

Mid-Lower Yukon fish and Game Advisory Committee

Mountain Village, Alaska



I am Paul Beans from Mountain Village on the lower Yukon River. I represent the Mid-Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee. The Villages that the committee consists of are Mountain Village, St. Mary's, Pitka's Point, Pilot Station, Marshall, and Russian Mission.

We met on December 18, 2015 and discussed the following Proposals:

1. Proposal 5- Passed 7-0- Must salvage all edible meat from the migratory birds. We do not want wanton waste on all edible meat that is harvested.
2. Proposal 17- Passed 5-2. Although we discourage use of bows and arrows in our area, we would like have Hunter education be required for all Bow Hunters and evidence of the education certificate.
3. Proposal 72- Passed 7-0. Require minimum 243 caliber for big game like moose due to high loss of wounded animals. There are incidents in our area that a hunter kills a moose that is wounded and is all pushed up. We need to minimize losses of big game shot with a small caliber rifle. Some losses are sometimes unavoidable though.
4. Proposal 73- passed 7-0. Same as proposal 72.
5. Proposal 74- passed 7-0. Same as proposal 72.
6. Proposal 79- Opposed 0-7. Weather is a factor at times and traps cannot be checked every 24 hours. We cannot require trappers to check traps and jeopardize their life trying to check traps when the weather is really bad.
7. Proposal 126- Passed 7-0. There are quite a lot of moose in unit 18 and we support this proposal. It is good we are able to take antlerless moose in our area, meat is so expensive in the Village stores.
8. Proposal 131- Passed 7-0. There are residents that hunt brown bear for subsistence and exemptions must be in place for tags.

Comment: We have a lot of moose in unit 18 at the present time. There was a five year moratorium in the 1990's for taking moose, It worked. Now there is Sport hunting in unit 18 in September of each year. A couple of subsistence hunters have run into sport Hunters and they are not too good meetings. There are complaints of bad attitude by the people that come in to hunt in our area. We live here and do not want to be bothered or hurt or compete with sport Hunters. We have no count as to how many moose are killed by the sport hunters each year in unit 18.

*** This is from our elders. The giant moose are the breeders and must be kept alive for the future generation of moose in any area.

