

**Copper Basin Advisory Committee**  
**January 26, 2015**  
**Glennallen School**

RC 028

The meeting of the Copper Basin Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman, Chuck McMahan, at 5:30 pm at the Glennallen School on January 26, 2015.

**Roll Call:**

**Present:**

Chuck McMahan, Chair  
Karen Linnell, Secretary  
Mike Roscovius  
Jim Odden  
Alysia White  
Leif Sorlie  
Dave Sarafin

**Absent:**

Dave Bruss, Vice Chair  
Nick Jackson  
Christopher Gene  
Bruce Dickerson  
Kathrine McConkey  
Chad Gerlach  
Darin Gene

**Others:**

Frank Robbins, ADF&G Area Biologist  
Cory Stanftorf, ADF&G Assistant Biologist  
Sarah Bullock, Public

**Elections:**

Seats whose terms are up:

Darin Gene, Alternate  
Don Horrell, Tazlina  
Kathrine McConkey, Alternate  
Chuck McMahan, Gakona  
Mike Roscovius, Glennallen  
Alysia White, Copper Center

Mike Roscovius moved to reseal the all those listed above and asks for unanimous consent. Seconded by Leif Sorely. There was no objections, motion carried.

**Election of Officers:**

Jim Odden, moved to re-elect officers Chuck McMahan, Chair, Dave Bruss, Vice Chair, Karen Linnell, Secretary. Seconded by Alysia White, the motion carried with no objects.

**Reports:**

Frank Robbins, Glennallen Area Biologists, gave a report on Moose counts, Wolf counts and Caribou counts.

**Proposal Review:**

**Proposal 58** – 5 AAC 92.110 Control predation by wolves. Change the wolf population trigger for intensive management in Unit 13.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden. Motion failed with a vote of 0-7-0

This proposal was submitted by the Paxon AC, to eliminate 13D from population count area and to remove range but set level at 150 wolves.

NO ACTION: There was similar proposal that was submitted by the Copper Basin AC. See the comments in **Proposal 199**

**Proposal 59:** 5 AAC 92.108. Identified big game prey populations and objectives. Reduce the population and harvest objects for moose in Unit 13B.

NO ACTION: See comments in **Proposal 198**

**Proposal 60:** 5 AAC 84.045 Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Reauthorize the antlerless moose drawing permit in Unit 13.

NO ACTION: See comments in **Proposal 198**.

If all three proposals submitted by the Copper Basin AC the need for annual renewal of this will not be necessary.

**Proposal 61:** 5 AAC 85.045 Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Change the Unit 13D moose drawing hunts (DM335-339) to registration hunts.

Non-Resident drawing hunts – changes is to registration hunt.

Discussion on how the winter hunt went in 13C.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius made a motion to adopt. Seconded by Alysia White. Motion failed with vote of 0-7-0.

**Proposal 62:** 5 AAC 85.025 Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou. Open a non-resident caribou drawing hunt in Unit 13.

This is creates a new hunt on non-residents in an area that does not have a general hunt.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius made a motion to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden. Motion failed with vote of 0-7-0.

**Proposal 63:** 5 AAC 85.025. Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou. Limit to two permits per household.

Likelihood of households getting more than 2 permits is less than 1%.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius made a motion to adopt. Seconded by Leif Sorlie. Motion failed with vote of 0-7-0.

**Proposal 64:** 5 AAC 85.025 Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou. Divide the resident fall caribou hunt RC566 into late and early seasons.

Splits the current season into three seasons. Not necessary, for management concerns. Want the hunters in Unit 13 when caribou are there.

MOTION: Jim Odden made a motion to adopt. Seconded by Mike Roscovius. Motion failed with vote of 0-7-0.

**Proposal 65:** 5 AAC 85.045 Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Bring the community subsistence harvest (CSH) season and general season hunts into closer alignment.

Align CSH and general season together. Sept 1-20 Then the only advantage would be that the CSH could hunt any bull. This committee would support this if it would lessen the interest in the CSH.

MOTION: Jim Odden made a motion to adopt. Seconded by Leif Sorlie. Motion carried with vote of 7-0-0.

