



**DRAFT AGENDA: MID-LOWER YUKON
FISH & GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 16-17, 2016
St. Mary's, Community Hall, 1:00pm
Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709**

CALL TO ORDER: Stanislaus Sheppard, Chair 1:18pm

INVOCATION: Evan Polty Sr.

ROLL CALL TO CONFIRM A QUORUM: Quorum established.

Members Present: William Alstrom, Stan Sheppard, Evan Polty Sr., Stanley John Peters, Peter Tyson and Mildred Fitka (excused at 2:52pm).

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES:

- **ADF&G Staff:** Phillip Perry (Wildlife, Unit 18), Holly Carroll (Comm. Fish, Summer Yukon), Jeff Estensen (Comm. Fish, Fall Yukon), Jen Peeks (Boards Support)
- **Other Agency:** Jennifer Hooper (AVCP)
- **Members of the Public:** Charles Prince, John Aguviak, Erik Weingarth, Mike McFee, Walter Sipary, Isaac Prince, Melvin Paukan, Cliff Westdahl, George Beans Sr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda: Motion passed (Unanimous)

SECRETARY REPORT:

- **Approval of Nov. 16-17, 2015 meeting minutes (Tabled until 2:20pm): Motion to approve Nov. 16-17, 2015 meeting minutes** by Bill Alstrom, 2nd by Evan Polty Sr.: Motion passed (Unanimous).

Discussion regarding moose harvest concerns during the AC meeting on Nov. 16-17, 2015. Members were unsure if the proposals had been finalized and submitted. Bill Alstrom had submitted two proposals to the Federal Subsistence Board, but they were lost in the mail. Jen Peeks would follow-up with Sherry Wright.

- **Mildren Fitka was elected Secretary**

CHAIR REPORT:

AGENCY REPORTS:

- ADF&G Divisions:
 - Commercial Fisheries:
 - Holly Carroll (Lower Yukon Summer Season Manager) provided an overview of the 2016 summer salmon season. Preliminary data indicated that the 2016 harvest was better than 2015. William Alstrom reported that the test fishery had been helpful.



- Jeff Estensen (Lower Yukon Fall Season Manager) reviewed preliminary data for the fall fishery. He reported that 2016 was a good year for fall chum and that escapement goals for both fall chum and coho salmon were expected to be met.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY:

- **George Beans:** Mr. Beans discussed concerns regarding the September moose hunts and the increase in sport hunters to the area. He was concerned about losing stud bulls and suggested the committee make a proposal for harvesting bulls with 50 inches or less. Mr. Beans also spoke in opposition to Proposal 22.
- **Erik Weingarth:** Mr. Weingarth discussed concerns regarding the sale of game antlers and the waste of meat. He suggested that the committee create proposals to address these issues.
- **Leonard Landlord:** Mr. Landlord commented that some sport hunters were disrespectful.
- **Jennifer Hooper:** Ms. Hooper (AVCP) introduced herself as the replacement for Tim Andrews at AVCP in the Natural Resource Department.
- **Melvin Paukan:** Mr. Paukan discussed the increase in non-local big game hunters in the area.
- **John Aguviak:** Mr. Aguviak agreed with the other members of the public regarding big game hunting. He suggested that the committee restrict the sale of antlers from a harvested moose.
- **The AC committee discussed the need to meet in January 2017 telephonically to formalize proposals to address concerns regarding selling of antlers, wasting game meat and the increase in big game hunting.**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Western Region, Game Management Unit 18, BOG Proposals and AC comments: (*See page 3*)
- Elect AC representative(s) to attend the upcoming 2017 BOG/ BOF meetings:
 - **Evan Polty Sr.** of Pilot Station will attend the Jan. 6-9 BOG meeting in Bethel and represent the AC committee.
- Federal/ State MOU Revisions: Committee Comments
 - Stan Shephard commented that it is important that people living in a region had a say in the [fish and game] regulations. Elders from each region know, they know how the weather works.
 - Stanley John Peters commented on the changes in moose population over the years. He pointed out that if people don't watch what they are doing now, they will have nothing [in the future]. Mr. Peters also commented that people [in the region] lived in the environment.
 - William Alstrom commented on how things have changed over the years. He noted that the Federal and State governments were doing a good job but the regulations were hard to enforce and there could be better coordination between state and federal lands.



- Peter Tyson commented that he would like to see a bigger enforcement presence.
- ADF&G Division of Commercial Fisheries 2016 Yukon River season overview: *(Provided under Agency Reports.)*

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	5	0	
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	5	0	
21	Open a winter hunting season for moose in Unit 18		
No Action			Members wanted to abstain from voting on this proposal due to not knowing and living in the area the proposal would affect.
22	Open a winter nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 18 remainder		
Oppose	0	4	1 absent (stepped out of meeting)
23	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in the Remainder of Unit 18		
Support	5	0	
24	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 18		
Oppose	0	5	Some members were concerned that if people on private lands allowed baiting it may entice more people to come in and hunt in the area.
25	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose	0	5	

NEXT MEETING:

- **January 2017, Teleconference, Agenda Items:** Discuss concerns regarding moose antlers and wasting game meat. Draft a proposal for the next BOG meeting. Have Phillip Perry attend for assistance.
- **Meeting Nov. 6-11, 2017 Fall Face-to-Face in St. Mary's.**

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 5:10pm by William Alstrom, 2nd by Peter Tyson.
Motion Passed (*Unanimous*)

Minutes Recorded By: *W. Alstrom*
 Minutes Approved By: *P. Tyson*
 Date: *12-21-16*



Meeting Minutes
Naknek/Kvichak Fish and Game Advisory Committee
November 10, 2016
Bristol Bay Borough Council Chambers

- I. Call to Order: 7:03pm by Chair William Regan Jr.
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Everett Thompson, George Wilson Jr., William Reagan Jr., Marc Watson, Joe Klutsch, Gustie Tallekpalek, Ralph Zimmin, Richard Wilson,
Members Absent: Joey Klutsch, John Wise, Brian Cato (alt), Greg Harris (alt).
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- III. Approval of Agenda: Everett moved to approve the agenda, Marc 2nd. 7-0 passed
- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Crowley, Chris Peterson, Taryn O'Connor-Brito
- V. Guests Present: Steve Jones, John Rhyshek
- VI. Elections for AC Alternates: William Reagan asked to table until next meeting as not enough public participation. 7-0 passed
- VII. New Business:
Discussed Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Subsistence Board and the State of Alaska- We felt that we needed to see the recently revised draft after the state, federal agencies had a get together to discuss this MOU before we would act on it. The AC members all felt the importance of this document and in good spirit of working with both the state and federal agencies this board like the idea of this document. Joe Klutsch said that we have until November 18 to submit comments to which he personally was going to comment. The draft MOU was put on our next AC meeting in old business.

Ptarmigan- Dave Crowley discussed with the board the current population decline and the threat of low population numbers for years to come. The staff felt snow cover thru the winters, rainy spring weather was a huge factor in the population decline.
Everett made a motion for Fish and Game to put out an announcement to communities that Ptarmigan numbers are low and to only shoot if you must feed your family with them, Marc 2nd, AC supported unanimously. Dave with fish and game will look into this matter further for the health of Ptarmigan population.



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156	Formerly ACR 6: Renew Mulchatna Caribou Herd Predation Management Area Intensive Management Program		
Support	7	0	The AC all felt this is a great tool for the staff to use in helping the caribou population recover
157	Formerly ACR 7: Open a general/subsistence hunt for emperor geese in Units 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 22, and 23 and establish a Customary and Traditional Use finding.		
Support	7	0	Full support to this proposal.

Alaska Board of Game Interior Region Meeting

Feb. 17-25, 2017, Fairbanks

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
153	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	7	0	

Adjournment: 8:30pm

Minutes Recorded By: George Wilson Jr.
Minutes Approved By: William Reagan Jr.
Date: 11/11/2016



**Noatak and Kivalina AC Meeting
4/26/2016
Noatak IRA**

- I. Call to Order: Time 2:10 pm by Enoch Mitchell
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Enoch Mitchell (Chair), Janet Mills (Secretary), Melford Booth, Thurston Booth, Frank Onalik, Joe Luther
Members Absent: Stanley Hawley, Enoch Adams Jr., and Austin Swan Sr.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: Students, subsistence users.
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Frank: Motioned to approve
Janet: Seconded
Motioned passed unanimously
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From 10/15/15
Correct Thurston Book to Thurston Booth
Switch Enoch Adams Sr. to Jr.
Delete Hillary Robison and Ken Adkisson once
Janet Mills: motioned to approve as amended
Seconded by Frank Onalik
Minutes approved as amended
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Carmen Daggett (Boards)
- VI. Guests Present:
Peggy Wilson, Walter Wilson, Mary Luther, and Alvin Ashby
Telephonic: Marci Johnson (NPS), Ken Adkisson (NPS), Lance Kraemer (NANA)
- VII. New Business:
Caribou Hunting proposal discussion
 1. Would like to request to increase the CUA boundary to Mouth Cutler River instead of Sapun Creek.
 - a. Frank Onalik: Motioned to extend the CUA from Sapun Creek to the Mouth of the Cutler River.
 - b. Seconded: Melford Booth
 - c. Discussion: AC members discussed moving the boundary to the Anisaagiaq, however couldn't find it on a map and wanted to choose a River easy to find on a map so they chose the mouth of the Cutler River.
 2. Frank Onalik: Motion to approve of the spacing out of camps on the Squirrel, Eli and Aggy Rivers to three miles.



