Proposal 70

Proposal 70
Moose and Caribou Unit 13

Add definitions for “community, individuals, families, or other social groups” to codified CSH regulations

NEUTRAL

CSH Sub. Committee Support 10-0

Paxson AC 
Opposed 0-5
Copper Basin AC 
Support 6-1
Denali AC 
Support 8-0

Considerations

- The terms “community,” “individuals,” “families,” and “social groups” are used in board findings 2006-170 and 2011-184 (GMU 13 subsistence uses of moose and caribou).

- The terms are not defined in the findings or in regulations.
  - “Family” is defined in AS 16.05.940 (33)

- 5 AAC 92.072 provides opportunities to engage in and establish a “community-based pattern of use” of moose and caribou.

- Tier I and general hunts provide opportunities for “individuals, families, and other social groups” to also participate in subsistence uses of GMU 13 moose and caribou.
Individuals, families, and social groups

- Individual = a single person
- Family = many kinds, usually defined by kinship, e.g. “nuclear family”, “extended family”
- Social groups are varied - organized under different principles, such as kinship, common interests, common occupations, etc.

Aspects of the meaning of “community”

- A group of people living in the same locality (probably not an option under current law)
- A group of people having common interests
- A group of people a common history
- A group of people having common values

- In addition, membership in a community:
  - May be relatively “durable” (has time depth and extends beyond a single event; not “ad hoc”)
  - Is important to social identity and social practice
Examples of definitions for consideration

• Add to 5 AAC 92.072:
  • “For the purposes of this section, “a community” is a group of people linked by a common interest in and participation in uses of a wildlife population that are consistent with the customary and traditional use patterns of that wildlife population as defined by the board.”

Examples of definitions, continued

• “For the purpose of this section, in board finding 2011-184-BOG, “individual “ means a single (one) person who is engaged in harvesting and using a wildlife resource for subsistence uses.”
• “For the purpose of this section, in board finding 2011-184-BOG, “social group” means two or more people connected by a relationship of common interest in subsistence uses of a wildlife population.”

Also:
• Family is defined at AS 16.05.940 (33) as “persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption, and a person living in the household on a permanent basis.”
Proposal 70  Moose and Caribou Unit 13

Add definitions for “community, individuals, families, or other social groups” to codified CSH regulations

NEUTRAL

CSH Sub. Committee Support 10-0

Paxson AC  Opposed 0-5
Copper Basin AC  Support 6-1
Denali AC  Support 8-0