**Proposal 66:** 5 AAC 92.072. Community subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions. Require participants in the community subsistence harvest (CSH) program to commit to participation for a period of two years or more.

A 2 year commitment: Would this apply to all participants or to head of households, can they change group affiliations, what if the group didn't meet size requirements?

NO ACTION

**Proposal 67:** 2 year commitment: NO ACTION

**Proposal 68:** 5 AAC 92.072 Community subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions. Change the community subsistence harvest (CSH) group size definition to "25 or more households".

Changing from 25 or more individual members to "households"– This could make them get more people. This could get more people or reduce groups. Hard to say how this would affect the hunt. Let's wait and see how this goes for another year.

NO ACTION.

**Proposal 69:** 5 AAC 85.045 Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Include "individuals, households, or families" (recognized as a subsistence use pattern in the

2011 Board of Game Findings) in the moose subsistence hunt when the harvestable surplus exceeds the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS), and change the hunt start date to September 1 (from August 10)..

Remove Individuals allowed any bull. Could be more than 1 any bull per household. Not necessary now with the locking tags.

NO ACTION.

**Proposal 70:** 5 AAC 92.072 Community subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions. Provide definitions for “community” and “individual, families, or “other social groups”

Define Communities. It makes sense to make it more clear. This is for the Community Harvest area in Units 11/12/13. Not sure what the definition will be.

MOTION: Karen Linnell made a motion to adopt Proposal 70. Seconded by Jim Odden 6-1-0

**Proposal 71:** 5 AAC 92.072 Community subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions. Implement a system to ensure communities or groups approved to participate in the moose and caribou community subsistence hunt (CSHO program meet the intent the Board of Game findings

There is a mandatory reporting requirement for groups participating in CSH annually. Point system reporting requirements to grade the “communities”. What is the passing score? This says “May” require reports, Delete “may” if they fail to submit report the household loses their opportunity to participate in the CSH, and the group may become ineligible to hunt. Karen/Leif 7-0-0

**Proposal 72:** 5 AAC 92.072 Community subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions. Follow the same basic guidelines as a the old Tier II system (point to each community based on past use of resource)

Adopt a Tier II Point system and lower group size. NO ACTION

**Proposal 73:** 5 AAC 92.071 Tier I subsistence permits. Require hunters to be engaged in a pattern of subsistence uses of Nelchina caribou for the Tier I hunt.

Require Tier I hunters to submit a pattern of use report.

MOTION: Jim Odden moved to adopt. Seconded by Leif Sorlie, Motion failed with a vote of 0-7-0

**Proposal 74:** 5 AAC 92.072 Community subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions. Require direct approval by the Board of Game of groups applying to join the Copper Basin community subsistence hunt.

This requires BOG approval for Community Groups. Lawsuit other groups “may” be eligible” they should have to same public comment process. Questions on how to do this: Is there a form? Proposal process? This will probably cut down on groups participating in CSH.

MOTION: Karen Linnell moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden, motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0

**Proposal 75:** 5 AAC 92.072 Community subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions. Implement reporting and antler destruction requirements for community subsistence harvested moose in the Unit 13 area hunt.

Antler destruction: Can’t destroy because the ADF&G have to be able to measure - This was handled by the locking tag and not necessary.

MOTION: Jim Odden moved to adopt. Seconded by Mike Roscovius, motion failed by a vote of 0-7-0

**Proposal 76:** 5 AAC 92.072 Community subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions. Require antlers taken through the community subsistence harvest (CSH) hunt be turned in to ADF &G.

This assumes that the money derived from the sale of antlers at auction would go directly to ADF&G but is not true, this would go to General Fund and not to the department.

MOTION: Jim Odden moved to adopt. Seconded by Leif Sorlie, motion failed with a vote of 0-7-0

**Proposal 77:** 5 AAC 85.045 Hunting season and bag limits for moose. Establish a quota for each subarea in Unit 13 for the “any bull” moose hunt.

Firm “any bull” quota per sub area in Unit 13. This eliminates the Area Biologist’s ability to manage the resource. This is not necessary, the locking tags and the 24 hour reporting requirements settled any concerns.