Seconded By Janet Mills

Discussion:

Drafted Proposal: To require big game hunting camps to be spaced at least 1 mile apart on the Controlled Use area and along the Agaasisauk, Eli, and Squirrel Rivers, to allow the caribou to migrate with less disruption.

Frank Onalik: We are staying tribal, we have had reduced numbers of caribou.

Thurston: If there are no bulls there are no caribou, we need to let the numbers of caribou numbers. There are only 2-3 bulls in big packs of females and they used to pass in 100s of bulls.

Enoch Mitchell: We could use this spacing as a step, if there is still too much conflict then we can ask for full closure

Thurston: We are going to way too far and we are giving too much.

Frank Onalik: Inquires about changing it to five miles apart, we could try it three miles apart.

Melford Booth: Three miles apart would be good

Joe Luther: 3 miles apart is good

Motion Carried, unanimously in favor of spacing camps three miles apart on the Controlled Use Area and along the Agassisuak, Eli, and Squirrel Rivers to allow the caribou to migrate with less disruption.

VIII. Old Business:

- a. Reviewed Changes in Hunting Regulations
- b. Reviewed Changes in Fishing Regulations
- c. Reviewed Changes in Federal Regulations
 - i. Ken explains that the extension of the federal land closure, you would have to go before the federal board for another special action request in 2017.
 - ii. Marci Johnson: Explained what is allowed when hunting caribou with snow machines and that you cannot pursue or drive the group with a snow machine.
 - iii. There was a long discussion on procedure and how to deal with the Federal Regulations regarding the pursuit of caribou, wolves and wolverines on NPS and USFWS lands. There was an internal conflict with the rules within Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service that conflicted with this request and that is why it didn't pass.
 1. A request needs to be submitted to the NPS and USFWS to change the individual agency rules and the FSB also needs to have another proposal submitted to address this issue.

IX. Miscellaneous Discussion

- a. Alvin Ashby: Inquires about gold panning on Park Service land.
 - i. Ken Adkisson: Individuals are allowed to pan for gold as long as they don't dig.
- b. Joe Luther: Motion to support Frank Onalik and Janet Mills to attend the Board of Game meeting in Bethel through a letter of support, that would be submitted to NANA and the Borough for funding consideration.
- c. Peggy Wilson asked questions about being allowed to hunt caribou in the water and was told, federally qualified subsistence users can shoot caribou in the water on the Noatak River and the Kobuk Rivers only.
- d. There was some discussion about the Special Action Request and the approval of the closure of federal lands to non-federally qualified subsistence users and how it is only for a year. Some AC members inquired about possibly extending it to a longer time period.



Adjournment: 3:52 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Duggett
Minutes Approved By: [Signature]
Minutes Approved By: [Signature]
Date: 11/14/14



Noatak and Kivalina Advisory Committee Meeting & Elections
11/14/2016
Noatak School Library

- I. Call to Order: 12:35 pm by Enoch Mitchell

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Enoch Mitchell, Janet Mills, Thurston Booth, Frank Onalik, Melford Booth, Stanley Hawley (Kivalina)
Members Absent: Austin Swan Sr., Joe Luther, Enoch Adams Sr., Joe Luther
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:5
List of User Groups Present: Students, subsistence users,

- III. Approval of Agenda:
Add report from chairman
Frank Onalik: Motioned to approve agenda
Seconded

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 4/26/16
Frank Onalik: Motion to approve
Seconded: Janet
Minutes approved

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandon Saito (Wildlife Conservation), Carmen Daggett (Boards)

- VI. Guests Present:
Evelyn Schaeffer (Noatak), Hillary Robison (NPS), Arctic Natural Resources class,

- VII. Old Business:
Elections:

Enoch Mitchell:

Nominated to 2019: Joe Luther, Janet Mills, Thurston Booth, Melford Booth, Joe Luther, Enoch Mitchell, Frank Onalik

Seconded

Nominations for Chairman: Melford to keep Janet as secretary and Enoch be Chairman.

Chairman: Enoch Mitchell

Secretary: Janet Mills (temporarily till the next meeting)



VIII. New Business:

Janet Mills: A resident would like to make a regulation for non-residents for brown bears because we have a bear problem

Brandon Saito: Explains that is already in existence. Explains current brown bear regulations

Enoch Mitchell report: lots of salmon, not as many sport hunters on the river and that happened, first caribou was taken February 2015 last year, we hunt the caribou during the winter when we don't get enough last fall. I have written letters from NANA, Teck, Maniilaq, and the Borough. Verna Westlake responded. I haven't heard from NANA, Maniilaq, or the Borough regarding my letter. SRCs are waiting to hear from us what we want to do about caribou hunting regulations. Expresses concern about testifying before the BOG and being heard. We can do proposals with the RAC every year. The SRCs want to help. There needs to be a cap on the number of transporters to what the land can hold. That is bad management. Sport hunters should go first before we have any limits on our people. The arctic resource class has been requested for letters of support. In my Dad's time they never had to leave their own traditional hunting grounds. They had lots of caribou during that time and we didn't have to travel to other villages. If the proposals don't pass what else can we do? We need to start getting legal help 10+ years and conflicts, what else can we do.

Stanley Hawley: I was at the park service meeting last week, there are two vacancies open for Noatak on the Cape Krusenstern SRC.

Brandon Saito: Presentation on caribou asks for

Melford: Explains the sport hunters need to go.

Frank Onalik: Explains there shouldn't be any restrictions on the Noatak River.

Janet Mills: Explains we are barely what we need. We only got one and a half and that is about gone now.

Question: Inquiry about data from the different villages. It doesn't seem like there are a lot of caribou harvested in the Noatak River in the last five years.

Brandon Saito: Explains how subsistence harvest surveys are done.

Frank Onalik: Explains there should be no restrictions, and things through the tribes should not be restricted there should be requirements through the state municipalities.

Evelyn Schaeffer: It is not problem for me to do it online.



Enoch Mitchell: There are a lot of people won't be doing it. I think we could get a couple of local people to get community based.

Frank Onalik: Explains there shouldn't be state people bothering subsistence hunters, including the State Troopers, we never had regulations before and our laws are food on the table. There are too many regulations.

Enoch Mitchell: If we get denied we don't know what to do.

Frank Onalik: We shouldn't have people coming in to tell us how and what to hunt for. We are looking to have no state lands around Noatak. There are all of these people are violating our subsistence lifestyle, we are looking to seek legal help.

MOU Discussion:

Frank Onalik: The treaty of session needs to be part of this. Subsistence and tribes will be priority over anything else.

Stanley Hawley: The park service meeting last week and we had Fish and Wildlife and State of Alaska. This seems to be crafted between FWS and State of Alaska. I asked them to come out to the tribes. I believe could bring this to the tribes. Whether they bring this to the village and share this with us. I would invite both of them to come discuss this MOU with us. I have heard comments from regional folks, they are unhappy with the FSB. The tribal folks need to be discussed.

Enoch Mitchell: There needs to be better communication with us. The SOA is listening more to transporters and not to us and we don't get what we want. They need to listen to the villages more often and see the way of life. We should get a seat on the board of game.

Frank Onalik: We need to have a discussion with the villages.

Frank Onalik: Motioned to hold till the state and federal agencies come up and discussion between us and the agencies takes place.

Motion carried to hold on the MOU until we more input.



