

Togiak

Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 11, 2016 at the Togiak Senior Center

- I. **Call to order:** 11:24am Vice Chairmen Frank Logusak Sr
Number needed for Quorum: 7

II. **Roll call**

Members Present

- Kenneth Nakwak
- Moses Kritz Sr
- Frank Logusak Sr
- Joe Alexie
- Tessa Nickerson
- Gust Bartman Sr
- Bill Sanchez- Alternate
- Roger Wassilie- After Election

Members Absent:

- Thomas Dock- Alternate
- Jonathan Forsling
- Julius Henry

Members Excused:

- Walter Kanulie
- Norman Gloko
- Darren Byayuk
- Teo Pauk

III. **Approval of Agenda**

Moses Kritz moves to approve agenda, seconded by Joe Alexie.

Moses Kritz - Neil Barten- Proposal 123 and other wanted to put in to Agenda.

Tessa- Would like to discuss exclusivity for the Igushik District

Kenneth Nakwak- has concerns with the need for predator control with wolves, and an interest in developing a proposal to extend the fall Moose season in 17 C. Moses Kritz Sr Moves to adopt agenda with additions, Seconded by: Joe Alexie

IV. **Introduction to staff and guests :**

- Taryn O'Connor- Brito, ADF&G Boards
- Roger Wassilie -Togiak VPSO
- Robert Nicholai- Togiak
- Anita Atakitlig- Togiak Traditional Council IGAP

V. **ADF&G Staff Updates:**

Taryn O'Connor- Brito

- Summary of actions for select proposals from 2016 Area M Meeting
- Budget update- Teleconference may become the norm
- Looking at agenda- officer elections, AC needs a Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, and secretary
- Biologist Neil Barten unable to make it, He and Andy Aderman are out flying surveys so Taryn was able to read in proposals.
- The rest of the Togiak Wildlife Biologists were in Anchorage for RAC Meeting.

VI. Elections for Members:

There is one Togiak designated seat up for re- election, and one undesignated seat up for re-election. These seats were previously held by Jonathan Forsling and Teo Pauk.

Moses Kritz- Moves to nominations for members, Seconded by: Joe Alexie

Discussion- Bill would like to know if Jonathan wants to run for his seat.

Frank Logusak Sr- notes that he hasn't responded to many attempts to contact him.

Moses Kritz- nominates Roger Wassilie of Togiak for the Togiak designated seat

Kenneth nominates Michael Alakayak of Manakotak for the Undesignated seat

Tessa- nominates Lester Moore of Manakotak for the undesignated seat

Upon being contacted Teo Pauk declines nomination

Tessa- Moves to close nominations, Seconded by: Bill Sanchez

Moses Kritz- moves to seat Roger Wassilie with unanimous consent as he is unopposed for the Togiak designated seat. His term will be good through, Seconded by: Peter Lockuk Sr

No opposition- Roger Wassilie is seated with unanimous consent of all present

Vote tally sheet:

Lester Moore- 10 votes

Michael Alakayak- 1 vote

Lester is elected to fill the Undesignated Seat; his term will be good through 6/2018

VII. Elections for Officers:

It is moved and seconded to open floor to nominations for officers (didn't announce any names)

Moses Kritz - nominates Frank Logusak Sr to be Chairmen, Seconded By: Peter Lockuk Sr

Frank Logusak Sr- nominates Moses Kritz to be Chairmen, Seconded by: Tessa

Kenneth Nakwak- nominates Tessa to be secretary, Seconded by: Frank Logusak Sr

Peter Lockuk Sr moves to close nominations

No opposition- nominations are closed

Vote Tally:

Moses Kritz 6 votes

Frank Logusak Sr 3 Votes

Moses Kritz has majority vote and is seated as Chairmen.

Moses - asks committee to unanimously set Frank Logusak Sr as Vice Chairmen.

No opposition - Frank is seated as Vice Chair. Unanimous consent

Tessa is unopposed as Secretary. Moses Kritz Sr asks to Unanimous Consent with no opposition Tessa is seated as secretary . Unanimous consent

VIII. New Business

1. Comment on Proposals For Board of Game Statewide Meeting

Proposal 57: Allow Sale of Brown Bear Hides and Skulls

Taryn- Nushagak AC Proposal. Nushagak AC Supports Unanimously per comments in their 2/3/16 Minutes. Department is Neutral. Currently the only brown bear hides and skulls that can be sold are ones taken under a predator control permit.

Frank Moves to Adopt

Tessa and Peter second

Discussion:

Frank Agrees with comments submitted by Nushagak AC in their 2/3/16 Minutes

Togiak feels unsafe, and kids are unsafe walking to school.

