 Predator control for brown bears Support

Proposal 28 hunting season and bag limits 2 per year eliminating tag requirements No Action because adopting #29

Proposal 29 eliminate salvage requirement bag limit 2 Support with AC Ammendments (R- 2 bears per year)(Aug 29-May 31)(No tag)(DLP in place for closed season)

Moose

Proposal 34 seasons for non resident in 17A No



Permit conditions 33 Support

Do not support 26-31-32-34-35-36-37-38

104 beaver ????

Objective – Highlight proposals on what we agree upon.
Ask Board of Game to form sub committee group.

Proposal 30 – Extend caribou season? Yes or No

Roger Skogen – Yes because the caribou are not around yet.

Joe Klutsch – I'm for it. But worried about it. I don't want to see keni general residents to qualify what this is under.

Robert Heyano – The Feds realign the season from last year. I think if the people want the later season

Roger Skogen – Defeating our purpose.

Robert – I would be inclined with what you decide as long as we don't jeopardize the predator control proposal.

No – until we see the impact from the predator control plan.

The range of the herd is out migrating its range. That 30,000 animals isn't big enough for that range. If anything narrow that range from the bottom end not the top end.

Robert Heyano – 30,000 caribou is not enough to sustain an adequate harvest. If we can bump up that range that the department would live with.

Roger Skogen – 78 had rabies epedimic that wiped out herd. Then bear problems in 80s that diminished herd.

Put in a number, 60,000 to 110,000

Joe Chythlook – To me it doesn't matter depending on the impact of the predator control plan. The main concern I have by objecting to the department figures they adopted a couple of years ago in order to implement the IM. We had all kinds of caribou in the area, than one year it got lost, than it came back and every one was happy again.

Robert Heyano – You have to understand predator management law. I know 30,000 doesn't, look at the numbers. I don't have the right number, but its not working now. I'm afraid if we don't get the numbers right than what will happen with predator control.

Joe Klutsch - To see the villages to get that spring hunt when ice is good. How do we defend that position and still keep predator management.

Robert Heyano -If you remain in that range than predator control won't go into affect. We have been advocating predator control for the last three years, but now that the numbers are low now they consider. They don't really manage the animals.

Joe Chythlook - If the board would buy 60,000 100,000 than I would have no problem with it. But, I don't know how the board would react to that.

Frank Woods - If raising the number to help and keep the predator control plan. They look at cow calf ratio when implanting plan.

Joe Klutsch - I don't think it should benefit nonresidents

Consensus – Level off number to 60,000 to 100,000 to help stabilize process and keep predator control plan. Speaking on behalf of AC recommendation.

Bear proposals – Written By Chris Car

Roger Skogen – Hardly any guides up there, and not much locals go up there.

Robert – I'm going to have a hard time supporting them. For years we saw Russia decimate their bear population. The harvest of those animals is something special, it's culturally different for us.

Joe Klutsch – Bears are special to me. Im worried about state lands when you get guides in that area that don't have the same respect. But im going to go with what you suggest.

Tom - I agree with you, they'll say kill a small one today and we will get a big one tomorrow.

Mark – In our area we take out terminally ill kids to get a big bear. When they kill that bear, big or small, that's a trophy to them.

Robert – We could encourage additional harvest in some areas.

Roger Skogen - There's only four guides in that area because it's so remote, there won't be that much more bears harvested.

Frank Woods – Theres plenty of bears on the lower ends, but theres no guides hunting that region.

Robert – Respect for Tony Lee that told him there is an explosion of small bears and wolves. He said the country is filled with wolves. I don't want to be a stick in the mud by just focusing on wolves.

Frank Woods - So little effort, no one operating on lower Nushagak.

Robert - 25,26,27,28,29 – Just encouraging IM and include bears in that management.

Roger – What are locals doing about the problem. The locals could do aerial hunting that is successful. Could do snowmobile hunt, but certain areas may not get covered. One thing we could do is don't close season during the summer. They can knock off a few wolves and some of the problem bears during the same time.

Robert – If you go into June, the general public may not like the no close season.

Consensus – Allow two bears per resident.

Proposal 29 – Defense of life and property

Joe Klutsch – I believe in sealing, I don't care what the individual personally does with the bear, but the data is needed.

Consensus – Exclude non residents on two bears. Just for residents only.

Proposal 34

Togiak management plan – the moose population is below 1700, at 1166.

Consensus – withdrawal

Permit 33 –Smokey Duncan

Robert – Suggested to allow permit picked up in Port Alsworth, Iliamna, and Dillingham, and leave as follows. Oppose 35.

Consensus – Make it easier to obtain permits.

Proposal 36 –

Tom – That puts me out of business.

Only reason written because we couldn't get predator control management.

Consensus – Withdrawal

Proposal 121

Consensus - allow aerial hunt in 9b 17c 17 b to extend Multchatna caribou herd.

Those present at deliberation meeting for GMU 17

Frank Woods	Tom Sweeney	Joe Klutsch	Joe Chythlook
Robert Fithian	Mark Kosbrook	Roger Skogen	Robert Hyano
Frank Logusuk	Jonathan Forslinger	Tim Enright	Gary Kline