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Support	5	0	Motioned to support Second The WACH is much larger than the Teshekpuk herd and this won't affect us much.
2	Modify the hunt structure of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds		
Opposed	0	5	This would keep us the same as what we have right now.
3	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for caribou		
Opposed	0	5	This is the same as proposal 2
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Opposed	0	5	Wow. I would vote for this if it was coming out of the villages I won't vote for it.
44	Modify the area of the Noatak Controlled Use Area in Unit 23		
Support	5	0	Janet: Motioned to support Seconded
45	Require big game hunting camps to be three miles apart within and near the Noatak Controlled Use Area		
Support as amended	5	0	Enoch Mitchell: Would like to amend to move hunters on the South side of rivers and leave the Northside open. On the Aggy, Eli and Squirrel rivers camping the south side. Frank: Motion to support as amended Seconded by Janet

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett
Minutes Approved By: _____

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Date: 11/14/16



**Northern Norton Sound AC
12/6/16
Pioneer Igloo, Nome, AK**

- I. Call to Order: 1507hrs by Chairman Charles Lean
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Charlie Lean Chairman, Adem Boeckmann, Kevin Knowlton Secretary, Nate Perkins, Daniel Stang, Tom Gray, Charlie Saccheus, Clifford Seetook, Jack Fagerstrom, Davis Lincoln, Stanley Tocktoo, , Brandon Ahmasuk, Sara Okbaok
Members Absent: William Kakoona, Paul Kosto Vice Chairman
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:8, 13 present Quorum requirements met.
List of User Groups Present: Commercial Fishing and Crabbing, Subsistence Hunting and Fishing, NSEDC, Nome Eskimo, Kawerak,
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Kevin Knowlton, second by Adem Boeckmann to approve agenda with the following additions: off shore mining concerns and beach mining and cigar fish habitat, switch items, 6 & 7, add discussion fall moose hunt 22B, Stanley Tocktoo explains Teller didn't get moose. Motion passes Unanimous.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 4/5/16 & 1/20/16
4/5/16
Motioned: Tom Gray
Nate Perkins: Seconded
Minutes approved Unanimous
1/20/16
Motioned: Nate Perkins
Seconded: Tom Gray
Minutes approved Unanimous
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Letty Hughes, William Dunker, Carmen Daggett, Jim Menard, Kari Rasmussen
- VI. Guests Present:
Dan Reed, Jacob Martin (Nome Eskimo), Lucas Frost (Nome Public Schools), Brian Ubelakel (BLM), Eric Osborn, Ken Keith (NSEDC FR&D), Ashley Dunker (NSEDC Fishery Biologist), David Evans
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:
- IX. Elections:
 - a. Nominations: Charlie Lean, Edward Stang, Tom Gray, Nate Perkins, Adem Boeckmann, Kevin Knowlton, Lucas Frost, Dan Reed, David Evans.
 - b. Results: Tom Gray, Adem Boeckmann, Nate Perkins, Charlie Lean, Lucas Frost, Edward Stang, and Kevin Knowlton. New members seated.



- c. Officers: Chairman; Charlie Lean, Vice Chairman; Nate Perkins, Secretary; Kevin Knowlton.

X. Public Comments Concerns:

- a. Eric Osborn: the pot limit comes into effect, the pot limit should be around 40 pots, it would be nice if Menard had the authority to add more pots. I am afraid people will still fish 40 pots or more then get more permits. Permits are going up, there was not a lot of consultation with fisherman, if it were subsistence regulation it would be illegal, I think it needs to be changed.

Charlie Lean: explains procedures for putting regulations in.

- b. Adem Boeckmann: Expressed concern for how the subsistence crab fishing is being affected by commercial crab fishing in the winter.

Eric Osborn: Explains it isn't going to curtail the amount of fishing people are just going to buy more permits. Everyone in this area does both commercial and subsistence fishing. This commercial fishing allows families to subsist.

- c. Stanley Tocktoo: On the coastline we have a lot of sea mammals we depend on, there are barrels up and down the coast we don't know they are going to contaminate, I don't know what is in them. On the coast is from Shismaref to Ikpik, they are out during spring and fall. We are seeing a lot of cows and a lot less bulls, no one is catching, no one can catch antlerless moose.

Charlie Lean: Explains the process for dealing with the barrels out on the coast. Just a picture that could be sent to the park service would be helpful.

A. 22B moose

Davis Lincoln: Inquires about the board helping with the moose allocation. A minority of the moose taken in 22B West are taken by the residents of the subunit. Opening on Sept 1st is too warm. I think the season closes on the 7th or the 8th. We saw a bunch of moose later after the season closed. Out of White Mountain we go by boat and your gas bill gets high and it is hard if you don't get a moose. It gets pretty frustrating.

Stanley Tocktoo: September is too early, the big game hunters, they put the moose in trash bags when they are transporting across. Trash bags are black and makes the moose go bad.

Tom Gray: We have an allocation issue and a season issue.

Jack Fagerstrom: We noticed a large number moose were be taken by people from Golovin, White Mountain or Council. That is how we ended up with a winter moose hunt. We went back to changing the dates.

Charlie Saccheus: A lot of the moose hunters keeps the bags open to keep meat edible.

B. Mining Impacts on crab

Adem Boeckmann: Would like to request a study on the impacts of the mining on the crab habitat.

Charlie Lean: Explains history of crab harvest and mining impacts on the crab. Explains the jurisdiction on process for going about dealing with this issue.

Adem Boeckmann: the North Pacific Research council did a study on impacts on mining on crab issues.

XI. Jim Menard: Explains the GHL, CDQ

- a. Adem Boeckmann: I make a motion for the CDQ on the winter proposal to have it managed as was last winter.

- b. Seconded: Tom Gray

- c. 13 support, 1 absention

- d. Adem Boeckmann, I think 80,000 isn't too much. I wanted to have some impact. This is an excellent economic opportunity and we get an incredible price during the winter.



- e. Kevin Keith: Explains the benefit of the winter fishery for people who don't have boats and the winter CDQ give opportunity for people to make money during the winter.
- f. Tom Gray: What has the winter fishery has taken as far as out of the 80,000. Usually they are five percent or less. In recent years what number would we have to go to if we didn't use the CDQ.
- g. Charlie Lean: Explains that we were concerned about the trend of increased winter harvest and the impacts multiplying on subsistence in particular.
- h. Tom Gray: How can we give the winter crab fishery more of a life. I am trying to speak on behalf of the winter subsistence crab fishery and how we get a stable winter crab fishery in the future. The NSEDC number is the 8%.
- i. Charlie Lean: Explains the CDQ the GHL and the stability of the ice, the market, and before there was no upper limit during the winter fishery.

MOU: Charlie Lean: Explains MOUs

Charlie Lean: I don't think anyone has read this, I have not.

Kevin Knowlton: Suggests tabling the MOU till the next AC meeting.

Charlie Lean: I am hesitant to write a letter on my own and pretend to speak for the rest.

Nate Perkins: I think we move to take no action.

Bill Dunker: Inquires any input or guidance in how the new permitting system is working in this region. In order to assist managers in Unit 23 and 26A.

Charlie Lean: Explained frustration about the lack of the need for conservation from the board coming out of the RAC meetings. We and Southern Norton Sound ACs cut back harvest and other interests said thanks we will take that caribou.

Adem Boeckmann: Explains his understanding of conflicts on the river and inquiries about curiosity of how that Unit 23 closure conflicts happened.

Tom Gray: Is Fish and Game talking about Intensive Management for the WACH?

Charlie Lean: Several of us were talking about predators on calves. Ravens and foxes would be a significant predators on calves it would be good to know some of these lesser known predators. What predator works that age class of animals.

Adem Boeckmann: It is interesting you mention raven's we can really bumped up raven populations.

Stanley Tocktoo: We find dead fawns they are being killed by the elements, the calves are just frozen. I take them home.

Tom Gray: The bears are getting a bad rap, when there is something wolves are playing big role up.

Jack Fagerstrom: I heard this old elder talk about wolves that kill for sport. The wolf needs to be recognized as a significant predator.



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4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Opposed	0	14	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton Seconded: Adem Boeckmann Tom Gray: I don't want to see a no fly zone in Unit 22. I don't think other people should be deciding that for us. Stanley Tocktoo: I know what we can do for the low flying.
6	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Interior/Northeast Arctic and the Arctic/Western Regions		
Opposed	0	14	Motioned to support: Nate Perkins Seconded: Kevin Knowlton Charlie: Proposer believes that all Alaskans are subsistence users. Tom Gray: We need to make our own regulations, Al Barrett, I don't want to put my destiny in the hands of people on the road system
8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	11	2	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton Seconded: AdemBockmann
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	9	4	Motion to support: Kevin Knowlton Seconded: Adem Boeckmann Dan Reed: Explains on small grouse and ptarmigan the legs. People are going to harvest what they want. This is an example of an ineffective reg. Charlie: I harvest the legs. May be ineffective but provides direction to hunters. Stanley Tocktoo: Explains he leaves the skin on and we cook the feet Adem Boeckman: I can support the change
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	12	1	Motion to support by: Tom Gray Second: Kevin Knowlton Tom Gray: I am going to suggest get rid of tag fee and instate registration hunt. We have no idea how many people are out there. We need to go back to managing our resource. We need to know how many people want to kill bears. If we have registration history. I would be comfortable or saying the resource can take a beating or no we can't. Charlie: Inquires about Bill's comments on registrations Bill: Explains subsistence bear hunt that is not very much used. Brandon: Inquires about if the Department hears of unreported harvest. Inquiries about if the department thinks there is a conservation concern. Bill: No, The harvest has been 100 bears per year. Tom Gray: Explains that the bear increase, I want to know what the hunter interest is.
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	12	2	Motion to Support: Kevin Knowlton Second: Brandon Ahmasuk



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			Discussion centered around clarifying reasoning and specifics of the reasons to proposals. Kevin Knowlton: If a hunter is going to pay the non-resident fees and each person should be able to harvest an animal. I am in favor of this proposal.
26	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
No Action			
27	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
No Action			
28	Eliminate the nonresident moose hunt in Units 22E and 22D remainder		
Support as amended	13	0	<p>Motion to support: Adem Boeckmann Seconded: Kevin Knowlton Adem Boeckmann: I am hearing that hunters are coming back with spoiled meat. Charlie Lean: Inquires about movement in between the two units. Nate: Inquires about 22E hunt and the harvest quotas being met. Inquires most of the people who are guided. Kevin Knowlton: Doesn't the department already have tools in place for emergency orders in place they can use to close those places. Adem: motion to support with amendment to eliminate 22D nonresidents Seconded: seconded Adem: Explains concerns that a similar is going to 22E. Brandon: August 10th is way too early, it is way too hot. I would like to get rid of that August portion would do some good.</p>
29	Open a hunting season for caribou in Unit 22A by emergency order only		
No Action			
30	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22C		
Support	13	0	<p>Motion to Support: Tom Gray Second: Brandon Ahmasuk Discussion of how much safer it is to hunt earlier in the spring</p>
31	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 22B		
Support	12	1	<p>Motion to Support: Tom Gray Second: Adem Boeckmann Tom Gray: I don't think we have enough information about this resource, I am seeing less bears. I am seeing less and less bears. In Unalakleet it didn't really effect anything. We need to walk carefully. Brandon: The general concern I am feeling is there are a lot of bears not just council from all of 22B. Department is neutral on this proposal we have not been able to identify a biological issue. Tom Gray: In 22A there were three people in the first year that shot two bears. There were several years that people didn't take any bears. It is getting tougher and tougher trying to make my clients happy. Adem: I wonder how much a bear hide goes for..</p>



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32	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22A		
No Action			
244			
245	Extend the closure line North of the Northern Norton Sound Section commercial king crab fishery from 64 15' N Latitude		
Opposed	0	13	<p>Motion to Support: Jack Fagerstrum Second: Adem Boeckmann Jim Menard: Department is neutral Charlie Lean: Explains the original intent of the current regulation. To reduce the impact on the winter crab fishery as a result of the summer crab fishery. The majority of people were affecting Golovin and White Mountain according to Roy Ashenfelter. They wrote a proposal to put the line there and that is why it is there today. Charlie: I believe this AC supported this boundary. Adem Boeckmann: I continue to support this line, I still have concerns the crab get into open water sooner there than in Nome. I can't tell you about the last trawl survey, if I read them correctly, 70% of the crab biomass resides Cape Nome West, 70% of the harvest over there. I have concerns about increasing opportunity of 70% harvest on 30% of the biomass. Nate Perkins: Explains that the original line was moved to support subsistence crabbers. Tom Gray: I think the line should stay where it is. The impacts were that we used to be able to get 30-40 crabs in a day now we get 3-5 crabs a day. Jack Fagerstrom: Explains what it used to be now Charlie Lean: I am not hearing any one speaking in favor of this proposal.</p>
246	Add a definition for crab rakes as legal subsistence fishing gear		
Support	13	0	<p>Motion to Support: Tom Gray Second: Kevin Knowlton Charlie Lean explained that this is a common means of harvesting Hanasaki crab out of the rocks by residence of St. Lawrence Island. Adem Boeckmann: I think it is an established method and means in Norton Sound and Chukchi sea too Stanley Tocktoo: Explained how they use a similar tool to harvest crab through the ice while hand lining.</p>

Advisory committee: votes to send Charlie to the WACH, BOG, and BOF meetings.

Nate Perkins is the alternate, Adem Boeckmann would do the crab in March 2017 if needed.

Adjournment: 7:38 pm

Minutes Recorded By: *Christine R. [Signature]*
 Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*
 Date: 12/21/2016



Northern Seward Peninsula Advisory Committee Meeting & Elections
12/19/16/2016
Deering IRA

- I. Call to Order: 12:05 pm
- II. Roll Call: Marlene Moto-Karl, Mona Washington, Raymond Lee, Nathan Hadley
Members Absent: Percy Ballot, Ron Moto Sr., Calvin Moto
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:4
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Mo
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 1/5/16
Motioned: Marlene Moto-Karl
Seconded: Raymond Lee
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandon Saito (Wildlife Conservation), Carmen Daggett (Boards), Jill Klein, Susan Georgette (USFWS)
- VI. Guests Present: Alvin Iyatunguk
- VII. Old Business:
Elections:

Marlene Moto-Karl: Would like move elections to the annual IRA meeting January 7, 2017, official letters sent to member

Seconded: Raymond Lee

- VIII. New Business:
- IX. Western Arctic Caribou Herd Update: Brandon Saito, 201,000 caribou is the population size, explains we are in between conservative and preservative levels in the management. Calf recruitment numbers are record, and reduced adult mortality. Could be starting to rebound or stabilize.
Alvin Iyatunguk: During the decline was it due to overgrazing to certain parts of the area, or was it due to predators. I have seen the past cycles, what did you find out?
Brandon Saito: Explains caribou are in good body conditions.
Marlene Moto-Karl: Inquires about where the body conditions were taken. Her old man brought two caribou in this season and they had no fat.
Brandon Saito: Explains in the spring time, on the Seward Peninsula looking at survival rate of the calves which was really high.
Nathan: Bull caribou came into Buckland with a lot of fat. They don't mating time.

Marlene Moto-Karl: There were two snow goes that came from the North

Discussion: Would like to get Unit 22 harvest tickets in Deering and Buckland.

Marlene Moto-Karl: Explains concerns over wonton waste and questions regarding residents and non-residents.



Brandon Saito: Explains current moose population numbers on the Selawik. Explains the susceptibility of moose to harvest when caribou numbers are low.

Alvin Iyatunguk: Inquires about the length of period do you spend to do surveys?

Brandon Saito: Explains abundance and composition surveys.

Alvin Iyatuguk: Inquires about migrations of moose. Some animals follow other animals.

Brandon Saito: Generally moose have their own home range and they don't move that much.

Alvin Iyatunguk: Explains gatherings of moose.

Marlene: Inquires about numbers of moose permits for drawing.

Brandon Saito: Explains there are no moose drawing permits in this area.

Alvin Iyatunguk: Inquires about a permit for RM880, and would like to try to make it easier to obtain RM880 permit during the registration season for locals who are out of town. It is just getting tougher.

Raymond Lee: Inquires about RM880. Would like to change the female hunting to September 15th instead of November 1st.

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1	Evaluate a separate amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for the Teshekpuk caribou herd		
Support	4	0	Raymond Lee: I think it would be better to keep it as one because it would allow for a higher local harvest. Raymond Lee: Motion to support Seconded by Marlene Moto-Karl
2	Modify the hunt structure of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds		
Support	4	0	Kevin Moto: It is kind of regulatory a lot of hunters feel like it is too restrictive. Marlene Moto-Karl: It makes it harder on us and many Deering people fill out their surveys. Every year we have to turn in the paperwork. Kevin Moto: Explains internet access. Inquires about having quotas to account for people up river in the fall harvest versus the spring time harvest that occurs in Buckland and Deering. Brandon Saito: Explains the possibility of changing proxy hunting in Alaska to be less restrictive. Raymond Lee: Motioned to support 2



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			Seconded: Marlene Moto-Karl Discussion: Raymond Lee inquires, that this would allow. Marlene Moto-Karl: do elders have restrictions the same restrictions
3	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for caribou		
Support	4	0	Marlene: should not be required to be carried, but should be required to have but not have to carry it. Marlene: Motioned to support Seconded: Raymond Lee
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Opposed	0	4	Marlene Moto-Karl: would like to close it flight to seven days a week. Expresses concerns about plane crashes. We need privacy hunting here or super cubs flying here. If they can ban flight in this area. Marlene Moto-Karl: Made a motion to oppose proposal number 4. Seconded: by Nathan Hadley
5	Change "general season" to "subsistence" for Arctic/Western Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings		
Support	4	0	Marlene Moto-Karl: Motion to support, we don't have black bear here anyways. Seconded: Raymond Lee
6	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Interior/Northeast Arctic and the Arctic/Western Regions		
Opposed	0	4	Everyone in Alaska is a subsistence Marlene Moto-Karl: I don't want to support it. Motioned to oppose Seconded
8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	4	0	Marlene: We should support this one, our caribou numbers are declining. Raymond: Seconded
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	4	0	Marlene Moto-Karl: Motion to support Raymond: Seconded
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	4	0	Raymond: Motioned to support Marlene: Seconded
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	4	0	Raymond Lee: Motion to support Seconded: Marlene



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36	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 23		
Supported as amended	4	0	Brandon: Explains department isn't supporting this. Kevin: We could hunt antlerless because someone might need caribou, I support this because we didn't get any caribou. Raymond Lee; I would motion to amend to change antlerless moose season start date to September 15 th instead of November 1 st . Seconded by Marlene.
37	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	3	1	Raymond: I am in support, due to hunting late when they start hunting late, it would be good for them to start hunting earlier before the major caribou season to reduce plane traffic. It would be good to have the bear hunters come earlier and not a lot later. They should have to close the season close earlier 25 days earlier. Seconded: Nathan Marlene Moto-Karl, we need to have emergency. Kevin: They can get them all.
38	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Supported as amended	4	0	Raymond: Motion to amend August to August 1 st -October 31 st . Seconded: By Nate Reason the caribou always come when the bears.
39	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Supported as amended	4	0	Marlene Motioned to amended August 1 st -October 31 st Seconded: Raymond
40	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	4	0	Raymond Lee: Motion to support Nathan: Seconded
41	Require a guide-client agreement to apply for a nonresident brown bear drawing permit in Unit 23		
No Action			
42	Allow the use of bait for black and brown bear hunting in Unit 23		
Opposed	0	4	Marlene: I oppose this especially, they shouldn't use bait at all for bear hunting. Bears were breaking into houses, homes and caps. It has to be something with want and waste in that area. Kevin: They get accustomed to people feeding them. Raymond Lee: It is already illegal. Marlene: Motioned to oppose. Nathan: Seconded Discussion: Raymond Lee: it would be better to use bait we could get rid of the bears quicker, we could get a lot of bears out of way faster. If we can use bait we can't the bears, but if we can use bait we will have safer berry picking areas. Marlene: If you use bait they will be break down the windows and doors. Raymond Lee: I would not put a bait station in my camp, I would put it out way in the



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			backcountry
43	Allow the use of snowmachines to position and harvest brown bears and furbearers in Unit 23		
Support	4	0	Raymond Lee: I motioned to support Marlene: Seconded Kevin: It is better to hunt when there is snow. Marlene: how else are they going to get them. Marlene I would like to exempt to non-resident hunters.
44	Modify the area of the Noatak Controlled Use Area in Unit 23		
Support	4	0	Marlene Moto-Karl: Motioned Seconded: Nathan
45	Require big game hunting camps to be three miles apart within and near the Noatak Controlled Use Area		
Support	4	0	Nathan: Motioned Seconded: Marlene

Adjournment: 3:30 pm

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Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



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Support	4	0	Raymond Lee: I motioned to support Marlene: Seconded Kevin: It is better to hunt when there is snow. Marlene: how else are they going to get them. Marlene I would like to exempt to non-resident hunters.
44	Modify the area of the Noatak Controlled Use Area in Unit 23		
Support	4	0	Marlene Moto-Karl: Motioned Seconded: Nathan
45	Require big game hunting camps to be three miles apart within and near the Noatak Controlled Use Area		
Support	4	0	Nathan: Motioned Seconded: Marlene

Adjournment: 3:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett
 Minutes Approved By: Laura Watkins
 Date: 12-22-16



Nushagak Advisory Committee

Minutes

**Monday, December 5, 2016
Special Teleconference Meeting**

I. **Call to Order:** 6:01 by Chairman Frank Woods

II. **Roll Call:**

Members Present:

Frank Woods - Chair

Tom O Connor Dlg

Curt Armstrong Dlg

Dan Dunaway - Sec. Dlg

Steve Perkins - Alt. Dlg

the following attended by phone

Jim Woolington - Dlg

Mariano Floresta - Clark's Pt

Luki Alkelkok - Ekwok

Glenn Wysoki - Koliganek

Travis Ball - Aleknagik

Joe Chythlook - Vice Chair Dlg

Members Absent:

Gayla Hoseth - excused

Chris Carr - Portage Cr.

Jon Forsling - Togiak

Diana Gamechuck - Manokotak

Dennis Andrew - New Stuyahok

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 , 11 in attendance quorum established.

List of User Groups Present:

Trappers, Subsistence hunters, Sport hunters, people with knowledge /connections to hunting guides, Bristol Bay Native Assn., Wildlife Enforcement, Togiak Refuge Staff, ADFG biologist, general public, Public radio.

III. **Approval of Agenda**

Dunaway moved, Armstrong 2nd - adopt agenda and adding action on proposals to reauthorize GMU 17 Antlerless Moose (150) and Brown Bear tag exemption (153) .

Carried unanimous.

Alternate Steve Perkins was seated to participate in this meeting.

IV. **Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Neil Barten - ADFG Wildlife Bio.

Taryn Brito, - ADFG Boards



V. **Guests Present:**

Victor Seybert - phone, Pilot Point, BBRAC	Joe Wassily - public by phone- Clarks Pt
Todd Fritze - Dlg trapper hunter	Robert Heyano - Dlg. public, hunter
Suzanna Henry - Togiak Refuge Supt.	Andy Aderman - Togiak Refuge Wildlife Bio.
Dave Bendinger KDLG News	Verner Wilson BBNA - by phone
Officer Whittkop - Troopers, Wildlife Enf.	

VI. **New Business:**

1. **Staff Reports:**

Taryn O'Connor of Board Support: letters sent to 3 villages of Togiak, New Stuyahok, Ekwok that their AC representatives terms have expired and requesting elections be held. No word from any at this time.

Deferred other staff reports until after the proposals are addressed.

2. **Proposals**

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25	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose	0	11	Dan move, Tom 2nd. Nush AC is opposed and requests BOG take no action at this time; please defer to next BOG cycle for Central / SW Alaska and at that time take up issue for entire range of Mulchatna Caribou herd.
156	Reauthorize the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan		
Support	11	0	Dan Move, Tom 2nd. Keep the plan in place. We don't want the plan to go away, especially with the rather low calf/ cow counts. The herd is not rebounding much and needs help. We have had 3 years of poor travel conditions and haven't been able to get out for wolves - they need thinning. I saw wolf tracks on many sand bars last moose season. We really need to protect our subsistence meat supply. We hope ADFG can be flexible and liberalize with a continued plan on exact dates, locations for control measures. The possibility of moving the predator control area to cover changes in the Mulchatna herd calving area was discussed.



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157	Set a customary and traditional use finding, and establish seasons and bag limits for Emperor geese		
Support	11	0	Joe Move, Dan 2nd We know the bird group has worked long and hard to develop a cooperative plan and to get this into place. Haven't been allowed to take Emperors since mid 1980's. Very important to some villages. Its a credit to all those who have cooperated to come up with a plan for all. We should support their work. They even waited an extra year to assure there would be more birds and more practical numbers to share among all the villages. I hope permits will be reasonably easy to obtain. This is only for the fall hunt.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
150	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 17A		
Support	11	0	Joe Move, Dan 2nd This is more like housekeeping and we should support. This is essential for the 17A moose plan to work. We worked hard among several villages to get the 17A moose plan set up and its important to keep this option in the plan.
153	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	11	0	Dan Move, Tom 2nd We really like this option. So much more convenient for local hunters. I really like being able to take a bear if I see one without having to get a tag first.

3. Resume Staff Reports:

- a) Moose in Unit 17c: Neil Barten ADFG area wildlife biologist.
 First time in years we had good conditions allowing a fall moose survey.
 ADFG flew key areas in lower 17B and 17C.
 Found good bull/ cow ratios ins some strata - as high as 90/100 (but small numbers total).
 Lowest Bull cow ratios are concerning at 20/100 and even as low as 11/100 in the lower Nushagak R - one of the most popular hunting areas. 11/100 is not an emergency but it is very low and concerning.



ADFG very concerned at the overall picture compared to the data from previous surveys and lower than the 25-30 bull to 100 cow ratio the ADFG usually manages for across the state. ADFG expressed concerns for 2016 winter hunt if travel conditions continue to improve, there is a potential for excessive harvest.

Cow calf surveys suggest production is quite low across the range, 12%-13% calves, while 1 area had good production at over 20%, the production in the lower Nushagak was quite low. These low calf ratios not only cause population concerns but are likely to result in much lower recruitment of bulls into the harvestable population.

2017, ADFG plans a big spring / summer moose survey in 17B&C. ADFG is quite concerned about the overall population in GMU 17c.

After a long discussion, the general consensus from the AC was we are concerned for the low numbers reported but were hesitant to make immediate restrictions based on a single season survey and incomplete analysis. Lets wait for ADFG to complete its review of its recently acquired data and get back to us ASAP. Another member pointed out there is another study coming this spring.

There were several members who urged caution and avoid damaging the herd in the short term that might result in long term restrictions.

VII Approval Process for AC Comments to BOG

Dan Moved Joe 2nd

To authorize Chair Frank Woods to review and finalize draft minutes of this meeting and to submit to the BOG to meet the Dec. 22 deadline.

Carried 11 Y 0 N

VIII Date and Location of election / next meeting:

At the call of the chair, tentatively in early February. Will poll members as time nears.

Agenda to include elections for one undesignated seat now held by G Hoseth, and the two Alternate seats.

IX Adjourn: 8:16 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Secretary Dan Dunaway

Minutes Approved By: AC Chair Frank Woods

Date: December 7, 2016



Minutes
Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Teleconference
December 8, 2016 / 2:30P.M

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by the Chair Doug Carney, at 2:30 p.m.

Roll Call & Quorum – 8 members / 5 for quorum

SHAC members present were

Rick Breckheimer - Lime Village

Doug Carney & Susan Hubbard - Sleetmute

Barb Carlson & John Zeller – Red Devil

Absent were-

Faron Bobby – Lime Village

David Bobby & Charlie Gusty - Stony River.

Others Attending - The chair introduced the others attending

Nissa Pilcher, Boards Support

Josh Peirce – Area Biologist

Brett Gibbens – Wildlife Protection

Lisa Olsen – Division of Subsistence

Members' Concerns – Members were asked if they had -

- Any other proposals members want to comment on, besides those listed below?
- Any agenda additions to Other Business for this meeting?
- Anything for future meetings?

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved without additions.

Reading & Approval of Minutes - from the Dec. 16, 2014 & Dec.10, 2015 teleconference meetings.

Area Biologist –

Josh – Roger Seavoy retired – I'm the new area biologist.

We did a moose composition count in November, mainly limited to the Bear Control Area- on the Holitna then up the Kuskokwim toward Stony

The bull/cow ratio was 58/100, and the calf/cow ratio was 55/100, which is slightly better than the last count from 2013, which was a bull/cow of 55/100 & calf/cow of 50/100, and these are very good numbers.

There is a moose trend count planned for March. We hope the weather and snow conditions are good and I would like to do a larger area, in 19A including up the Stony River and around Lime Village. We hope to find a high calf survival rate and high moose numbers, and then maybe we can have a limited moose season.

The bear control program was done about 3 years ago, so bear numbers will be increasing

There's a CKAC proposal 79, which would allow the taking of brown bear at black bear baiting stations that you'll probably want to look at.

Doug – Yes, that's on our list - it makes sense to me. You recently told me about the bear bounty some villages have. You want to tell us about that?



Josh – Yes, McGrath City Council gives \$150 for both wolves and bears. When hunters bring in a sealed bear hide.

Doug –We will go over the BOG proposals and then Barb Carlson will lead the discussion on the BOF proposals. Barb has gone to many BOF meetings and working group meetings over the past couple of years, mostly having to do with the shortage of King Salmon.

Just so everyone knows, the last SHAC meeting had a direct affect on the red fishing in Lime. At the last meeting Rick & Fred spoke about their inability to fish for reds, because of the net ban for Kings, and that Kings are in poor shape and aren't targeted that far upriver. That discussion was in our minutes and comments, and Barb addressed it at working groups and the BOF meeting.

Barb -

Doug - Hopefully with this year's proposal 279 on 4" mesh will be able to exempt Lime as well.

Barb –

BOG Proposal Discussion & Votes

Doug - The BOG cycle has changed from 2-years to 3 years.

Again, are there any additions members want to make to the list I have on the agenda?– 17/47, 51-56, 68, 72, 74, 75, 77, 79- 83, 156, & 160. There are none –OK.

17 / 47 – Proposal 17 is for the Arctic/Western BOG Meeting, and 47 is the same proposal for the Interior/Northeast Arctic BOG meeting.

Josh – Fairbanks AC was against it, seems like most trappers are.

Doug - Brett, you trap -what do you think about this one?

Brett – Protection officers would have to root around trap lines to make sure grouse wings & other parts aren't used.

SHAC members voted to oppose this one.

Further discussion on 17 & 47 all other proposals are included on the attached comment form.

BOF Proposals-

Barb Carlson read and explained these proposals in detail to the committee.

SHAC discussion is contained on the attached comment form

- 3 Proposals on King Salmon – 275, 276, 279
- Proposal discussion & comments

Other Business - There was no other business discussed

Adjourn - 5 p.m.



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17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Oppose	0	5	<p>This proposal seeks to make state game regs consistent with regs proposed by AMBCC for federal subsistence. The proposal includes all game birds, not only migratory, but AMBCC calls itself a migratory bird council. It should stick to migratory birds.</p> <p>Trappers use wings and other parts of Non-migratory game birds like grouse and Ptarmigan.</p> <p>Gizzards & hearts aren't addressed in regulations – why list them now? These parts are not presently listed in regulation. SHAC thinks present regs. Are adequate.</p> <p>The proposal claims this is the C&T practice in 19 & all the regions listed, but the use of parts other than the breast on upland game birds is generally the personal preference.</p> <p>This proposal would be a nightmare for Wildlife Protection – they would have to root around trap lines and go through boats during moose hunts, (when birds are taken opportunistically), looking for salvage of duck, grouse and other non-migratory bird parts.</p>
156	Re-authorize Mulchatna Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan		
Support	5	0	<p>This is primarily allowing aerial predator control for wolves, and includes 19 A & B. The Mulchatna Herd is building slowly, and this program is intrinsic & necessary for herd recovery.</p>
160	Extend the moose season in GMU 18 to Sept. 30		
Oppose	0	5	<p>This proposal wants the state to align its regs with federal regs in GMU 18. The state RM615 hunt quota was reached early, and the hunt closed. If the hunt is extended, it will result in more animals being taken on the main stem, with hunters claiming they were taken on one of the eastern tributaries. SHAC members thought that his blending of quotas could lead to excessive moose harvest in GMU 18, and increased hunting in GMU 19 again. The animals on the tributaries migrate to the main river anyway, and if left alone will lead to a higher quota on the state hunt.</p> <p>The issue that got SHAC's attention, is that the federal subsistence hunt was only open for 15 days out of 30 possible in 2016. Why was the hunt closed before the quota was reached? Hunters could have hunted those tributaries, which are mostly within federal land, for another 15 days. The federal hunt opening should take advantage of what is already available and be extended, before considering changes in state regs.</p> <p>If the moose herds in GMU 18 are allowed to continue to flourish, we hope it will</p>



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			Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			help with the rebuilding of GMU 19 stocks, where we have a hunt closure and a Tier II Hunt. Bulls are in bad shape after mid-season, so why take them?

Minutes Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher & Barb Carlson

Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney

Date: 12-12-2016



Southern Norton Sound AC
12/8/16
Community Hall, Unalakleet, AK

I. Call to Order: 12:14 pm by Wade Ryan

II. Roll Call: Wade Ryan (Chair), Jacob Ivanoff, Matilda Hardy, Morris Nassuk, Peter Martin Sr., Frank Katchatag, Stebbins seats Vacant, Wes Jones, Milton Cheemuk
Members Present: Wade Ryan (Chair), Jacob Ivanoff, Matilda Hardy, Morris Nassuk, Peter Martin Sr.

Members Absent: Frank Katchatag, Stebbins seats Vacant, Wes Jones, Milton Cheemuk

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:5

List of User Groups Present: Subsistence users and Commercial fisherman

Matilda made comments regarding Mr. Sookiyak's passing. He served on the SNAC for several years.

III. Approval of Agenda: Moved by Morris seconded by Matilda motion approved

Morris moved to approve the Stebbins Alternate Matilda seconded motion passed

Jacob made a motion to have a moment of silent for Mike Sookiyak seconded by Wade motion passed

Matilda gave invocation

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2/8/16 Moved by Matilda seconded by Jacob motion passed

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Letty Hughes (DWC), William Dunker (DWC), Carmen Daggett (Boards Support), Brendon Scanlon (Sport Division), Jim Menard (Commercial Division)

VI. Guests Present: Arley Nanounk, Renae Ivanoff, Gary Eckenweiler, Alfred Commack

Gary Eckenwieler stated that it would be helpful to use rod and reel as a mean as a subsistence tool for Chinook salmon. They catch more Chinook utilizing a set net over rod and reel. Jacob mentioned that this was discussed in the pass and we were not in support of the idea due to the guiding operation on the Unalakleet River but we were in favor for the Northern Region

Lillian said hello to the committee.

VII. Old Business:

No old business

VIII. New Business:



Letty Hughes gave an overall view of the Western Arctic Caribou Herd (WACH). She stated that there was an estimated 201,000. Wade asked why it was implemented and when it was in effect. Letty explained what happened. Jacob stated that he and Charlie Lean asked to change to the permitting requirements to prevent hunters from becoming criminals.

Wade asked about the moose in the Unalakleet Drainage and Letty stated that they attempted to do surveys the past two years but the lack of snow prevented them from doing the survey. The department completed and bull cow ratio last week and the numbers are preliminary.

Rena asked how to access the permit for caribou hunting. Letty stated that you can get them at any vendors or at line.

Wade stated that if you want to obtain your hunting permit at the cost of this year, you will need to purchase them prior to December 31st. The cost of permits in 2017 is going to increase.

Alfred asked about the numbers of the moose survey, Letty told him that in 2013 there were 543 and they are still working on the numbers from last week's survey.

Jill Klien gave an overview of the MOU between the State of Alaska and the Federal Government. Wade had some questions regarding the purpose of the MOU. Jill explained that it was a coordination between the two entities.

Morris primary for BOG and Matilda as Alternate
Wes primary for BOF and Wade as Alternate



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No-Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Support	5	0	Jacob made a motion to support seconded by Matilda. With more air traffic, it disturbs the migration of the caribou and distract the hunters. We have to travel long ways to hunt and any disturbance makes it harder for us to harvest any caribou. It gives hunters an advantage when using an aircraft to hunt caribou.
6	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Interior/Northeast Arctic and the Arctic/Western Regions		
Opposed	0	5	Jacob moved to support seconded by Peter. Jacob disagree with the dates for closing the bulls. Wade commends the effort of putting subsistence in there.
8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Jacob. Wade stated that the residence of Alaska should have the priority to hunting.
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Wade. Wade stated that if you are going to kill a bird you should take all the edible meat home.
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	5	0	Jacob moved to support Matilda seconded. Wade mentioned that we have been doing this for years and there is no need to change.
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	5	0	Jacob moved to support seconded Matilda. Wade stated that we should maintain status quo. Jacob stated that a resident should not be penalized for their family member coming to Alaska to hunt
26	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
Support	5	0	Morris moved to support seconded by Wade. Wade stated the we should not have to continuously contact Fish and Game to extend our hunting season.
27	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 22A		
Opposed	0	5	Jacob moved to support seconded by Wade. Wade stated that he sees a lot of hunters leaving a lot of meat behind and not taking enough home. Jacob stated that he agreed with Wade and Morris in not supporting this because extending hunting seasons for nonresident because some of the moose may come into our unit.
28	Eliminate the nonresident moose hunt in Units 22E and 22D remainder		
Supported as amended	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Wade. Jacob said we will support the Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee
29	Open a hunting season for caribou in Unit 22A by emergency order only		
No			Wade there is something in place already.



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30	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22C		
Support	5	0	Jacob moved to supported by Matilda
31	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 22B		
Support	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Morris. Wade said that he supports more hunting of bears
32	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 22A		
Support	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Jacob. Wade said that with the sea ice lingering around during the spring hinders the hunting time
245	Extend the closure line North of the Northern Norton Sound Section commercial king crab fishery from 64 15'N Latitude		
Support	5	0	Jacob moved to support seconded by Matilda. Jacob stated he supports the proposal because it should be fair to all crabbers.
246	Add a definition for crab rakes and allow crab rakes as lawful subsistence shellfish gear north of Cape Newenham.		
Support	5	0	Matilda moved to support seconded by Wade.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: *[Signature]*
 Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*
 Date: 1/22/17

Prop 244
No action

Prop 245

Prop 246



**Togiak Advisory Committee
12/14/2016
Minutes**

I. Call to Order: 11:37pm By Chairman Moses Kritz Sr.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Walter Kanulie, Kenneth Nukwak, Julius Henry, Darren Byayuk, Lester Moore, Joe Alexie, Moses Kritz Sr., Peter Lockuk (Alternate), William Sanchez (Alternate)

Members Absent:

Frank Logusak (ill), Tessa Nickersen (appointment), Roger Wassillie, Gust Bartman, Norman Gloko,

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: Togiak, Manokotak, Twin Hills

Walter moves to seat Thomas Dock as Alternate, Darren seconds, AC Approves Unanimously

Thomas moves to seat William Sanchez as Alternate, Joe seconds, AC Approves Unanimously

III. Approval of Agenda:

Comments: Taryn says AC should consider discussing having the Chairman approve the minutes that need to be submitted to the Board of Game before December 22nd.

Walter Moves to approve agenda with that addition, Joe seconds, AC Approves Unanimously

IV. Approval of Minutes from March 11, 2016

Julius moves to approve the minutes from March 11th, Peter seconds

There are no changes that need to be made, AC Approves Unanimously.

V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Taryn O'Connor-Brito- ADF&G Boards Support

Neil Barten- ADF&G Wildlife

Ted Kreig- ADF&G Subsistence

VI. Guests Present:

Andy Aderman, and Pat Walsh- Togiak National Wildlife Refuge

Gayla Hoseth-BBNA

Thomas Moore- Manokotak

Tom Low, Teo Pauk, and Joey Lockuk- Togiak



VII. ADF&G Staff Updates, and Updates from Togiak National Wildlife Refuge:

Andy Aderman, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Biologist:

- Updated AC on details of a moose survey the Refuge conducted in October in which there was no snow.
 - Areas were randomly selected in which to count
 - Sightability trials were conducted which suggested that 75% of moose were sightable.
 - Survey suggests that the herd is still growing, and may have increased by a few hundred since the last survey 5 years ago
 - Final number will be an estimate with a range
 - Saw 60-65 bulls/ 100 cows
 - Calf to cow ratio was in the lower 30's/100
- Peter- is interested in the wolf population, and Moses mentions that wolves have been sighted near town.
- Andy - Agrees that there may be more wolves. In general when the moose population increases so does the wolf population.

Pat Walsh, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge Manager:

- There is a study that has been going on in the Refuge for the last 3 years, in which hair samples have been being collected from bears and wolves. These samples will be used to determine diet. Study will continue this coming year. No results yet.
- It is likely that the moose population growth is outpacing the growth of the wolf population
- Moses- States that the moose population is healthy and well distributed due to lack of snow, they are not gathered down in the rivers.
- There is also an observation from an AC member that bear tend to kill many calves, but that the wolves will take on the adult moose.
- Pat agrees, and also adds that milder winters make it easier for the moose to get away from the wolves.
- There is some concern among AC members and public that the wolves are coming close to the community, and what to do about this. Maybe some wolves near the community can be trapped.
- Kenneth- is interested in how far wolves will travel.
- Pat says that currently only 3 packs are collared. It has been hard to catch wolves to collar them without the snow.
 - 8-9 years of data from collared wolves has suggested that wolves travel long distances, from the lower Nushagak to Koliganek, Eek, or Bethel and back.
- Moses- wonders if the AC should start thinking about a wolf control proposal for 17a. When he was young there were no wolves around
- Neil Barten- says 17a doesn't currently have a positive finding in intensive management program. Putting one in place there would be a bit of a process
- Moses- comments that wolves in 17a will move around and impact 17b, and 17c
- Pat Walsh- comments that in the past there were not very many moose in the refuge to attract the wolves.
- Moses says the AC will keep their eye out and go from there



Neil Barten, ADF&G Wildlife Biologist:

- Wants to know what the AC thinks about the current conditions, and when he should think about opening up the winter moose hunt in 17a.
- Moses- says so far (snow) conditions are pretty new, and thinks that waiting until it looks safer to open the hunt would be wise, but comments that some people are getting anxious. Hopes the rain will harden the ground when it freezes.
- Neil agrees that it makes sense to wait for the warm weather to pass. He will stay in touch. The very latest it can start is the last week of January. And says that all of 17a is included in the hunt.
- Peter – there is concern about the trail. It is raining out now. Not sure of success rate. They will be keeping an eye on it.

- Muskox-
 - Moses is interested in what the possibilities would be for a transplant to the Peninsula.
 - Neil will share the Transplant Policy with the AC, and highlight key points. AC would need to get the support of the community, and it would be good to try to work with the Nushagak AC.
 - Moses is interested in seeing policy, will go from there.

Ted Kreig, ADF&G Subsistence:

Subsistence was in Togiak during November doing interviews for the Chinook Respondent Program, which is ongoing; they will be back next summer. From what he heard it seemed like last summer subsistence was improved.

Moses says the AC would like to meet again in March/April to discuss some fisheries related issues when Tim Sands is back in the office- Chinook is one of the issues to be discussed, but also funding.

There is also an observation that the 3 mile line for trawlers should be discussed.

Moses says the AC also wants to work with the Togiak Traditional Council to hold an election for the Togiak community designated seat on the Nushagak AC. Taryn will email info relating to that seat to Moses, and the Traditional Council Clerk.

VIII. Elections for three undesignated seats and two alternates

Frank, Moses, and Joe's seats expired 6/2016

Also, William, and Thomas's Alternate seats are expired.

Floor is opened to nominations for undesignated seats:

William (Bill) Sanchez nominates Frank Logusak

Julius Henry nominates Moses Kritz, and Joe Alexie

No other nominations

Floor is closed to nominations:

Frank, Moses, and Joe will retain their seats with unanimous support of all present.

Floor is opened to nominations for Alternate:

Peter Lockuk nominates William Sanchez and Thomas Dock

No other nominations

Floor is closed to nominations

William, and Thomas will retain their seats with unanimous support of all present



IX. New Business:

Proposal 150: Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A

Julius moves to adopt

Joe seconds

Discussion:

- Provides opportunity
- Department supports

AC Supports Unanimously

Proposal 153: Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region

Walter moves to adopt

Thomas seconds

Discussion:

- Exempts residents from the \$25 locking tag fee

AC Supports Unanimously

Proposal 25: Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19

Thomas moves to adopt

Darren seconds

Discussion:

- Neil B. – Department is asking to defer proposal to the 2017-2018 Central/SW Region meeting. Department likes to manage this herd as a unit.
- Also in book as Prop 83 for Interior NE Arctic meeting.
- William recognizes/understands the departments wish to manage the herd as a unit, and the idea to bring it up at the Central/SW BOG, however he thinks the AC should make their opposition to this proposal known.

AC Opposes Proposals 25/83 Unanimously

Proposal 156: Reauthorize the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan

Peter moves to adopt

Thomas seconds

Discussion:

- Department believes this is important
- AC is concerned about impact of wolves on game

AC Supports 156 Unanimously



Proposal 157: (formerly ACR 7) Set a customary and traditional use finding, and establish seasons and bag limits for Emperor Geese

Thomas moves to adopt

Darren seconds

Discussion:

- Moses- notes that Emperor Geese are primarily accessible to people in Togiak during the spring, and are not seen much during the fall/winter months.
- Teo- notes that people are seeing more now than in past seasons. Agrees that they are more visible in the spring. Would agree with this proposal though.
- Moses- notes that there is no opportunity now. Doesn't think that this will provide much opportunity for Togiak, but notes that Manokotak may have more opportunity.
- Kenneth- would support, but also prefers taste of these birds in the spring. Believes Manokotak would have some opportunity along coast after moose season, but has concern that it may be cost prohibitive to travel to the coast for a one bird limit.
- Thomas notes that prop 157 is a start
- Moses agrees

AC Supports 157 Unanimously

Discussion of proposal development for Central/Southwest BOG:

- Kenneth has been working on a couple of proposals-
 1. Wants to move the date of the **fall moose hunt in 17c**
 - KMO residents don't start seeing moose moving around until after Sept 15th in the areas they hunt (Ualik, Weary, and Snake)
 - Kenneth suggests lengthening the season by 5 days.
 - Moses Suggests that Kenneth work with Manokotak residents to draft the proposal, and bring it to the AC for support at their spring meeting.
 2. Winter moose hunt 17c (climate change is preventing hunting)
 - Kenneth would like to see a movable hunt as in 17c
- Kenneth can see Neil and Taryn next time he is in DLG for help with drafting his proposals.

Approval Process for AC Comments to BOG:

Peter Lockuk will draft minutes Taryn will supply coordinator notes, Julius H. also will supply notes.

Chairman Moses T. will approve minutes from this meeting and submit to the Board of Game.

AC Unanimously approves of plan.


Date and Location of next AC Meeting:

Next meeting by call of the chair after Commercial Fisheries staff is back in the office (tentatively March)

Adjournment: 2:30pm

Approved by Togiak AC Committee Chair

Moses Kritz Sr.

Signature: 

Date 12.20.16



Upper Kobuk Advisory Committee Meeting & Elections
12/20/2016
Shungnak IRA

- I. Call to Order: 11:02 am
- II. Roll Call: Bryan Jones, Shield Downey, Murphy Custer, Louie Commack
Elected: Nellie Griest, Merle Custer, Mike Atkins, Re-Elected Murphy Custer and Bryan Jones
Members Absent: Rosa Horner, Alvin Williams
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: Subsistence users
- III. Approval of Agenda:
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 12/11/15 minutes approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandon Saito (Wildlife Conservation), Carmen Daggett (Boards)
- VI. Guests Present:
- VII. Public Comments and concerns:
Nellie Griest: Wolves abundant, everyone has to start hunting wolves before they have pups in the spring time. Mentioned wolf bounties.
Billy Lie: Inquires about transporters.
Louie Commack: everyone is happy with the caribou they got in the villages.
- VIII. Old Business:
Elections:

Shungnak Seat Filled
Nellie Griest 7/2019
Merle Custer 7/2019

Kobuk
Murphy Custer 7/2019

Ambler
Bryan Jones 7/2019
Mike Atkins 7/2019

- IX. New Business:
- X. Western Arctic Caribou Herd Update: Brandon Saito, 201,000 caribou is the current population numbers, 235,000 caribou was the previous level.
 - a. Billie Lie: Inquires about who makes the decisions about how many caribou we get to harvest?
- XI. Moose Update: 7,500 moose currently, 450 harvestable surplus, the Selawik population has declined. Calf production has gone up, up to 17 calves:100 adults. Bull:cow ratios are staying high. 47bulls:100 cows, 43 bulls:100 cows so it doesn't look the moose are getting overharvesting. Moose can be really susceptible to harvest, when the population is declining the last thing you want to do is be taking cows. Last year 21 cows were taken and before it was 15 cows a year.
Billy Lie: Explains the large populations.



Shield Downey: Explains moose permits from fly in hunters. We should have more concern % take by fly in hunts versus local people hunting. Our cost of fuel is really high when we talk about a reduction in take because those families don't have access mobility we have to consider all of those.

Brandon Saito: 300 local users and 60-70 from non-local hunters.

Shield Downey: Not the same level of harvest is happening

Bryan Jones: Inquires about how close we are to the point we need to curb the harvest. Our villages are growing. How close are we to the threshold.

Brandon Saito: Explains being proactive versus reactive. How can we have people work together at Onion Portage.

Bryan Jones: Where do we look to find resources, maybe we need to start thinking about reindeer herding.

Louie Commack: Explains the observed declines, and we have super packs of wolves and we might have to decide possibly reducing to 3 caribou a day.

Brandon Saito: Explains the balance of gas.

Louie Commack: We are declining it is worrisome.

Billy: we can't afford beef or chicken.

I know there was a decline in the caribou we used to hunt every year between here and Ambler. 2-3 caribou is not enough for a family of 10 people. I didn't understand the results of cutting down to five per day. Still the caribou are declining.

Billy: Inquires migration patterns, I have a feeling we are going to have the same problem as people from the Teshekpuk once we get from the Ambler road.

Shield: I have been opposed to that Ambler Road. It is going to change migrations and harvest rates. We need to think very carefully when we agree to any kind of development. I am scared for our people. We are going to be putting our resources in jeopardy. We need to think this out carefully. I think the season changes are a good thing. We need to think about this very carefully it is serious business.

Louie Commack: I sit on the gates of the subsistence resource commission we are talking 5-10,000 hunters per fall.

MOU Discussion: Billy Lie: Inquires about tribal governments. Would like to see tribal consultation, Maniilaq tribal affairs committee, RAC. This is something our two representatives that can speak on behalf of the tribes.

Nellie Griest: Inquires about how to replace Sally Custer on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group.

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1	Evaluate a separate amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for the Teshekpuk caribou herd		
Support	7	0	Shield: Caribou don't choose where they want to go, reindeer assimilated with



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			<p>the herd. We are going into a lot of expansive migration. The whole point when they were counting the inflation numbers of the counting, that was a question and concern by people.</p> <p>Brandon: There are some mixing occurs. The vast majority that unit 23 takes is WACH and TECH is being harvested by Barrow.</p> <p>Louie: Motioned by Louie</p> <p>Merle: Seconded</p>
2	Modify the hunt structure of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds		
Support	7	0	<p>Louie: Motioned support</p> <p>Murphy: Seconded</p>
3	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for caribou		
Support	7	0	<p>Louie: Motioned to support</p> <p>Nellie: Second</p>
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Support	7	0	<p>Shield: I strongly support proposal number 4. That will help our caribou decline. The access is what poses a threat to the livelihood of our caribou.</p> <p>Billy Lie: Talking with people in Noatak and the federal closure, the people in Noatak.</p> <p>Louie: Motioned to support proposal 4</p> <p>Murphy: Seconded</p>
5	Change "general season" to "subsistence" for Arctic/Western Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings		
Support	7	0	<p>Louie: Motioned to support</p> <p>Merle: Seconded</p>
6	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Interior/Northeast Arctic and the Arctic/Western Regions		
Support	7	0	<p>Louie: Motioned to support</p> <p>Merle: Seconded</p>
8	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Arctic/Western Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	7	0	<p>Shield: I would support this</p> <p>Louie: Motion to support</p> <p>Nellie: Seconded</p>
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	7	0	<p>Shield: With our people we eat everything but the feathers. That supports our way of using the species.</p> <p>Louie: Motioned to support</p> <p>Merle: Seconded</p>
18	Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	7	0	<p>Louie: motioned to support</p>



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			Murphy: Seconded
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Opposed	0	7	We have a sheep problem as it is, when it opens again it will just create problems. It would create more problems. Louie: motion to oppose, for further clarification. Merle: Seconded
36	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 23		
Support	7	0	Shield: If we have a problem with the moose population, this is not a good option. Louie: Explains that this is for starvation. I think that was the intent to help to make it through the winter. We always get a female moose in the winter time. Shield: Right now the caribou is declining, if we give every option to kill a moose we are going to be in the same. Merle: motion to support Louie: Seconded Shield: Do we understand what we are doing. Murphy: There is still a lot of caribou, we can use the moose for a death in town.
37	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	7	0	Not too many people eat brown bear, they like to come around and damage camps. Check out nets, we don't hunt brown bear. Merle: Motioned to support Louie: Seconded
38	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	7	0	
39	Lengthen the nonresident fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	7	0	
40	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 23		
Support	7	0	Louie: Motioned Seconded: Nellie
41	Require a guide-client agreement to apply for a nonresident brown bear drawing permit in Unit 23		
No Action			
42	Allow the use of bait for black and brown bear hunting in Unit 23		
Opposed	0	7	Louie: motions to oppose Merle: seconded
43	Allow the use of snowmachines to position and harvest brown bears and furbearers in Unit 23		
Support	7	0	Louie: Motion to support Merle: Seconded
44	Modify the area of the Noatak Controlled Use Area in Unit 23		
Support	7	0	Louie: Motioned to support Nellie: Seconded



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
45	Require big game hunting camps to be three miles apart within and near the Noatak Controlled Use Area		
Support	7	0	Merle: motion to support Seconded: Louie

Shield Downey will go to the BOG.
Adjournment: 1:22 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett
Minutes Approved By: *Marie Conroy*

Date: 12/20/16

Shield Downey