Question is called on 57

Unanimous Support

Proposal 122: Reauthorize Antlerless Moose Season in GMU 17A

Taryn- Department proposal comes up annually. Department Supports this proposal. The population is increasing, and is near the upper limit of the population objective. Nushagak AC supported it unanimously

Frank Moves to adopt
Roger Seconds

No discussion

Question is called on 122

Unanimous Support

Proposal 129: Reauthorize Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemption in Central/Southwest Region

Taryn- Department proposal comes up annually. Department Supports this proposal as it provides greater harvest opportunity in GMU 17, and some subsistence opportunity. There is an ANS in 17b, and 17c of 10-15 bears. Department comments also note that this addresses public safety concerns.

Frank Moves to adopt
Joe Seconds

Discussion:

Bill wants to confirm that if this doesn't pass you will need to pay a fee?

Frank concurs. This allows residents to be exempt from the tag fee.

Kenneth wonders where fee money goes. State is in budget crises- no quick answer available.

Question is called on 129

Unanimous Support

Proposal 134: Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Mulcahatna Caribou

Taryn- Department Proposal, with Department support. Bull/Cow Ratio 35 Bull/ 100 Cow objectives met, suggesting limits in place since 2007 no longer needed. Proposal suggests liberalizing the bag limit to allow harvest of two caribou during the entire season, and allow hunters to harvest more than one bull. The Nushagak AC also supported this.

Frank Moves to adopt
Kenneth Seconds

No Discussion-Question is called

Unanimous Support

2. Kenneth would like to put in a proposal to extend the Moose season from September 15 to September 20 in GMU 17c, including the Tuklung, Igushik, and Uralik areas in which Manakotak residents regularly hunt.

Chairmen Moses Kritz suggests Kenneth draft a proposal, and enlist the help of ADF&G Game Biologist, and Boards support, and bring it back to the AC for AC support at the next meeting.

Taryn adds that next winter would be a good time for submitting proposals for the following cycles' Central/Southwest BOG Meeting.

Kenneth will work on a proposal to bring back to the AC Next Meeting

3. Kenneth is interested in seeing some predator control on wolves. They have been coming in close to Manakotak community, and concern has been voiced over safety. Kenneth notes that litter sizes are 6-7 pups, and packs have grown.

Chairmen Moses Kritz suggests this may be another good proposal for Kenneth to put together and bring to the next Togiak AC meeting.

Kenneth will work on a proposal

4. Tessa Nickerson would like to put in an ACR to the BOF. KMO is interested in making Igushik District Exclusive.

Chairmen Moses Kritz suggests that the best route may be to get the Community of Manakotak involved in submitting an ACR. He would support this ACR if the BOF takes it up.

Tessa notes that Drifters can come and go without a transfer, but set net need to transfer.

Kenneth went to Bryce about the problems with the drifters in Igushik, and the following summer the problems escalated. Set netters need to watch out for each other in their skiffs on the mud flat.

Taryn will send Tessa a copy of the ACR Form for the BOF. The AC Deadline is August 19th

IX. Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes from 1/5/15 Meeting.

Frank Moves to approve

Joe seconds

Discussion:

Tessa needs a moment to read them over

Bill wonders why it took so long to get them finished

Frank states that they got tabled due to being unapproved

Taryn elaborates that there was not a secretary at this meeting and officer elections were tabled as no one could be found to run at that time.

No further comments

Question called

1/5/15 Minutes are approved unanimously

2. Approval of Minutes from 3/23/16

Frank moves to adopt

Peter seconds

No corrections

Question called

3/23/15 Minutes approved unanimously

3. Moses wants to discuss tower funding before adjournment. He is considering writing some letters requesting funding for Togiak and Igushik towers. Is thinking of writing letters to the City of Togiak, the RSDA, and BBEDC. He also would like to urge State of Alaska not to take funding away.

Tessa spoke with Tracy Liangshan, who thought that Togiak would be funded.

Tim Sands says that the General fund budget for Togiak and Igushik has been cut. He hears that BBEDC and BBSRI are talking about funding the Togiak tower, but hasn't heard anything about funding for the Igushik tower. He thinks the Togiak tower funding will come through, and it will probably be BBSRI employees running the tower. The State may be able to contribute part of the funding.

Moses suggests KMO needs to start rounding up funding for the Igushik tower

Tim says Michael Link, and Jeff Ragnart are working to secure a minimum funding for all of the towers by putting together a Memorandum of Understanding to stabilize funding. The long term goal is to have more funding stability for these projects. Tim mentions that the funding problem has also resulted in the Togiak Management Biologist being laid off. Funding for his position runs out July 1st.

Tessa hears that the Igushik tower would cost 50,000 to run, and notes that Igushik makes escapement 95% of the time. She asks if Manakotak should try for more funding, or if flying surveys would be good enough.

Tim says flying surveys is no replacement for the tower. Sampling helps with brood stock tables and forecast, but notes that it may be difficult to obtain funding for the Igushik tower this season. Tim suggests working with BBSRI, he can put Tessa in touch with them.

I. Set date and location of next meeting:

Meeting will be by Call of the Chair in the fall after Taryn is back in the office.

Frank Moves to adjourn, Tessa Seconds

Meeting Adjourned 1:53 pm