MOTION: Jim Odden moved to adopt. Seconded by Leif Sorlie, motion failed with a vote of 0-7-0

**Proposal 78:** 5 AAC 85.045 Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Require more rapid harvest reporting of moose taken under the “any bull” hunt in Unit 13.

This has already been addressed by the department by their implementing a 24 hour reporting requirement.

MOTION: Jim Odden moved to adopt. Seconded by Leif Sorlie, motion failed by a vote of 0-7-0.

**Proposal 79:** 5 AAC 85.045 Hunting Seasons and bag limits for moose. Direct ADF&G to open and close the “any bull moose season on certain days in Unit 13.

Open/Close on certain days. Difficult to enforce. This has been addressed by the department with the implementation of locking tags.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden, motion failed with a vote of 0-7-0

**Proposal 80:** 5 AAC 85.045 Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose; and 92.072 Community subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions. Modify the community subsistence moose hunt season dates and restrict all hunters from using motorized vehicles in Units 13, 11 and portions of 12 during periods August 18-22 and August 25-28...

Motorized vehicle restrictions in this large area is unenforceable.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Leif Sorlie, motion failed by a vote of 0-7-0

**Proposal 81:** 5 AAC 92.072 Community subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions. Restrict community subsistence harvest hunters in Units 13, 11 and portions of Unit 12 from hunting with 24 hours of using off-road vehicles...

Unenforceable.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden, motion failed by a vote of 0-7-0.

**Proposal 82:** 5 AAC 92.072. Community subsistence harvest hunt area permit and conditions. Manage the Unit 13 community subsistence harvest caribou hunt through the set season as long as the over harvest quota is not exceeded.

This ensures that the CSH Caribou remain open until 300 allocated have been taken.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Karen Linnell, motion passed by a vote of 7-0-0

**Proposal 83:** 5 AAC 92.072 Community subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions. Discontinue the Community Subsistence Harvest (CSH) program when the harvestable surplus exceeds the minimum Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS), and replace it with a weighted drawing permit for Alaska residents only.

This is too complicated.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden. Motion failed with a vote of 0-7-0.

**Proposal 84:** 5 AAC 85.045(a)(11) Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Change “any bull” hunt in Unit 13 to a drawing hunt.

Changing to a “weighted” drawing hunt and moving them to the “bottom” of the applicant list will not meet the subsistence needs of the Community Subsistence Harvest participants.

MOTION: Karen Linnell moved to adopt. Seconded by Mike Roscovius. Motion failed with a vote of 0-7-0.

**Proposal 85:** 5 AAC 85.025 Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou. Modify the community subsistence harvest permit system.

Eliminate the community subsistence harvest permit (CHP) caribou as a separate permit from individual permits and have Tier I & II hunt.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden. Motion failed by a vote of 0-7-0

**Proposal 86:** 5 AAC 85.025 Hunting seasons and bag limits for caribou. Divide the annual harvest quota for Nelchina harvest season.

Splitting the allowable Caribou harvest into 3 seasons for Tier I and CSH hunts. This is a harvest concern, the caribou need to be harvested when they are in the hunt area.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden. Motion failed by a vote of 0-7-0

**Proposal 87:** 5 AAC 92.050 (I) Required permit hunt conditions and procedures. Remove the exclusive hunting restriction for caribou in Unit 13.

This eliminates the requirement for Unit 13 CSH Caribou hunters to only hunt moose in 13. May actually increase caribou hunters on the Nelchina herd. There is no cap to Tier I.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden. Motion failed by a vote of 0-7-0

**Proposal 88:** 5 AAC 99.010 Boards of fishers and game subsistence procedures. Change the method of determining the Amount Necessary for Subsistence in Unit 13.

Calculating ANS annually is an administrative nightmare. It is cost prohibitive.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden. Motion failed with a vote of 0-7-0.

**Proposal 89:** 5 AAC Tier II subsistence hunting permit points system. Change eligibility criteria for all Tier II subsistence hunts in Unit 13.

There is no Tier II Caribou hunt.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden. Motion failed by a vote of 0-7-0.

