

AHTNA Comments on Proposals Before the Board of Game
 Related to the Copper Basin Community Subsistence Hunt
 February 17, 2015

PRIORITY ACTIONS FOR BOG

1. **Proposal 65 - More Closely Align Seasons** – Follow the recommendation for the Committee, more closely align season while retaining some increased season for the CSH. Season reduced 10 days. CSH season begins on August 20 and closes September 20. Only reduce season if balanced by other changes that increase subsistence opportunity.

2. **Proposal 77 (adopted by Committee 8-2)** - Establish a firm any bull quota for each Sub Unit in the CSH area. Establish quotas in a way that will provide the greatest subsistence harvest opportunity consistent with conservation. The quota in subunit 11Z should be greatly reduced.
 - Amend proposal to change the current regulatory wording of the CSH any bull quota to delete the “up to” language and provide ADF&G ability to manage the hunt to provide opportunity to take the full quota even if the quota is exceeded by some amount.
 - Amend proposal to increase the any bull quota to _____ **any bulls. *or go to tier II as below.*
 - Amend proposal to include Tier II for a _____ *** any bull quota in CSH. Tier II applications only available to households enrolled in CSH. Only one moose Tier II permit per household. The CSH regulation, 5 AAC 92.072 (c)(2)(F) already includes a provision allowing for hunting with Tier II permits in community hunts.
 - Amend proposal 77 to change the requirement in 5 AAC 92.072(c)(1)(E) to allow one any bull moose for every two households in a CSH community. (This provision would not apply for a Tier II hunt but is necessary when the hunt is a Tier I hunt).

3. **Proposal 79 (supported by Committee 7-4)** Clearly direct ADF&G to use discretion for in-season closures for sub-units as a tool to help manage a firm quota.

4. **Proposal 70 (Committee vote 10-0).** Adopt and define community as follows:

“A community is a group of people linked by a common interest in, and

*long-term participation in uses of **an area and the** wildlife populations in that area, that is consistent with the customary and traditional use pattern of that wildlife population **and area** as defined by the board.*

5. **Proposal 71 – Adopt.** Implement mandatory reporting for 2015 season. Use reports to determine eligibility of groups for 2016 season to determine continued eligibility for CSH. Regulations and CSH conditions must make it clear that reporting is mandatory and will be used to determine continued eligibility.
 - Failure by CSH administrator to report results in all members of community losing CSH permit for one year. Failure of household to report results in household losing CSH permit for one year. See attached substitute regulatory language for regulation.
 - Consider lesser reporting requirement for communities established through board process or 5 years of successful reporting.
6. **Proposal 82 (Committee Supports 10-0)** Adopt the proposal that was unanimously supported by voting Committee members.
7. **Proposal 74.** Board approval and oversight of communities in CSH should be increased.
8. **Proposal 87 -** improve requirement that Tier I Nelchina caribou hunters may only hunt moose in GMU 13 by directing Subsistence Division to develop additional hunt conditions that demonstrate that Tier I hunters are engaged in a subsistence use pattern.
9. **Winter hunt needs to be reformed.** Also, could be eliminated if CSH any bull opportunity is increased through larger quota or making it a Tier II hunt.