

Kotzebue Sound, Northern Seward Peninsula, and Noatak and Kivalina ACs
1/6/2015
Northwest Arctic Borough

- I. Call to Order: Time 11:45 pm by Pete Schaeffer
- II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Enoch Mitchell (Chair), Joe Luther (Vice Chair), Janet Mills (Secretary), Stanley Hawley, Frank Onalik, and Melford Booth
Members Absent: Thurston Booth, Enoch Adams Sr., Austin Swan Sr.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

List of User Groups Present: Fish and Wildlife Service, Subsistence Users, Fish and Game, and National Park Service
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Agenda approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 3/4/2014
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Jim Dau, Brandon Saito, Carmen Daggett, Meghan Nedwick
- VI. Guests Present:
Bill Carter, Frank Hayes, Ty, Trooper McGinnis, Lance Kramer, Susan Georgette, Ken Adkisson,
- VII. Public Comments/Concerns:
Lance Kraemer: Lots of bears, caribou population down. Would like to see a cash incentive to get 3-4 bears a year, saw 19 bears on the Noatak River and every one of them had three cubs.
Enoch Mitchell: The caribou migration corridors are being blocked by transporters. Need to protect the Cutler, Ningmiktaqunq migration path to Onion Portage.
Mike Kraemer: We need to protect our caribou, we need to remove restrictions on same day airborne for bears, push to eliminate transporters, move caribou to guided only hunts, for problem grizzly bears have hunters shoot them.
- VIII. Old Business:
None
- IX. New Business:

Supports or Opposes?	Majority Support?	Minority Opposes?	Comments/Discussion (list of present Cons) / Amendments to Proposal
BOG	41		Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23
Supported	6	0	
BOG	43		Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bears in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
Supported	6	0	
BOG	201		Salvage of game meat, furs and hides
Supported	6	0	
BOG	202		Change the caribou regulation for all game management units associated with the Western Arctic caribou herd and Teshekituk caribou herd
Support with Amendments	6	0	<p>Enoch Mitchell: This fall we never got caribou again, third year in a row. I read Jim Dau's report late migration, warm weather travel to Ambler and Buckland way a number of non-local hunters 1500 + increasing most heavily on the Agashashonk, Eli, and Squirrel Rivers causing the caribou migration to divert because the corridors were plugged up with non-local hunters. We are forced to go further and further away. Only 5% of the harvest is sport hunters but for three years we have no meat in our freezers and they have antlers on their walls where is the priority given? We are forced to go further and further away by sport hunters. We spent over \$500 on a drum of gas at Noatak and it took three drums to get to where the caribou are. We need to do something about the over population of sport hunters.</p> <p>Lance Kraemer: What about using the collared caribou and use observation towers?</p> <p>Mike Kraemer: We need to lift restrictions on bears and wolves to allow people to pursue these animals and eliminate transporters.</p> <p>Percy Bailot: Agree on rules and regulations to keep caribou in a safe place.</p> <p>Amendments: -Close non-subsistence hunter take -Close bulls October 15-Jan 15th -Close Cows April 15-June 30th -Close Aggy, Squirrel, Eli, Naquikchaq Rivers for non-subsistence hunters.</p>
BOG	203		Close Dall Sheep Season for Unit 23
Supported	6	0	

Adjournment: 2:54

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 Date: 2-13-15