**Proposal 90:** 5 AAC 85.040 Hunting seasons and bag limits for goat. Change the Unit 13D goat drawing hunt (DG720) to a registration hunt.

This changes the way the resource is managed. A quota would have to be set.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden. Motion failed by a vote of 0-7-0.

**Proposal 91:** 5 AAC 85.040 Hunting seasons and bag limits for goats. Add all of Unit 13D to mountain goat registration hunt RG580.

Combines hunts across units; creates unlimited registration hunt, have to establish quotas, there are staff/budget constraints. Have to create sub areas to manage resource/ labor and cost intensive.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden. Motion failed by a vote of 0-7-0.

**Proposal 92:** 5 AAC 85.040 Hunting seasons and bag limits for goats. Lengthen the goat permit season in unit 13D to align with the registration hunt.

Align Seasons & Bag limits for goats between registration and drawing hunts to have the same close dates. There is currently a closed season, if this is passed, there could be a large influx of hunters because they motorized access.

MOTION: Karen Linnell moved to adopt. Seconded by Mike Roscovius. Motion failed by a vote of 0-7-0.

**Proposal 93:** 5 AAC 92.044 Permit for hunting black bear with the use of bait or scent lures. Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in all of Units 11 and 13.

This allows for the taking of Brown bear over bait in Unit 11 and all of 13. We need to give the current program more time to see how it works before it is expanded. Need to see what the trend is going to be.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Leif Sorlie. Motion failed by a vote of 0-7-0.



**Proposal 94:** 5 AAC 85.15 Hunting seasons and bag limits for black bear, and 85.020 Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear. Open a fall season for hunting brown and black bear over bait in Unit 13D.

Fall Bear baiting in 13D, we don't need baits out when we have moose hunters out, could be a safety issue for moose hunters.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden 0-7-0

**Proposal 95:** 5 AAC 85.065 Hunting seasons and bag limits for small game. Reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan, shorten the season and add a no-hunt corridor along the roads in Unit 13B.

This establishes a no-hunt corridor for Ptarmigan, start season later and adjusting the season and end later, not necessarily shortening the season. We need to continue the current study to gather more information before we make a decision.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden. Motion failed by a vote of 0-7-0.

**Proposal 198:** 5 AAC 85.045. Hunting season and bag limits for moose. Modify the cow moose drawing hunt for Unit 13.

This establishes triggers for the Cow Moose hunt and would engage when population is above mid-point of population objective.

When triggered, this will offer a hunt of up to 1% of population objective for cow moose. *It is important that this be adopted with proposal 199 and 200 that set population objectives as a part of a comprehensive operational resource management plan.*

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden. Motion carried with a vote of 7-0-0.

**Proposal 199:** 5 AAC 92.121. Intensive Management Plan V. Modify the intensive management plan for the Unit 13 wolf predation control area for Unit 13.

This establishes triggers for Intensive Management Wolf control. *It is important that this proposal be adopted with proposal 198 and 200 as a comprehensive operational plan for resource management.*

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden. Motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0

**Proposal 200-** 5 AAC 92.108. Identified big game prey populations and objectives. Modify the moose population and harvest objectives for Unit 13.

This proposal adjusts to the Population objectives and harvest objectives to be more realistic with what is on the ground. *It is important that this proposal be adopted with proposal 198 and 200 as a comprehensive operational plan for resource management.*

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Alysia White. Motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0

**Proposal 106:** 5 AAC 85.055 Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall Sheep. Change the sheep hunts in Units 13D and 14A to full curl rams with limited permits.

Season & Bag limit for Dall Sheep, change all hunts to full curl. This will require the department to count the full curl rams each year and to determine quota.

MOTION: Karen Linnell moved to adopt. Seconded by Dave Sarafin. Motion passed with a vote of 4-3-0.

**Proposal 107:** See our comments in Proposal 106

**Proposal 108:** 5 AAC 92.057 Special provisions for Dall sheep and mountain goat drawing permit hunts, and 92.069 Special provisions for moose drawing permit hunts. Reinstate language regarding proof of guide-client contract for Dall sheep, mountain goat and moose drawing hunts.

