

Copper Basin Fish & Game Advisory Committee
February 18, 2015
5:00 PM

RC 087

The Teleconference meeting of the Copper Basin Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Chuck McMahan at 5:01 PM on February 18, 2015.

Roll Call:

Chuck McMahan
Chad Gerlach
Dave Sarafin
Alysia White
Brad Henspetter
Jim Odden
Darin Gene
Nick Jackson
Karen Linnell
Kathrine McConkey
Christopher Gene
Dave Bruss

Others:

Joe Bovee
Bruce Cain
Kathryn Martin
Frank Robbins, ADF&G Area Biologist
Sherry Wright, ADF&G Board Support

Discussion on how the minutes from the last meeting and whether to ratify them or not. Legal says that they are not valid in terms of the actions on the proposals but, are valid for the elections. They know how we feel on all of these proposals.

Proposal 60:

Alysia White moved to adopt, Jim Odden seconded.

Discussion: They looked at proposal 198 then voted it down. And saw that Proposal 60 has not been approved by CB AC or Paxon AC, Denali AC voted to approve.

We had a perfectly valid proposal and they did not approve. They have 2000 applicants and can issue up to 200 permits and currently approve 10 permits and take approximately 2. They are afraid that the other AC's will not approve it if they try to take too many cows .

Our proposal 198 was to gain approval and trust of local folks. They did not approve and now are looking for approval on the reauthorization of the Proposal 60 Cow Hunt in Unit 13.

The Tok Cutoff/Nabesna AC, Copper Basin AC, Denali AC and Paxon AC are the only Advisory Committees that have authority to speak to the Cow Moose Hunt in unit 13.

Dave Sarafin asked how the other AC's voted. Denali – adopted 5-3, Paxon voted against 0-5. Continued discussion on the CB AC's proposal. There needs to be more spelled out in the proposal to gain the trust of the public. Dave Bruss asked about amending Proposal 60.

Karen Linnell moved to amend to Proposal 60 to insert the language from Proposal 198 regarding the triggers from and permits up to 1% of the population in Unit 13. Striking the language "up to 200 permits". Kathrine McConkey seconded.

Proposal 60 as amended.

	Resident Open Season (Subsistence & General Hunts)	Non Resident Open Season
Unit 13		
1 moose per regulatory year, Only as follows:		
1 antlerless moose by Drawing permit only; when Moose population is above Mid-point of population objective; up to 1% of the cow population; a person may not take a cow accompanied by a calf	Oct 1-Oct 31 Mar 1-Mar 31 (General Only)	No open season

The amendment passed with a vote of 11-0-2

Proposal 60 as amended.

We feel that our concerns are not being heard by the board; they are listening to other AC's more than they are to the local AC's. We've been supportive of this cow hunt in the past. This is a way to gain the peoples trust. If it's not reauthorized now it's off the books for 3 years. The Board refused to listen to anything we had to say regarding this. This amendment is to gain the trust of the public. To prove to the public that the cow hunt is an important tool that will only be implemented when the moose population is above mid-point of the population objective and predator control is stopped.

We are confused why we have a cow moose season at the same time we have wolf control. This is a big one for the public to swallow and a good question for everyone. Our triggers would not allow that if both proposals 198 and 199 would have been passed. When there are enough moose to have a cow season, wolf control would not be taking place because moose abundance would have not allowed wolf control and cow moose season to happen at the same time. We submitted this along with the predator control proposal to base hunt the population objectives, which is our conservation concern not harvest objectives.

Motion carried with a vote. 9-2-2

Authorization

Jim Odden moved to authorize to authorize Chuck to approve the minutes for submission to the Board of Game. Seconded by Leif Sorlie. The motion carried 10-0-2

Proposal 65. Into closer alignment. The Copper Basin AC meeting to bring to closer alignment. There was discussion that Sept 1 was already adopted by the board, but August 20 would have been better as a start date to provide for subsistence needs. The hunt will be less inviting and less likely for illegal take because there is more people at the same time. No point bringing it up, they already made their decision.

Adjournment

Nick Jackson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Jim Odden.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19