There is not a need for a Guide/Client contract. This is handled by the Big Game Commercial Services Board with the UVC Codes.

NO ACTION.

**Proposal 109:** 5 AAC 85.055 Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep. Allow a maximum of 10% of sheep hunt participation for nonresidents in the Central/Southwest region.

Limit non-residents to 10% in region 4. This might work on a draw hunt but, not on an open hunt. How would you know how many will participate.

MOTION: Karen Linnell moved to adopt. Seconded by Mike Roscovius. Motion failed with a vote of 0-7-0

**Proposal 110:** 5 AAC 85.055 Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep. Limit sheep harvest by nonresidents to 10% of total harvest in Units 11, 13, 14 and 16.

See comments in Proposal 109.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden. Motion failed by a vote of 0-7-0

**Proposal 116:** 5 AAC 85.055 Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep. Limit nonresident sheep hunting in the Central/Southwest region by having shorter seasons, drawing permits, or other methods.

This reduce seasons for non-residents, what is the actual % of nonresidents hunting?

MOTION: Karen Linnell moved to adopt. Seconded by Mike Roscovius. Motion failed by a vote of 0-7-0

**Proposal 117:** 5 AAC 85.055 Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep. Limit allocation of nonresident sheep permits to 10% for Central/Southwest Region Units.

Limit non-residents to a once in a lifetime permit

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden. Motion failed with a vote of 0-7-0

**Proposal 118:** 5 AAC 85.055 Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep. Begin resident sheep hunting seven days earlier than nonresidents in Units 9, 11, 13, 14, and 16.

Resident hunts start 7 days earlier, not needed they have reasonable opportunity. They have the same opportunity as non-residents for full curl sheep.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Jim Odden. Motion failed with a vote of 0-7-0

**Proposal 119:** 5 AAC 85.055. Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep. Establish earlier season date openings for resident sheep hunting the Center/Southwest region.

They have reasonable opportunity. The same opportunity as nonresidents for full curl sheep.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Karen Linnell. Motion failed by a vote of 0-7-0.

**Proposal 120:** 5 AAC 85.055 Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep. Open a nine day, resident archery season in August for Dall sheep in the Central/Southwest region.

Establish an Archery only season. They have a Low success rate. They will scare them away for regular season.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Karen Linnell. Motion failed with a vote of 0-7-0

**Proposal 201:** 5 AAC 92.220(i). Salvage of game meat, furs and hides. Clarify the language regarding retrieval and salvage of wounded game

Regarding the Salvage of game, clarify lawful and reasonable retrieval of game and wounded game.

MOTION: Jim Odden moved to adopt as amended. Seconded by Mike Roscovius. Motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0

**Proposal 204:** 5 AAC 92.037(a) and 5 AAC 92.037(g)(1). Permits for falconry. The following changes should be made to the regulation:

Falconry Permits: to require valid hunting license for both residents and nonresidents.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Leif Sorlie. Motion passed with a vote of 7-0-0

**Proposal 207:** 5 AAC 92.085. Unlawful methods of taking big game; exceptions. Modify sheep hunting opportunities statewide.

Modify sheep opportunities and methods of take. Aircraft use limit use of aircraft to drop off and pick up, to limit hunting until after 2 PM following day, to limit landing aircraft within 5 miles of hunt area until 24-48 hours after flight. This is impossible to enforce.

MOTION: Mike Roscovius moved to adopt. Seconded by Leif Sorlie. Motion failed with a vote of 0-7-0

**Proposal 208:** 5 AAC 85.055 Hunting seasons and bag limits for Dall sheep, and 92.057. Special provisions for Dall sheep and mountain goat drawing permit hunts. Review and potentially modify sheep hunting opportunities statewide

After reviewing the options, the Copper Basin Fish and Game Advisory Committee chose Option 1: NO CHANGE. You can't make everyone happy. The rules should be easy to understand, and this is far from easy. This also increases the work load on ADF&G due to future budget issues could become an issue.

MOTION: Jim Odden moved to adopt. Seconded by Leif Sorlie. Motion failed with a vote of 0-7-0

ADJOURNMENT:

Mike Roscovius moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM