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**Anchorage Advisory Committee
Game Subcommittee
January 31, 2017
William J Hernandez Hatchery, 941 Reeve Blvd, Anchorage**

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Chair Joel Doner
- II. Members Present: Joel Doner, Phillip Calhoun, Jim Bolgiano, Neil DeWitt, Frank Neumann, Kevin Taylor, Brian Nelson, Matt Moore, Gerold Gugel, Bryce Eckroth, Martin Weiser
Members Absent Excused: Ernie Weiss, Art Nelson, Dino Sutherland, Trevor Rollman, Willow Hetrick
Members Absent Unexcused: Kenny Rogers

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8 – 11 present
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved without objection
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: January 17, 2016 Approved with changes without objection
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: David Battle, Cory Stantorf, Sherry Wright,
- VI. Guests Present: Rod Arno, Gary Olson, George Jacoby, Stephen Bartelli (Mat Valley AC), Richard Persons, Martin Miegs, Joe Schuster, Tyler Loken,
- VII. Public Testimony – Joel Doner offered several opportunities for members of the public that wished to address the committee. The following people did.

Rod Arno – AOC – Heads up on the CSH proposals (Fish & Wildlife Service posted documents regarding the MOU between Ahtna and Feds. Common Use clause in State should be considered. Ahtna is seeking a Charter for Ahtna Intertribal community to represent their communities and have authority for allocation and co-management through the Federal program. The majority of would take place on state lands (9+ million acres) that may be put in trust with the federal government. Would be up to the BOG to capitulate to give them what they have been unable to get through the state process. The 3 documents are: Charter, Memorandum of Understanding, and a Traditional Use Map.

AC Questions / Discussion – Wondering if the feds has the authority to take over in this way? Right now there is not. State could lose management authority which was put into place during ANSCA. Response re: 2009 BOG actions – not any board intent to authorize a native or rural preference. The purpose was to allow issuing permits, available to anyone in the state. Wonder if the AC should even bother taking up the GMU 11 – 13 proposals coming up if there is something else underway that may take away state management? Depends on what the BOG is willing to give away. Rod Arno asks that the public make comments available for the board regarding this matter.

Richard Person – Setnetter on East side Cook Inlet. Spoke about a few proposals already – Prop 175 was put in by his son. 105 fathoms of gear is allowed. In 2014 when this was written up, they went to the local biologists to ensure they could fish their full complement of gear. ACR was taken up in Juneau that didn't pass. This is the second attempt to clear this up so they can



fish their full complement of gear. Anchorage AC proposal to do away with this altogether would also be good.

VIII. Old Business:

BOG member Ted Spraker was invited to attend the meeting. He has been in Alaska 42+ years and started working with Dept of Fish & Game in 1974 as Assistant Area Biologist in Glennallen. He was moved by ADFG to Soldotna in 1978 till his retirement in 2002. Murkowski requested he serve on the BOG and has ever since. This would be his 6th term and last. His desire is to complete his original purpose for coming on the Board - to fix Unit 13. There are still issues to deal with there and there are a couple of proposals in the upcoming meeting that may do that.

Past attempts at addressing subsistence hunting opportunities have failed miserably. The other thing that has been changed is the 2004 implementation of predator control, which has been without a doubt a very successful program. Have to deal with the high number of people that like to hunt caribou. The number interested is not acceptable for a quality hunt.

Spraker was thankful for the committee taking the time to address the Interior Region meeting. Really would like to see everyone (AC) testify at the Board meeting. He indicated he allows additional time for testimony and does not hold the public to a 3 minute limit. Listening to the public is very important. As area biologist, he worked with the Kenai Peninsula ACs, and would be at Central Peninsula AC meeting tonight, if he wasn't here. He still attends meetings on the Peninsula. He is available by phone if anyone wants to discuss anything. He asks for your support for one more go-around.

Phillip Calhoun *Question / Discussion – Should Boards submit board generated proposals?* Ted believes they should – they are not trying to avoid public proposals. Some of the proposals that come through are not totally focused – a bit here, a bit there. The board proposals provide that focus. The Board ensures there is still time for the public to participate. They could make a motion at the table and pass it, but they don't do that.

Prop 207 was one that was opposed by most of the ACs and still went through and passed. Many people were frustrated by the feeling of not being heard. They spend time away from their families to participate in the process, then come away feeling frustrated. The Board listens to all the testimony. Many comments were supportive of Prop 207 and this proposal had a long public review process. Strong supporter of ethical hunting and many people complained of people buzzing them when they had packed in and then got planes flying over them. Some have been appreciative of hunting being quieter. Spraker supported proposition 207 and still does.

Neil DeWitt *How much weight do you give FSB or Western Arctic Caribou meetings?* They have requested feds to back off and give them time. There used to be an incredible number of caribou and at one time they considered 200,000 would be a good number. Hunters need to stick together, not be divisive among ourselves. Problem is that this will put more people in other areas. Many of the people formerly from those areas also will have an adverse impact by closures.

Kevin Taylor *Back to the sheep issue – what do you think needs to be done?* His answer was personal – doesn't believe we need to do anything. Spraker is more of a long term guy, when looking at populations. Guide concession program on BLM/state lands is an answer to our problems. Letter to legislators to that effect is underway. 10 year leases promote stewardship,



limits number of animals that can be harvested, keeps them from moving. There's always a few guys that move in and disrupt things, and also disrupts the residents. Can look forward to that, especially when it comes to sheep.

Frank Neumann *Unit 13 intensive management – returning to general hunting practices – would that mean doing away with IM on wolf?* Wouldn't get rid of IM – that should be a tool available to the department as needed. General seasons – might be able to some sort of registration hunt for caribou and do away with subsistence hunting. That way, we could limit the number of hunters in any given week. As far as moose – way above ANS and could provide special provision later in the season for any bull, but the 100 bull has not been working. Different direction – even local AC wants to do away with it. MOU gives away the farm for the state.

Steve Bartelli (with Mat Valley AC) *207 was a hard pill to swallow for many AC members. There was not the support around the AC system and meetings that have been spoken of. One user type was severely restricted through that proposal. Was tempted to put in a bunch of restrictive proposals for specific types of hunting. They volunteer for their community and it was very unpopular. Just don't understand what was so compelling to cause the vote to go the other way?* Declining sheep numbers, and more and more competition for sheep hunters were some of the compelling reasons. Majority of residents don't have airplanes was another reason and the ethics of fair chase. One of the things about serving on the Board of Game is you will find out how many people hate you. If you look at his record overall, he has made a lot of decisions. He looks at the resource first, and opportunity, ethical hunting around the state. There will always be some issues people don't like.

Joel Doner *What can the Anchorage AC do to be better?* Anchorage AC is respected by BOG. When the committee voted against every cow hunt in the state – the BOG felt it was being driven more by one person, not a consensus of the group. Franks does a good job representing the committee.

Motion to support the letter written by Homer AC was made and 2nd. Prop 207 was a difficult pill to swallow – with AC opposing as a majority and felt they were not listened to. Joel Doner Commented: regardless of who is being considered, a committee that sends this type of letter is undermining their own future dealings with the BOG. The motivation for this letter seems to do more with anti-predator control than anything. We need to be careful that we don't lose the board in that regard. **3 – 6 – 2. Failed.**

Anchorage AC made a motion to support the Game Subcommittee recommendations with the following list of proposals reviewed by the full committee at tonight's meeting: 146, 151, 152, (122, 125, 130, 143 – 145, 147 – 150 were taken up under one vote and noted for the record), 47, 49, 52, 61-62, 68 – 69, 71 – 72, 87-88, 94, 116, 131-132. There was no objection on the motion.

Dave Battle spoke to the committee about the local moose populations. Dave Battle spoke to the committee about the local moose populations. The 2013 moose survey in the 20 Mile Creek drainage recorded a total of 155 animals. The bull cow ratio was 23/100 and a calf to cow ratio of 27/100. The recent 2016 aerial survey was conducted with 155 animals being recorded with a bull to cow ratio of 31/100. Dave Battle commented that the bull population number was probably higher than the survey count. He also commented that the population appears to be stable at this time. He also replied to the question of optimum bull to cow ratio as being 1 to 4.



Asked if the recent snow falls could lead to a new winter survey, and along with that the chance of increasing the number of tags if a new survey showed an increase in the population down there? The answer was not at this time. The number of permits requested for the hunt was submitted and accepted previously.

When asked what happens to survey funding if they aren't flying moose surveys in 14C for the last 3 years – the answer was they used it for other surveys, for sheep and goat

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46	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	11	0	Support the Department for reasons stated.
47	Change the definition of “edible meat” for game birds		
Oppose	1	10	Same proposal as Proposal #17. ½ of the State will have definition and the other ½ a different definition. Difficult for enforcement. It’s not illegal to take more meat than you want if you so choose. Supporters don’t want not taking certain parts illegal. See action/comments on Proposal #17.
48	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Support	11	0	Include language only in special weapon hunts with the addition of cross bows. As long as there is a specific hunt for crossbow only. Refer third paragraph, last sentence. Wouldn’t change how State Troopers does enforcement.
49	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	8	2	AAC supported Proposal #19; see comments and vote from full committee. In favor for reasons stated. Oppose: do not like second degree of kin. Purely allocative shift of harvest away from residents. Would be fewer second degree/next of kin hunters. Think this is an important proposal to support. Impacts residents more than non-resident hunters. Opposed: doesn’t like second degree/next of kin in general. All non-residents use guides. State of Alaska is getting revenue from each hunter, but only one tag is punched. Handcuffing resident hunters more than non-residents. 1 abstain.
50	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred for the Interior Region		
Support	11	0	See comments on Proposal 19 & 49.
51	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	11	0	See comments on Proposal #8. Suggest amending language to be clarified per certain species (i.e. moose or caribou; suggest adding the word “certain” instead of “any” of first sentence. Any prey species, this proposal is not clear that the proposer wanted, for example, moose to stay open for harvest if caribou went under IM. Would have



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			implications on the registered guides in that area. Refer page 7 of hunting regulations where it states the guidance for non-resident hunters. Suggest authors amend the initial sentences for more clarity.
52	Establish a ten percent nonresident drawing permit allocation cap in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region for Dall sheep, moose, brown bear, and caribou		
Support	8	3	See discussion/vote on Proposal #16 for reference. Support: Residents should have the maximum opportunity for all hunting, including draw hunts. Support the language for 'draw hunts only'. Agree with proposal as written for this area as well. Oppose: Nonresidents come to Alaska to hunt and 10% is not a large enough number to provide reasonable amount of opportunity to hunt. If limit nonresidents to 10%, a lot of revenue will be lost. The species proposed are all guided species and this will reduce the amount of guide activities. Hurts the industry. 10% "maximum" is an arbitrary number. State Troopers do not see enforcement issue/concern.
53	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	11	0	Enforcement is not an issue; Troopers are not going to comment on this proposal. Support: if you are an Alaskan resident, you are a subsistence hunter. Provides pressure to the BOG to figure out a solution to the age-old problem of subsistence and general season hunting.
54	Change "general season" to "subsistence hunt" for Interior/Northeast Arctic Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings		
Support	11	0	Same as #53 but for black bear only. Enforcement is not an issue; Troopers are not going to comment on this proposal. Support: if you are an Alaskan resident, you are a subsistence hunter. Provides pressure to the BOG to figure out a solution to the age-old problem of subsistence and general season hunting. Striking the word general season and substituting the word subsistence. Support for reasons stated in proposal.
55	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for moose in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, and 24		
Support	11	0	Same as #53 and #54 but for moose only. Enforcement is not an issue; Troopers are not going to comment on this proposal. Support: if you are an Alaskan resident, you are a subsistence hunter. Provides pressure to the BOG to figure out a solution to the age-old problem of subsistence and general season hunting.
56	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for Dall sheep for Units 19, 24, 25A, and 26		
Support	11	0	Same as #53, #54, and #55 but for Dall sheep only. Support for reasons stated. Enforcement is not an issue; Troopers are not going to comment on this proposal. Support: if you are an Alaskan resident, you are a subsistence hunter. Provides pressure to the BOG to figure out a solution to the age-old problem of subsistence and general season hunting.
57	Establish a nonresident sheep harvest cap of 12% for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	11	The majority of the people in the field are residents, therefor the residents are the problem regarding concerns with overcrowding. Oppose: want to be consistence across the State.



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58	Establish a 25% cap on nonresident harvest of Dall sheep and make all general hunts for nonresidents draw hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: if a nonresident goes to a draw hunt then 25% is too much. Want to be consistence across the State. Support: Nonresidents come to Alaska to hunt and 25% is better than 10% but still do not like the "maximum" language. If limit nonresidents to 25%, a lot of revenue will be lost. Will reduce the amount of guide activities. Hurts the industry. Again, 25% "maximum" is an arbitrary number. Support: Not a biologist in the State that will say that hunters are the reason that the sheep populations are declining. Removing the opportunity to hunt has more effect on the population than not.
59	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Nonresidents come to Alaska to hunt and 10% is not a large enough number to provide reasonable amount of opportunity to hunt. If limit nonresidents to 10%, a lot of revenue will be lost. The species proposed are all guided species and this will reduce the amount of guide activities. Hurts the industry. 10% "maximum" is an arbitrary number.
60	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: keep second degree of kin opportunity to Alaskan residents. Strictly an allocation issue. Wants to include second degree of kin into the guided/nonresident pool.
61	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	8	3	Support: because of language that states that "all Dall sheep draw permit hunts". Oppose: Nonresidents come to Alaska to hunt and 10% is not a large enough number to provide reasonable amount of opportunity to hunt. If limit nonresidents to 10%, a lot of revenue will be lost. The species proposed are all guided species and this will reduce the amount of guide activities. Hurts the guide industry. 10% "maximum" is an arbitrary number.
62	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep harvest allocation cap and change all nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	2	9	Support: If there's that many sheep, they should have resident preference. Takes care of the problems expressed in the Prop 207 proposal previously discussed. Oppose: Keep consistency of harvest for guides or will hurt the guide industry. Going after sheep 'harvest' and makes no biological sense. Limiting 10% cuts down on revenue that supports law enforcement and Pittman Robertson funds. Residents aren't bringing in additional revenues. There is no biological concern on nonresident harvest of rams. It's punitive against the nonresident hunters, which doesn't effect population. Population of sheep are declining.
63	Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	11	0	Anti-207 proposition. Wants BOG to rescind their action on 207.
64	Restrict the harvest of Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region to one every five years		
Oppose	0	11	Sublegal rams are forfeited to the State (horns and meat). Currently there are no restrictions the following year in these management areas. Oppose: wouldn't give a judge and discretion. Takes sheep hunting privilege away for entire State. 5 years is too much and mountain goats are different than sheep; harvesting a nanny in Unit 7 doesn't



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			restrict the opportunity to hunt goat in another unit.
65	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	11	Submitted by APHA in March 2016. Oppose: support original proposal and now regulation.
66	Open an archery-only hunting season for Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: do not lengthening the sheep season. Conflicts with the youth hunt, August 1-5. Could use a plane to spot during the time frame proposed.
67	Lengthen the season for bear baiting in the Interior/Northeast Region		
Support	11	0	Register and start at the same time. Support: bears are coming out earlier. Support for reasons stated.
68	Change the "any bull" or "one bull" bag limits to "any antlered bull" for all moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	10	1	Want to restrict the hunting of male calf without antlers. Currently, a male calf is legal in certain parts of the State. Support for reasons stated. Opposition: like to be able to harvest young, good tasting moose. If the biology can afford to support the harvest of any bull, then people should be allowed to harvest.
69	Lengthen the archery-only hunting seasons for moose in Unit 20 and open an archery-only hunting season for moose in all of Unit 20		
Support	7	4	Oppose: end of moose season is September 30, then getting into the full rut. Support: bow hunting is more difficult and would like more time to hunt.
70	Open a resident disabled veteran hunting season for moose in the Interior/Northeast Arctic region		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: can be a veteran without a purple heart and receiving SMC. Not tying it into a specific area, would leave it up to the Department. Too vaguely written.
71	Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts in Unit 20 for hunters over 60		
Oppose	4	7	Oppose: Can use a crossbow in the general season. Has an issue with lumping it in with archery. Support: a crossbow is a bow and 'elderly' should be able to use.
72	Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	11	0	Support: if anyone is that skilled, then we should allow it. Current regulations say that you have to be 300 yards from a plane. From an enforcement issue, doesn't add additional work to the Troopers. Why not?
73	Allow the use of dogs to hunt coyote in Unit 20		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
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75	Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: any proposal that discusses predator control is good for the ungulate population. Believe that the Department will do it correctly.
76	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 21E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: a lot of moose in the area, don't see a biological issue with extending the days. Would like to see both the State and the Feds attempt to align their seasons. This is registration permits only, not the general hunt.
77	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: ungulates population would presumably increase.
78	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 19C		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support as amended: general predator control benefits; too many bears not enough ungulates. Proposal as written: would like to amend proposal to include 19B. Amendment failed 2, 5. Support: general predator control benefits; too many bears not enough ungulates.
79	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 19A		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: general predator control benefits; too many bears not enough ungulates.
81	Specify airports allowed for transporting moose hunters within the Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: clarification of questionable language is good.
82	Change the nonresident sheep season in Unit 19C to a drawing permit hunt with up to 80 permits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: residents from McGrath do not have trouble accessing sheep, they have a winter sheep hunt for any ram.
83	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	Oppose: without data, cannot support. 1 abstain.
84	Lengthen the trapping season for wolf in Units 12 and 20E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: aligning state and feds; support predator management.
85	Open a resident drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 20E		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	Oppose: currently a registration hunt. Number of caribou available for harvest is regulated by ADFG as is, and can change by EO as determined. Would not like to see resident restricted from hunting. 1 abstain.
86	Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: there is already a restriction to shooting from the highway. If things are happening that are illegal, enforcement will take over. Things addressed in this proposal are already illegal, this is an enforcement issue.
87	Lengthen the Glacier Mountain Controlled Use Area hunting season		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	6	5	Oppose: vehicle restrictions are restrictive enough as is across the State. Support: for reasons stated in the proposal.
88	Clarify the boundary of the Unit 12 antler-restricted moose hunting area within the Tok River drainage		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal. Oppose: do not support antlerless moose hunting at all.
89	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 12		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	10	Oppose: not running experiments on game; would like to see science supporting idea. Bull/cow ration has improved since antler restrictions were put into place. 1 abstain.
90	Expand the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt area by adding a part of Unit 12		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: oppose the CSH hunting completely, will not support. Restricts resident



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			hunters.
91	Modify the hunting season and bag limits for grouse in Unit 12		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Trying to limit the take of ruffed grouse. Oppose: reduced grouse hunting opportunity. Do not support shortening seasons.
92	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 21C		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons written. Support added harvest of bears.
93	Remove the Bettles Winter Trail travel exception for public use within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: do not support restricting access.
94	Modify the hunting season for moose in Unit 21D		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	6	4	Support: there are a lot of moose in this area, do not think this change would affect the population. Oppose: changing a season due to changing climates should be addressed on a statewide level, it is affecting all hunt areas not just 21C. This would put the hunters further into the later rut. 1 abstain – concern of killing more moose.
97	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region, and change the permit allocation in Unit 21B		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated: Board of Game extends their authority not directed by our constitution.
98	Eliminate the requirement for a nonresident wolf tag in Unit 21		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: approve reducing wolf numbers.
99	Lengthen the hunting seasons for wolf in Units 24-26		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
105	Change the nonresident bag limit for caribou and resident cow season in Unit 26B		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated. Support limiting cow take.
106	Open a resident archery season for brown bear in Unit 26B		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Dalton highway corridor is archery only. Support: reasons stated.
107	Lengthen the hunting seasons for brown bear in Unit 26B, and change the nonresident drawing permit to a registration permit		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: would better align with sheep season. Support harvest of predators.
109	Lengthen the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 25 and 26		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: reasons stated. Aligning seasons would be beneficial.
110	Increase the bag limit for black bear in Unit 25B		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: harvest of additional bears is good.



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	112	Allow same-day airborne hunting for wolf in Unit 25D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: predator control would be good for the ungulate population.
	113	Modify the resident bag limit for Dall sheep in Units 24B, 25A, 26B, and 26C	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons written. Protect the females.
	114	Lengthen the hunting season for wolverine in Unit 26	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended	11	0	Propose an amendment to start August 1 instead of July 15; July 15 is too liberal. Support as amended: support additional hunter harvest opportunity.
	116	Reduce the bag and possession limit for ruffed grouse in Unit 20D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	4	7	Support: Delta F&G AC knowledge Oppose: no biological concern for reduction.
	117	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated.
	118	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated.
	119	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated.
	120	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated.
	121	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated.
	122	Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Oppose: generally, oppose antlerless moose hunts as the females reproduce to maintain the population. 2 abstain.
	123	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 20D	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	0	Support: extending the season by 5 days to capture colder times. 1 abstain.
	125	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20A	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Oppose: do not support antlerless moose hunts. Support: support the Department in attempting to have allocative share. 1 abstain
	126	Modify the muzzleloader hunting season for moose in Unit 20A	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: safer travel.



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127	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: biological concerns of overharvesting. Support Department.
128	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	8	Oppose: biological concerns of overharvesting. Support Department. !- Abstained.
129	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose : biological concerns of overharvesting. Support Department.
130	Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20B, and remove incorrect language for the winter muzzleloader registration hunt for bulls and the targeted antlerless hunts in Unit 20B		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	2 abstain. Support: support Department for reasons stated. Oppose: should be two separate proposals.
131	Modify the hunting season dates for antlerless moose in Unit 20B		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	2	8	Support: For reasons stated in the proposal. Oppose: catches too much of the rut. 1 abstain.
132	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 20B remainder		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	7	4	Support: for reasons stated in proposal. Oppose: Believe residents should have a jump start on the population and harvest.
133	Restrict waterfowl hunting in the Chena Slough, Unit 20		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: do not want to restrict hunting opportunity. Worried about species creep. 4 abstain – do not know enough about the area.
136	Reevaluate the intensive management finding for the Delta caribou herd		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal. Support the Department evaluating the issue.
137	Implement an intensive management program for the Delta caribou herd		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated in the proposal. Support the Department evaluating the issue.
138	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Units 20A and 20B remainder		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: aligns two types of harvest.
139	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20F		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: adding 20F; support additional predator harvest.
140	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20F		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	See comments on 139.
141	Close a portion of Unit 20C to the taking of wolf		



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Denali National Park is enough. Already have a buffer, do not need more.
142	Close a portion of Unit 20 near Denali National Park to the taking of wolf		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose	0	11	Same comments as 141.
143	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 1C		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	7	2	2 abstain. Support: Department. Oppose: oppose antlerless moose hunts in general
144	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 5A, the Nunatak Bench hunt		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	7	2	2 abstain. Support: Department. Oppose: oppose antlerless moose hunts in general
145	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 6C		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	7	2	2 abstain. Support: Department. Oppose: oppose antlerless moose hunts in general
146	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in the Twentymile/ Portage/ Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	10	1	The committee would like to see harvest opportunity at its maximum potential. Survey supports keeping the antlerless moose hunts. Oppose doesn't believe in antlerless moose hunts.
147	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 13		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Support: Department. Oppose: oppose antlerless moose hunts in general
148	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	1	1 abstain. Support: Department. Oppose: oppose antlerless moose hunts in general
149	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season and targeted moose season in a portion of Unit 15C		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Support: Department. Oppose: oppose antlerless moose hunts in general
150	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 17A		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Support: Department. Oppose: oppose antlerless moose hunts in general
151	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Units 14A and 14B		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Antlerless moose hunts are an important tool for the department.
152	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 14C		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	9	2	Antlerless moose hunts are an important tool for the department. Referenced comments on Prop 146. 14C Anchorage is not the right place to grow moose – our playgrounds, highways is in need of management
153	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region		



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	11	0	Support: for reasons stated.

Board of Fisheries UCI proposal comments:

Prop 110 - Proponent was able to speak to the committee about this proposal. If ADFG allows a person to own two permits, you should be able to fish them both. This is almost a housekeeping issue to clarify.

Vote: 11 – 0 Support

Prop 135 – Proponent’s father was able to speak to the committee about this proposal. East side is divided by Kenai / Kasilof sections. There are 7 – 8 miles between the two rivers, and the division is called the Blanchard line. The proposal seeks to add a third section – K-Beach. Also the opening time for some of these sections would change. South K-Beach currently opens when Kasilof opens, even though it is quite far away. North K Beach and South K Beach would begin July 1. They would gain 7 days roughly of fishing time. Kasilof would open June 20. South K Beach would lose around 10 days of fishing. If we are worried about early run king salmon South K-Beach would be the primary harvesters. North of the Kenai River would stay the same. Blanchard line is arbitrary any time you discuss moving it. Kasilof River has a habitual over-escapement issue. This would help. There is a concern of sport and personal use people not getting opportunity to harvest. June 20 is able to open right now (so this doesn’t move the date earlier than already in regulation. A concern exists that not enough information is available to support this. Encourage the Board to give this a good look and consider all the options. May be a good king conservation measure. Getting a period during the heart of the season, in light of king conservation may be a benefit. This represents lost opportunity for those fishing further south, when Kasilof fish come early. The July 1 date will need to really be looked at critically because of the second run of kings.

Vote: 4- 2 – 5 Support.

Prop 14 & 34 should be included in UCI BOF comments (discussed during LCI meeting).

New Business - none

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Matt Moore
Minutes Approved By: Joel Doner
Date: February 3, 2017

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Call to Order: 6:40pm

Roll Call/Establish Quorum:

Glen Watson

Henry Kohl

Robert Lekander

Thad Tikiun

Jerry White

Jamie Kassman

Greg Roczicka

Jon LaValle

Robert Hoffman (alt.)

Excused: Alissa Rogers, Henry
Hunter

Invocation: James Charles

Introduction of Guests:

Jenn Peeks- ADF&G Boards Support

Jonathan Lomack- *Akiachak*

Phillip Peter Sr.-*Akiachak, Lower Kuskokwim AC*

James Charles- *Lower Kuskokwim AC*

Dan "Max" Olick- *Kwethluk*

James Nicori- *Kwethluk*

Albert Hoffman- *Bethel*

Scott Hoffman- *Bethel*

Lincoln Peter- *Akiachak*

Martin Andrew- *Kwethluk*

Tanya Epchook- *Kwethluk*

Jennifer Hooper- *AVCP*

George Guy- *Kwethluk*

Chariton Epchook- *Kwethluk*

Daniel George- *Akiachak*

Elizabeth Nicolai- *Kwethluk*

Elections: Vacant Seats (one full voting member, one alternate)

Henry Kohl Nominates Thad Tikiun 2nd Mike Riley 1111111

Robert Hoffman nominated and seconded 1111

Mike Riley wins full voting member

Thad Tikiun Nominates Robert Hoffman for alternate, second by Robert Lekander

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Robert Hoffman accepts alternate seat

Comments:

- Chair's Comments:

Update on BOG Western Region meeting

Prop 17 and 23 Birds and bear baiting, only two that did not fully reflect Bethel AC recommendations

- Concerns/Comments of Public:

- George Guy -opposed to non resident hunters spoke out about how non residents should not have any hunting rights, moose should be wide open now that we have over 1000 moose. Worried about people putting food on the table for the family, and worried their people are turned into criminals for hunting.

Greg Roczicka Clarified the non resident moose proposal only for Yukon area where moose populations were very high. Kusko area population growing- Tier I subsistence hunt only allowed.

- Chariton Epchook- prop 279 talk about 4 inch Mesh

Prop 275 and 276 Kwethluk (KWT) Corporation is against them worried about not getting a tier 2 permit and not being able to get food for his growing family

- James Charles- fisheries meeting going to be in anchorage in March, Talked about attending the BOG in Bethel. James is going to testify for LKAC Going to testify to support ONC fish proposal

- James Nicori Kewthluk IRA- BOG Prop 47 should not leave any catch behind

BOF Prop 279- Asked board to completely remove 4 inch from Kuskokwim. People were happy with King salmon returns, removing 4 inch from the river worked well last year

BOF Prop 275-Opening up a tier 2 worried anyone from the state can then apply. Recommends Bethel AC votes down tier 2

- Martin Andrew Kwethluk IRA- KWT tribe opposes all BOF 279 275 and 276. Family eats fish everyday KWT in opposition to all three proposals
- Phillip Peter Akiachak- Testified last year about Tier 2. He is chair of his corporation, he serves his people. Remove permits to take king salmon. Against BOF prop 275. Tired of compromising.

Only one tier 2 moose hunter from Akiachak, and worried it will happen to fish also.
Akiachak against Tier 2 permits.

- Dan Olick Kwethluk- 4 inch nets cost is high, close to \$300, won't last for kings elders understand king run early kings go deep and high catch more female than male kings.

Moose- didn't allow hunting once we hit 1000 moose like ADFG said Need more moose hunting opportunity, 5 day season too short Moose and fish most

- Tanya Epchook Kwethluk- Against any non-resident hunting, people speak passionately about fish because it is food. Against Tier 2 for fish, worried about king salmon fry at the

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Concerns/Comments of AC members:

Henry Kohl thanked Jen for putting together meeting packets

Approval of Agenda: motion by Jaimie Kassman, second Thad Tikiun
Agenda approved

Approval of Minutes: Dec. 27, 2016

Henry Kohl Motion to approve minutes

- **Add Jennifer Hooper to guests on Dec. 27, 2016 meeting**

Minutes approved

BOARD OF GAME INTERIOR REGION PROPOSALS (Comments due February 3, 2017)

Multi-Unit

(47, 53, 54, 83 were previously voted on under Arctic/Western Region Proposals)

Motion to take same stance as we did on previous proposals jaimie, second Thad

Motion passes 9-0

- **Proposal 47-** Change Definition of “edible meat” for game birds *(Same as West. Region Prop. 17, Bethel AC Supported as Amended [6, 1])*
 - **Proposal 53** – Clarify resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and nonresident general hunting seasons for caribou in Arctic/Interior/Western Regions *(GMU’s 12 and 18-26). (Same as West. Region Prop. 6, Bethel AC Opposed [0, 7])*
 - **Proposal 54:** – Change “general season” to “subsistence” for Arctic/Western Region black bear hunts (GMU’s 12 and 18-25).*(Same as West. Region Prop. 5, Bethel AC Opposed [0, 7])*
 - **Proposal. 83 (McGrath Area)-** Open nonresident draw hunt for caribou in GMU 18 & 19. *(Same as West. Region Prop. 25, Bethel AC Opposed [1, 6])*
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- **Proposal 55** – Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting season and nonresident general hunting seasons for moose (GMU 12, 19-21, 24)
 - **Proposal 67-** Lengthen the season for bear baiting in the Interior/Northeast Region
 - **Proposal 68-** Change the “any bull” or “one bull” bag limits to “antlered bull” for all moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region

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- **Proposal 70**-Open a resident disabled veteran hunting season for moose in the Interior/Northeast Arctic region.
- **Proposal 72**- Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region

McGrath Area

- **Proposal 74**- Change the antler restrictions for resident moose hunting in Unit 19B
- **Proposal 75**- Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E
- **Proposal 76**- Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 21E
- **Proposal 77**- Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E
- **Proposal 79**- Allow the harvest of brown bear at bait stations in Unit 19A
- **Proposal 80**- Remove the restriction on boat horsepower in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A.

BOARD OF FISH: KUSKOKWIM

- **Proposal 279**- Clarify when 4-inch mesh set gillnets may be used during the early season king salmon subsistence fishery closure,
- **Proposal 275**- Tier II subsistence salmon fishing permits for the Kuskokwim River fishery.
- **Proposal 276** Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs

Other/Miscellaneous Business:

- Discussion: Letter of support for the Kuskokwim Sonar Project and Kuskokwim Escapement Projects.
- Motion to approve letter of support Hoffman, 2nd Hunter
Motion passes will write a letter of support

Next Meeting Date: Call of the Chair

Adjourn: 9:55 pm

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
47	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support as Amended	9	0	Motion Amendment: Exclude the word "back" and add "statewide"
53	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	9	
54	Change "general season" to "subsistence hunt" for Interior/Northeast Arctic Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings		
Opposed	0	9	
55	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for moose in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, and 24		
OPPOSE	0	9	Motion to support Kohl, second Lavalle Greg-Dilutes subsistence meaning No purpose for this. The Department is already addressing the intent administratively where or if needed statewide.
67	Lengthen the season for bear baiting in the Interior/Northeast Region		
No Action			Kohl motion to support second Lavalle Amend the motion to take no action Kassman, second Hunter
68	Change the "any bull" or "one bull" bag limits to "any antlered bull" for all moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
SUPPORT	9	0	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun Good to better define bull as antlered
70	Open a resident disabled veteran hunting season for moose in the Interior/Northeast Arctic region		
SUPPORT	9	0	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd White
72	Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
OPPOSE	0	9	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun
74	Change the antler restrictions for resident moose hunting in Unit 19B		
SUPPORT	9	0	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun

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75	Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT	9	0	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun
76	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT	9	0	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun
77	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT	9	0	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd white
79	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 19A		
SUPPORT	9	0	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun
80	Remove the restriction on boat horsepower in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A		
Support	7	2	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun Kohl opposed for concern over fish fry Greg opposed for concern of significant user conflict
83	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Opposed	0	9	

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Jamie Kassman Motion to discuss Fish proposals ahead of other game proposals for visitors second White

UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 2017 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	279		Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan. Clarify when 4-inch mesh set gillnets may be used during the early season king salmon subsistence fishery closure
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	Greg summarized the prop and early season closure Guests opposed to any 4 inch mesh, would prefer the openings be with 6 inch mesh if prior to June 11 th Lengthy discussion on potential amendments, reached no consensus Discussion to amend to, prior to June 1, limit to one 12 hour fishing period per week with 4 inch mesh Proposal failed as written.

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STATEWIDE (EXCEPT SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT) KING AND TANNER CRAB AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES MARCH 20–24, 2017 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	275	Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Lavalle The Bethel AC maintained a unanimous opposition as stated at the last AYK meeting.
BOF	276	Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	0	9	Kohl Motion to support 2 nd Tikiun

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: 

Minutes Approved By: 

Date: 2-2-17



Central AC Meeting

2/2/2017

Circle Mining District Historical Building

Draft minutes; submitted to make Interior BOG comment deadline

Bill Glanz, Chair, called meeting to order at 2:00 pm

Members Present: [Dean Willis](#), [Bill Glanz](#), [Olee Arnold](#) , [Stanley Gelvin](#), [Jack Hendrickson](#)

Staff Present: Alida Trainor, ADFG, SUBS

Comments on Interior Board of Game Proposals

47- Change the definition of “edible meat” for game birds

Oppose

The stated intent of this proposal is to reduce wonton waste. We don't waste those birds. We already use leftover parts in our traps. Not sure what goes on in the Kuskokwim but it isn't that relevant here.

71- Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts in Unit 20 for hunters over 60

Support

Why are people so opposed to cross bows? Compound bows are extremely powerful and deadly also. Allowing cross bows won't dramatically increase the number of moose taken. Very few people are able or know how to use a cross bow. If they do, they should be allowed to. We should manage for the good of a resource not for our own moral code.

86- Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits

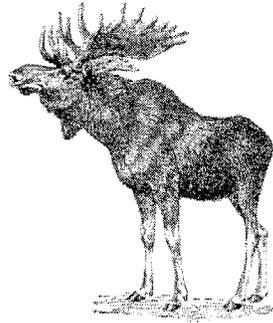
Oppose

a ¼ mile is insignificant. People will still be making a mess on the roadside. If it was a half or a mile there might be more support for it but a quarter mile will just create confusion for people who think they've gone far enough off the road but haven't. There will be more tickets and headaches.

115- Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Unit 25

Support

Got no problem with this



ADF&G Office, Bethel December 2, 2016

I. Call to Order: Lisa Feyereisen

II. Roll Call: Members Present: Ricky Cilette [Aniak via teleconference], Nick Kameroff [Aniak], Billy Alexie *joined at 9:56am* [Upper Kalskag], Darlene Heckman [Lower Kalskag], Walter Morgan [Lower Kalskag], Mark Leary *joined at 10:04am* [At Large; from Napaimute], Lisa Feyereisen, Chair [At Large; from Crow Village]

Members absent: Sophie Sakar [Upper Kalskag], Tim Zaukar [Crooked Creek], Lucie Simeon (Chuathbaluk)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: A quorum established 1 hr 10 minutes after start of meeting

III. Approval of Agenda: Nick Kameroff made the motion – Walter Morgan 2nd

IV. Agenda approved with two additions and the plan to move items around to fit guests schedule. Additional items; Kuskokwim Intertribal Fish Commission update by Nick Kameroff & Develop 'Areas of Concern' that the Central Kuskokwim AC members have

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Last meeting was a teleconference on December 19, 2014. It is unknown at this time where the minutes are for this meeting or who was taking them.

VI. AK Fish and Game Staff Present: Aaron Tiernan *in person*, Patrick Jones *in person*, Josh Pierce *in person*, Marc Cloward *in person*, and Jen Peeks *in person*, Lisa Olson *via telephone*; USFWS Present: Yukon Delta Refuge, Kent Stahlnecker *in person*, David Phillips *in person*, and Chris Tulick *in person*.

VII. Guests Present: Andrea Gusty *via telephone* (The Kuskokwim Corporation), Henry Cole (Lower River AC), Grant Fairbanks (Bethel Resident), Dave Cannon (KRWC).



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A quorum was established at around 10:00 am, but before that the following topics were discussed.

Forgetting the lessons our elders taught us: Information and education and community outreach on having an elder promoting “Take only what you need” – Sophie Sakar was used as an example. Lisa will talk to Sophie Sakar about being an elder rep.

Need for reduction of motor size on the Aniak River: Nick Kameroff stated there was a need for reduction of motor size on the Aniak River and other rivers – maybe propeller only and that boundaries should be established for where boats can go during spawning season.

Josh noted that the regulation on the Holitna to limit boats to 40 HP was not intended to protect fish, but reducing user conflicts with residents from outside the region with big boats. That’s been in place since 1992.

It was noted that whatever regulation be implemented be fair, but should target guides since they go places where they shouldn’t be going.

Ricky said that Dan Gillikin stated that there was no direct evidence that jet boats harmed fish more than props. Need evidence. Possibly the Kipchuk and Salmon as well as Buckstock

The AC decided to keep this topic on the list for further discussion.

Whitefish Lake and overharvest of species and littering – lack of accountability of users.

Andrea Gusty with TKC said that they will support the AC in sign posting efforts and will work with the AC. TKC put land around Whitefish Lake into conservation easement – this should add more teeth to enforcement. Refuge has agreed to put specific signs; in the past, Lisa has worked with Spencer Rearden. During Kalskag’s Spirit Camp in spring would be a good opportunity to post some signs, making sure that they aren’t place on any allotment. The signs, however, should be respectful and not come across negatively. It was recommended to wait for a few years to see how successful the signs are before having Kalskag do any enforcement.

Kalskag residents are seeing lots of non-local people overharvesting whitefish in the fall when fish are firm. Sometimes nets are bank to bank but there has been no enforcement. Walter noted that if it were a king salmon issue, then enforcement would be all over it. He noted how whitefish are treated differently.

The state said that the remoteness of Whitefish Lake doesn’t allow for easy enforcement.

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The discussion of 4” mesh nets and incidental harvest of whitefish came up but was postponed until later when a quorum was established and proposals dealing with this issue would come up..

The need to increase predator control for bear and wolf was brought up by people from Kalskag and Crooked Creek; some folks from those villges wondered why aerial control around Aniak and above wasn’t happening.



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Lisa said geographically speaking – there was too much forested area to effectively shoot the wolves.

Josh noted that all of 19A was a predator control unit and at one time had an active aerial program all the way down to Kalskag but it wasn't very successful. Access was denied on FWS lands as well as TKC lands, and generally the snow conditions are too poor to see the wolves easily.

He noted that working upriver with MTNT and Doyon is working well and that they do have land use agreements.

TKC did give permission for two years for bear control for ADF&G officials only. For now, ADF&G says that this option is totally off table unless TCK gives permission. Lisa was hoping to get copies of liability clauses from Doyon and MTNT and will work with TKC.

Josh noted that they can harvest 40% of wolves but not put a dent in the population.

Josh also stated that it would take a new regulation, but the AC should put in proposal to allow hunting wolves (May 31) over bait. Josh said that if a person has a trapping license and since wolf (and bear season is open), then a person can shoot a wolf over a bear bait.

Andrea Gusty noted that the TKC board barred any kind of baiting on TKC lands.

Lisa would like to see some kind of presentation to the TKC board with the hope of convincing them that effective predator control is important.

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Proposal #7 Ricky stated his concern for a lack of ethical hunting and whether it could be addressed with hunter education classes, etc. He noted that there is a new generation of hunters, some of which are not aligned with what elders teach; he saw four killed cow killed in the vicinity of Aniak and left to rot). He'd like to see something done geared to the youth that is not required, but teaches them about safety and ethics..

David Phillips noted that the Fish Wildlife Service offered an outreach program with archery and air rifles that promoted safety in several villages that was very successful, and that villages have been receptive to it.

Ricky will try one to get something going in Aniak and see how it goes.

No proposal was made, but it will stay on the to do list.

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Proposal # 8 was discussed after quorum was established. This discussion from earlier was re-initiated. It was noted that overcrowding on Aniak River was a problem and that zoning off of sections might be a solution (e.g., Buckstock on down o.k.)



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It was noted that even fishing guides are feeling overcrowded, and if something is done, there should still be some economic opportunity allowed.

Walter Morgan said that between Sept 1 – 10 it's like a highway. He says you can't call for moose because of the activity; the moose don't come out with so much traffic. He's concerned for expense on gas because people can't hardly afford to go up there and not see anything with all the traffic.

Walter also said that rainbows aren't near as common as they used to be.

Lisa doesn't want to stop people who regularly fish there and have for years.

Aaron stated that the overcrowding issue will take time to hash out – everyone has equal opportunity to access unless it's private land.

Lisa asked whether or not traditional use areas could be designated?

Will hold off on this topic for another year and consider possibly liming motor.

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First official vote once the quorum was established.

Don't want to speak for people outside of area --

Motion to adopt minutes from previous meeting – approved

Motion to approve agenda as amended to include the two proposals not listed on it – approved



STATEWIDE (EXCEPT SOUTHEAST AND YAKUTAT) KING AND TANNER CRAB AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES MARCH 20-24, 2017 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF	275		Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Tabled to a later discussion. See comments below.
BOF	276		Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs.
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action			Tabled to a later discussion. See comments below.

BOF proposals

275 - Lisa Olson discussed Proposal # 275 to Create a Tier II Fishery. Lisa stated that if adopted it would take several years to flesh everything out with many stakeholder meetings.

One year ago the AC was in favor of some type of permit system, not necessarily a Tier II, but something that would allow for some harvest because during times of conservation. It was noted that when a Special Action request was approved by the Fish & Wildlife Service, that allowed for some form of community or household harvest to be distributed throughout a village as long as the fish were harvested in federal waters (basically from the Kuskokwim’s mouth upstream to Aniak). However, half of the AC’s villages are not located near federal waters, with some needing to travel 100-miles or more down to Aniak and below.

The only opportunity that is allowed by the state during a special action request is an elder’s fishery which is not adequate.

Motion to open up Proposal’s # 275 & 276 for discussion purposes.



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The decision by the BOF to keep king salmon fishing closed until the 12th of June helped middle river villages like Chuathbalk, Napaimute and above out by allowing good numbers of king salmon to get through the lower river. It was noted, however, that the Kalskag villages did suffer because of their location 33-miles below Aniak which had only a limited ability to fish following June 12 with intermittent opening by set by the Fish & Wildlife Service (they're located above the heavy fishing pressure from the lower river villages).

Eventually Kalskag was allowed to fish unimpeded towards the tail end of the king salmon run.

The state recognized that the villages upriver of Aniak had so few people, that there was minimal harvest were so few that the state restricted any restrictions.

Grant Fairbanks spoke on behalf of the Tier II Proposal (which he submitted) and noted that he proposed it several years ago. He felt that there should be a system in place in case the numbers get so low that something must immediately be implemented rather than have the state take several years to meet with stakeholders and sort the particulars out. Grant felt that Tier II worked for Nome and a similar, but adjusted for our area, should be on the books ready to go.

The concern was expressed that some people who should have received Tier II moose permits didn't get them.

Grant said that if something equitable established up and down the river, a lawsuit could be filed and they would likely win.

It was discussed that how people answered the questions should be verified – so that those that really need them get a permit and those who don't don't.

Also Grant noted that the questions on a Tier II application can – and should - be tailored to our region.

Any Alaska resident no matter where they live could get it.

Friendly amendment to separate Proposals 275 & 276. Passed

Feb 27 Statewide mtg deadline

Proposal # 275 was tabled to get more information – would plan to get together in mid January

The AC felt that both proposals (275 & 276) were so important that they should meet in person rather than a teleconference – they'd like a work session in Aniak with public participation.

Motion was made to also table Proposal # 276 and it passed.



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UPPER COOK INLET FINFISH FEBRUARY 23–MARCH 8, 2017 ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOF			Board generated proposal to consider amending regulations for when 4-inch mesh set gillnets may be used during the early season king salmon subsistence fishery closure
<input type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	2	1	<p>Aaron Tiernan says that they have been inappropriately used to target kings, have to be within 100' of high water mark</p> <p>One suggestion was when the river opens up to fishing, the openings should start in the upper river first and then progress downstream – contrary to the way it's been done in the past.</p> <p>The 100' component doesn't work in the upper river – you would have to set the net in the sand; in other words it wouldn't be in the water during low water.</p> <p>Friendly amendment strikes 100 foot language and allows more than 100 feet during high water and leave it to the board's discretion.</p> <p>AC voted, however 4 members abstained and there were not enough votes to support or oppose.</p> <p>At the end of the meeting, two members who opposed wanted to re-discuss the proposal. Chair agreed to table discussion until a later meeting and re-vote.</p> <p>4 Abstained.</p>



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Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting

January 6-9, 2017, Bethel

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
5			Change "general season" to "subsistence" for Arctic/Western Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings
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
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	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it. The justification was that when you have predator control non-resident hunting will not be allowed.
11			Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep
Support	7	0	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it.
17			Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds
Support	7	0	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it.
18			Reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
support	7	0	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it.
19			Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred
Support	6	0	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it. One member had stepped out and did not vote
21			Open a winter hunting season for moose in Unit 18
Support	7	0	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it.
22			Open a winter nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 18 remainder
Support	7	0	The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it.

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
23	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in the Remainder of Unit 18		The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it.
Support	7	0	
24	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 18		The AC did act on this and voted unanimously in support of it. One member was absent during the vote.
Support	6	0	
25	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		The AC did act on this and voted unanimously to NOT support it. Proposal # XX (Same as 83) - The AC did act on this and voted unanimously to NOT support it.
Opposed	0	7	
ACR 12/ Prop. 160	Kuskokwim Moose Hunt		One member commented that they would support, not sure if need to complicate with zones. 1 Absent from the vote
Support	6	0	



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Alaska Board of Game Interior Region Meeting

Feb. 17-25, 2017, Fairbanks

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
46	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	6	0	One member absent
47	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Support	6	0	One member absent
50	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred for the Interior Region		
Support	6	0	One member absent
51	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	7	0	
54	Change "general season" to "subsistence hunt" for Interior/Northeast Arctic Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings		No discussion
55	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for moose in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, and 24		No discussion
67	Lengthen the season for bear baiting in the Interior/Northeast Region		No discussion
70	Open a resident disabled veteran hunting season for moose in the Interior/Northeast Arctic region		Amendment: To require that veterans have a permit to conduct their hunt
Support as Amended	7	0	
72	Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		No discussion
74	Change the antler restrictions for resident moose hunting in Unit 19B		*AC wanted to clarify that it is only for the Aniak River drainage of 19B.
Support	7	0	
75	Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E		
Support	7	0	



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
76	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 21E		
Support	7	0	
77	increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E		
			A member was unsure about being able to sell the hide/ skull, but could imagine how some people might want to for money.
Support	4	0	3 Abstained
79	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 19A		
			Ricky created proposal but of concern that if he got charged by a bear and shot a brown bear while baiting that he would get ticketed.
Support	7	0	
80	Remove the restriction on boat horsepower in the Hoolitna-Hoolitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A		
			They felt that communities in that area did not want larger hp and wanted to respect that region.
opposed	0	7	
82	Change the nonresident sheep season in Unit 19C to a drawing permit hunt with up to 80 permits		
			Support the reasoning for the proposal submission
support	7	0	
83	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
			The AC did act on this and voted unanimously to NOT support it.
Opposed	0	7	
98	Eliminate the requirement for a nonresident wolf tag in Unit 21		
			A member commented that some of these things go against our values. I would not hunt wolves in the fall time but it was proposed by the AC that lives there.
Support	6	0	1 abstain
101	Create a regulation allowing the harvest of moose under a permit for "celebration of life" events		
			Member commented that they support the concept but they may need more definition to define celebration. Everyone in different regions celebrate differently. A member commented that they respect the self-determination Support the concept but felt it needed more definition.
	3	1	3 abstain
117	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D		
			No discussion
156	(Additional proposal) Reauthorize the Mulchatna Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan		
Support	7	0	



Central Kuskokwim Fish & Game Advisory Committee

VIII. New Business:

IX. Other/ Miscellaneous Business:

- **State/ Federal MOU:** AC decided to review material and provide comments to Lisa by Dec. 18
- **Rep for upcoming meeting:** Lisa Feyereisen will attend BOG meeting in Bethel and BOG in Fairbanks, Walter Morgan Alternate; Nick Kameroff to attend BOF meeting

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn, 5:18pm. Passed (Unanimous)

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 12/22/2014

Minutes Recorded By: Devin Cunniff 12/20

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



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ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): Niivilchik

DATE (of meeting): 11-15-16

MEMBERS PRESENT: John McCombe, Teague VANEK
Greg Encelowski, David Martin,
Steve VANEK, Dan Presley, Joe Thompson
Dave Blossom, Doug Blossom, Madeline Thompson

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Aaron Berger, Jeff Berger, Gary Deiman, Mike Schuster
Robert Lucas,

MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES X NO _____

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: Gary Fandner (CIAA)
Jeff Salinger (ADFG), Carol Kerkvliet (ADFG)
Mike Berg, Barb Foller, ADFG

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting ~~Advised~~ recessed 10:15 PM

Meet again on
11-17-16

Steve Vaneke
Signature, Committee Secretary



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Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Date: 11/15/16 Meeting Attendance Sign in Sheet

Name/Organization	Mailing Address City, Zip Code	Interests (optional - see below)	Email/Phone
John McCombs	Box 39087 Ninilchik 99639	a 11	
Don Presley	24436 misty lane Anchor Point, AK 99552		
Teague Vanek	P.O. Box 39251 Ninilchik, AK 99639	fishing, hunting, trapping, con. fish	
Joe Simpson	Ninilchik 4060 K-Beach		
Gary Tandrei	Kenai		
Jeff Seinger	ADF&G Soldotna		
Jess Lucas			
Greg Excelowski	Po Box 39066 Ninilchik AK 99639	Fishing hunting Trapping & wading wade	
David K...	Clan Gulch		
Steve Vanek	Box 39103 NINILCHIK		
Dave Blum	P.O. Box 313 KASLOV AK 99610	All	
Doug Blossom	Box 39232 Ninilchik, Alaska 99639	All	
Michael King	Ninilchik AK	All	
Mike...	Heard, AK		
Carol K...	ADF&G		
Barb Faylor			

Interest Groups: 1 - Trapping 2 - Sport Fishing 3 - Subsistence 4 - Hunting 5 - Commercial Fishing
6 - Photography 7 - Guiding 8 - Processing 9 - Personal Use 10 - Outdoorsperson
11 - Association/Corporation 12 - Conservationist



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Minutes

David Martin made announcements:

- ① LCF BOF NOV. 30 - Dec. 3
- ② Acknowledged the staff of the Fish + Game
- ③ Need to make the Chairman or his designee the representative to LCF BOF meeting - passed unanimously.

Gary Fandrei of Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association gave a report on Res. Bay cost recovery. He explained each proposal: 39, 40, 41 (See in voter comments)

Jeff Sabinger (Game Biologist) gave a report on Moose in 15c.

The AC then took up the ACR's:

ACR # ~~8~~ 5: Intensive management renewal
10 yes - 0 no
we need to keep it on the books

ACR: 9 Require on line course for antler identification:

9 yes - 0 no - 1 abstention

we took up lower Inlet proposals:
See voter records



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FEB. 03 2017 04:00PM

**Central Peninsula Fish & Game
Advisory Committee**

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January 31, 2017

1. Call to Order
2. Roll call & Establish Quorum
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Review and Adopt Agenda (ACTION)
5. Minutes of last meeting (ACTION)
6. Elections: (ACTION)

Terms expiring: Robert Clyde (Bob) Clucas; Gary Deiman; Mike Schuster; Madeline Thompson
Alternates: Aaron Berger; Doug Blossom, Jr.

7. Elections of officers: current; David Martin, Chair; John McCombs, Vice Chair; Steve Vanek, Secretary
8. Old Business: (announcements)
 - a. BOF UCI Feb. 23rd to March 8th. Anchorage, Sheraton
 - b. Statewide BOF March 20-24 Anchorage, Coast International Inn
9. New Business:
 - a. Kodiak interception (resolution)(ACTION)
 - b. Ted Spraker endorsement to BOG (letter) (ACTION)
 - c. Moose Composition counts
 - d. BOG proposals (ACTION)
 - e. Chairman or his designee to attend BOF (ACTION)

10. Next meeting:

11. Closing Comments: Newly elected members fill out forms TONIGHT! and give to Chair.

12. Adjourn



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FEB. 03

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

AC NAME: Central Peninsula

LOCATION (town): NiNitchik

DATE (of meeting): 1-31-17

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dave Martin, Gary Deiman,
Mike Schuster, Rion Vanek, Jeff Berger,
Aaron Berger, John McCombs, Steve Vanek,
Joe Simpson, Dave Blossom

MEMBERS ABSENT EXCUSED:
Madeline Thompson, Doug Blossom

Greg Encelowski, Robert Cress, Dan Presley,
MEMBERS ABSENT UNEXCUSED:

QUORUM PRESENT: YES NO

AGENCY STAFF PRESENT: None - Because of bad weather

Time Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 PM

Old Business and New Business (See following pages)

Time Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 AM

Steve Vanek
Signature, Committee Secretary



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FEB. 03

VOTER RECORD/COMMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Central Peninsula

DATE: January 31, 2017 PAGE 1 OF 3

Board of Game Comments for Interior/Northeast Arctic Region
unit 7c } Reauthorize antlerless moose
unit 15c }
unit 15ps }

Please use this format to record the votes and comments of members regarding proposals. The boards are particularly interested in hearing the reasons why proposals are supported/opposed. If committee members believe a proposal does not pertain to their jurisdiction, it is not necessary to spend time on that proposal.

Proposal #	Summary of Discussion		
	Support	Oppose	Abstain
141	0	11	
			The vast land mass of Denali National Park plus other designated areas of no hunting or trapping of wolves is sufficient to protect wolves. The author states in their issue that wolves are among the most desired species for viewing. They may be the most desired, but are one of the least viewed because they are very elusive, just like Lynx & wolverine. Most life-long Alaskans have seen none or very few in the wild. The author also states that state wildlife management includes mandates to provide for multiple uses, including non-consumptive uses such as wildlife viewing. The most viewed wildlife is moose & caribou because they are not as elusive. Tourist & Alaskans likely to see moose & caribou & very unlikely to see wolves, lynx, wolverine or even bears, even if their populations are record high. If the predator population is high the moose & caribou population will be low and people will see less or even none of them. That is what effects wildlife viewing and tourism.

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VOTER RECORD/COMMENT

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

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Proposal

Summary of Discussion

Support Oppose Abstain

(include minority view)

Proposal #	Support	Oppose	Abstain	Summary of Discussion (include minority view)
				the most is seeing hardly any animals. That is why Alaska has scientific based wild life management. To manage the predators and prey for healthy sustainable populations for the carrying capacity of each area, ^{this} will produce the best wildlife viewing and hunting & trapping on a yearly sustained bases. Only hunting & trapping allows for this type of management, leaving population ^{management} into the whims of mother nature creates decade long swings of high & low predatory prey populations, which is the worst outcome for stable wildlife viewing, hunting & trapping.
142	0	11		Failed: see justification in proposal #141
146	8	3		Those in favor understand the carrying capacity of the area & moose density. This allows the department the tools to achieve the carrying capacity density. Those opposed are objective to cow hunts in general.

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STATE OF ALASKA

Central Peninsula Fish & Game Advisory Committee

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January 31, 2017

The Honorable Governor Bill Walker,

At our January 31, 2017 Central Peninsula Advisory Committee meeting we unanimously voted to request Governor Walker to reappoint Ted Spraker to the Alaska Board of Game. Mr. Spraker was always highly respected as our local game biologist and he maintains that high respect as the Board of Game Chairman. His fairness, honesty, respect for the people, but most of all his knowledge and respect for the resource are paramount. His work shows a lifelong quest for biologically managing Alaska's game, using the best science available, for sustained yield. Alaska is fortunate that Mr. Spraker is willing to continue his time and effort for another term on the Board of Game. With the continuation of Mr. Spraker's expertise on the BOG Alaska's wildlife will be in good hands.

Thank you for considering our request.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Martin".

David Martin, Chair

CC: Senator Peter Micciche
Senator Cathy Giessel
Senator Gary Stevens
House Speaker Mike Chenault
Rep. Gary Knopp
Rep. Paul Seaton
Sherry Wright, Board SupportServing the Alaska Board of Fisheries and Alaska Board of Game
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**Copper Basin Advisory Committee
12/14/2016
Glennallen High School Library**

- I. Call to Order at 5:20 pm by Chair Chuck McMahan
- II. Members Present: Christopher Gene, Don Horrell, Nick Jackson, Chuck McMahan, Jim Odden, Mike Roscovius, Dave Sarafin, Bradley Sinyon, Alysia White
Members Absent: David Bruss, Chad Gerlach, Brad Henspeter, Shirley Smelcer, Leif Sorlie
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: All
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: not needed
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frank Robbins, Heidi Hatcher, Sherry Wright
- VI. Guests Present: Frank Hobson, Josh Heibaugh, Becky Schwanke, Bruce Cain, Gloria Stickwan, Lee Adler, Karen Linnell
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business: Elections were held with the following results:

Frank Hobson elected to fill the Tazlina seat with term expiring 6/18
Chad Gerlach elected to fill the Undesignated seat with term expiring 6/17 (to correct 1/3 turnover)
Aaron Bloomquist elected to fill Kenny Lake seat with term expiring 6/19
Nick Jackson elected to fill Tazlina seat with term expiring 6/19
Jim Odden elected to fill Lake Louise seat with term expiring 6/19
Dave Sarafin elected to fill Tazlina seat with term expiring 6/19
Brad Sinyon elected to fill Alternate seat with term expiring 6/17
Lee Adler elected to fill Alternate seat with term expiring 6/17

The Undesignated seat with term ending 6/18 and the Glennallen seat with term ending 6/19 were left vacant at this time.

These were done by unanimous consent.

Officer elections were held with Chuck McMahan to continue as Chair and Alysia White to continue as Secretary. The Vice Chair position was left vacant.

Alaska Board of Game Arctic/ Western Region

Motion to adopt 8 and 51 - Horrell , 2nd Gene, discussion (see below), Question: McMahan

Proposal 8: non resident in areas with IM program Oppose vote: 0-12 Discussion: Need to have areas for non residents, decisions should be made on a unit by unit basis. Guides can't plan on hunts if non



residents have to draw permits only, makes it too hard to predict each season who the hunters are going to be 6 months out. Non residents bring in business to communities in Alaska. Look at the each area with concerns and biological data to determent what should be done instead on doing a regional proposal.

Proposal 51: non resident in areas with IM program Oppose 0-12 Discussion: Need to have areas for non residents, decisions should be made on a unit by unit basis. Guides can't plan on hunts if non residents have to draw permits only, makes it too hard to predict each season who the hunters are going to be 6 months out. Non residents bring in business to communities in Alaska. Look at the each area with concerns and biological data to determent what should be done instead on doing a regional proposal.

Motion to adopt 9,10,12,13,14,16, 52,57-62 – Bloomquest, 2nd Gene, Question: McMahan

Proposal 9,10,12,13,14,16: non resident percentage based hunt proposals Oppose 0-12 Discussion: Need to have areas for non residents, decisions should be made on a unit by unit basis. Guides can't plan on hunts if non residents have to draw permits only, makes it too hard to predict each season who the hunters are going to be 6 months out. Non residents bring in business to communities in Alaska. Look at the each area with concerns and biological data to determent what should be done instead on doing a regional proposal. Already doing percentage based in some areas that saw the need.

Proposal 52,57-62: non resident percentage based hunt proposals Oppose 0-12 Discussion: Need to have areas for non residents, decisions should be made on a unit by unit basis. Guides can't plan on hunts if non residents have to draw permits only, makes it too hard to predict each season who the hunters are going to be 6 months out. Non residents bring in business to communities in Alaska. Look at the each area with concerns and biological data to determent what should be done instead on doing a regional proposal. Already doing percentage based in some areas that saw the need.

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
63				Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region
Support	11	1		This seeks to repeal the effect of Proposal 207 that was taken up by the Board of Game. The use of aircraft for spotting Dall Sheep is unenforceable. There have been no successful prosecutions on this. It creates a crowding problem because people want to go at the beginning of the season now. The commercial services board passed a rule that says that aircraft used by professional guides can't be used with multiple consecutive passes over game animal.
64				Restrict the harvest of Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region to one every five years



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support	10	1	1 vote abstained. There are a lot of sublegal sheep harvested, people who take sublegal get to hunt next year. Might make people think twice before taking the shot. This should be a state wide regulation.
65	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	12	The committee prefers to keep this as it is and proposed one every four years.
66	Open an archery-only hunting season for Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	12	This committee opposes special seasons.
67	Lengthen the season for bear baiting in the Interior/Northeast Region		
Support	7	5	Between April 15 and May 1 it's pretty nasty with break up. If you prepare your bait station on April 1, there won't be many bears on the sites anyway. This would still allow people to get out on a snowmobile. Some conflict with trapping season, and some generally don't like bear baiting. Some have seen more bears in areas they hike due to bear bait stations.
69	Lengthen the archery-only hunting seasons for moose in Unit 20 and open an archery-only hunting season for moose in all of Unit 20		
Opposed	0	12	This would be during the rut. Committee doesn't support special season hunts.
72	Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support as amended	12	0	Federal law prohibits this unless it is under predator control. Amended to require a hunter be 300 ft from the plane before shooting.
84	Lengthen the trapping season for wolf in Units 12 and 20E		
89	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 12		
90	Expand the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt area by adding a part of Unit 12		
Opposed	0	12	This would only expand the problem. We want to see the community subsistence hunt as it currently is ran taken off the books until it can be re worked.
91	Modify the hunting season and bag limits for grouse in Unit 12		
Support as amended	12	0	There are people that are overharvesting with a large group of hunters. Five per day should be enough for anyone. Ruffed grouse are just getting a toe hold around here but by Spring were gone. Not sure what was getting them. Amended to include Unit 11 and 13 by Wrangell St Elias Subsistence Resource Commission. There was some discussion of the committee whether they could amend at this time to add Unit 11 and 13. They would like to amend at this time, but intend to submit a proposal for the Central /SW BOG region meeting. This may be more of a social issue. People harvesting grouse while hunting moose, especially with children in tow could be a hardship if the bag limit was reduced. The bag limit is pretty liberal, and there was some thought that reducing the



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			bag limit, might make it less appealing for groups that come out and take a large quantity, which creates some local depletions. Ptarmigan hunting used to be abundant and has been depleted. Amended to leave the existing end of season March 31.
147	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 13		
Support	12	0	Supported to keep it on the books. Used as a tool to keep moose populations down to a good number for the health of the population. This gives the opportunity for the animal to be used rather than just die when populations are high.
153	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region		

Committee had some discussion about the upcoming BOG meeting, seasons and required retention of moose taken in the community hunt and a few of the proposals they know about.

There was no one that wanted to represent them at the BOG Interior/NE Region meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Alysia White
Minutes Approved By: Chuck McMahan
Date: 12-20-2016



Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory Committee
14/12/2016
ADF&G Conference Room

- I. Call to Order: 6:34 PM by Carl Taylor

- II. Roll Call:
MEMBERS PRESENT: Officers: Carl Taylor - Chair, ,
Regular Members: Jeff Lipscomb, Vern Aiton, , Elizabeth Neipert, Paul Dudgeon, Tony Williams
Ross Baker, Robert Matthews
Alternates:, Don Bunselmeier, Jack Windsor

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Regular Members: Rusty Craig – Vice Chair (excused, Jacob White (excused), Tim Webb
(excused),
Alternates: Don Quarberg (excused)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 needed, 10 present
List of User Groups Present: None

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: No minutes have been provided as yet.

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandi Baker, Bob Schmidt

- VI. Guests Present: Kim Jochum (Colorado State University Biologist for Donnelley Training Area)

- VII. Correspondence to the AC:
 - a. Letter of support from Fairbanks ADF&G Moose Biologist Don Young for BOG proposals on reauthorizing cow moose hunts.
 - b. Ahtna Tribal Resources Proposal (attached)
 - c. Federal Subsistence proposal for Unit 23 to exclude hunters on federal land unless they are federally qualified subsistence hunters for that area.

- VIII. Fishing Report by Brandi Baker: 18” of ice on Lisa and Quartz lakes. Lisa Lake trail has light snow cover. Donna Lakes Trail has good snow cover. George lake – still open water on the Tanana. Volkmar Lake crossings good.
Wildlife Report by Bob Schmidt: No moose surveys in the area due to not enough snow cover. 22 bison have been harvested so far.

- IX. Old Business: NONE



X. New Business: Delta AC action on BOG Proposals

Proposal #	Supported	VOTE	COMMENTS
46	YES	10-0-0	
66	YES	7-1-2	
68	YES	10-0-0	
72	NO	1-5-4	
73	YES	8-1-1	
87	YES	10-0-0	
90	YES	10-0-0	
117	YES	9-0-1	Delta AC Supports if modified to 20D NORTH ONLY
118	YES	9-0-1	Delta AC Supports if modified to 20D NORTH ONLY
119	YES	9-0-1	Delta AC Supports if modified to 20D NORTH ONLY
120	YES	9-0-1	Delta AC Supports if modified to 20D NORTH ONLY
121	YES	9-0-1	Delta AC Supports if modified to 20D NORTH ONLY
122	Yes	10-0-0	
123	NO	0-6-4	
130	YES	10-0-0	
141	NO	0-9-1	
142	NO	0-9-1	
153	YES	10-0-0	

XI. Next meeting set for 18 JAN 2017

XII. Meeting Adjourned : 7:57 pm

Meeting Adjourned at PM.

Minutes Recorded By: _Jeff Lipscomb_____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Interior Region Fish and Game Advisory Committees

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Central	Middle Nenana River
Delta Junction	Middle Yukon River
Eagle	Minto-Nenana
Fairbanks	Ruby
GASH	Tanana-Rampart-Manley
Koyukuk River	Upper Tanana/Fortymile
McGrath	Yukon Flats

January 27, 2017

Members of the Board of Game;

At the Delta Fish and Game Advisory Committee meeting held in Delta Junction on January 25, 2017, the committee took up the game proposals that will be taken up by your board at the upcoming Interior Region meeting. One of the proposals that we discussed was our own, Proposal 117, to allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D.

After further discussion by the committee and consultation with the department, we would like to amend this proposal to allow for the harvest of brown bear at bear bait sites in 20D North only, that is 20D north of the Tanana, but not allow it in 20D South.

We believe that there is too great of a chance of overharvest of brown bears in 20D south based on the current baiting activity as well as a large amount of access via trails and other methods. The committee would still like to see an opportunity for brown bear baiting occur in 20D north, where we believe the harvest would be less and done at a sustainable level in part due to less current baiting activity and less access.

Thank you,

Carl Taylor,
Chairman



Denali Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2016

Meeting Called to Order by Don Holum @7:05 PM

Members present: Don Holum Chair, Lance Williams Vice Chair, Caleb Holum, Harold Mowery, Ray Atkins, Bruce Gore and Jeff Burney.

Members absent: Gordon Carlson and Marie Gore

ADFG biologist present Frank Robbins

Public present Justin Mason

Chairman Holum called on any Old Business, none being brought forth.

Chairman Holum went over the agenda for the night introducing area wildlife biologist Frank Robbins and Guest Justin Mason.

Board of Game Proposal Discussion:

Proposition 147 to reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in unit 13.

IN FAVOR 6

OPOSED 1

Those in favor believed in the use of antlerless hunts as a tool for better game management and wanted to support biologist Robbins in his work. Those opposed don't believe in hunting Cows.

Then we had discussion on the Copper Basin Caribou and Moose hunts

Caribou; The community harvest topic was the key note in the Caribou Discussion, with most of the members in agreement that the community harvest program was not working as designed, and most were in agreement that it should be discontinued. Those opposed to the Community Harvest felt that it had gotten out of hand with the development of "Communities". There also was voiced displeasure in the Designated hunter ability and felt that proxy hunters should only be allowed to hunt for one person and that person should have a disability or be unable to hunt for themselves due to health or age restraints, also they felt that there was no need for the community hunt with the guaranteed permits through the Tier 1 hunt, and that the Tier 1 hunt would do everything to cover the need for subsistence hunting opportunity. Those in favor of the Community hunt only were in favor of the community hunt because of the designated hunter.

The Denali AC voted on submitting a proposal to eliminate the community harvest hunt

Those in favor 6

Those opposed 1

The Denali AC will be submitting a proposal to eliminate the Community harvest hunt for Caribou.

Moose; the Denali AC took up the discussion on seasons for Copper Basin Moose hunts, once again the Community Harvest program was the main topic of discussion, with most being opposed to the Community harvest moose program. The majority of the members felt there was ample opportunity to harvest moose in the general moose hunt, and the need for the community



harvest program for moose was unnecessary. Most were opposed to the any bull hunt in the community harvest that allowed for an 11 extra bulls above the quota to be harvested in the any bull hunt in sub unit 13E. The Denali AC felt that the moose hunts should be general season drawing hunts for cow and one bull hunt for residents and the non-resident bull moose hunt should stay as they are, or the any bull permits should be added to the bull draw DM324 hunt with drawing quotas for sub units.

The Denali AC voted to submit a proposal to eliminate the Community Harvest program for the Copper Basin Moose hunt.

Those in Favor 6

Those Opposed 1

The Denali AC Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM by Chairman Don Holum.



DENALI ADVISORY COMMITTEE MNUTES
December 06 2016

Meeting Called to Order By Vice Chairman Lance Williams at 7:00 pm

Members Present: Vice Chairman Lance Williams, Caleb Holum, Harold Mowrey, Bruce Gore, Ray Atkins, Gorden Carlson.

Members absent: Chairman Don Holum, J Marie Gore, Jeff Burney.

Alaska State Trooper Maggy Stang was present,
Members of the public present: Justin Mason

Old Business

Vice Chairman Lance Williams reported that Don Holum had submitted the two proposals as discussed from the last meeting to the board of Game for the special Copper Basin moose and caribou meeting. There was no further old business.

New Business

Discussed and confirmed 01/ 26/ 2017 for our next meeting, the purpose of this meeting is to have election of members and officers, discuss the proposals that are submitted for the special Copper Basin moose and Caribou meetings.

Discussed proposals from the 2016/2017 Board of Game proposal book for the Arctic/Western Region and the Interior/Northeast region.

Proposals 19, 49, and 50. all dealing with removing the bag limit Restrictions for Resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred.

IN FAVOR: 6

OPPOSED: 0

Those in favor feel that a Resident hunter should not have to loose their hunting opportunity just so they can go hunting with a nonresident relative. They feel that this law, as it stands now, is unfair and punishes the residents of Alaska that would chose to have an enjoyable hunt with a nonresident family member, and is discriminatory towards the residents of Alaska. This law should be repealed state wide. There were no comment from those opposed.

Proposal 72, Allow the harvest of wolf and coyotes by land and shoot with a trapping license.

IN FAVOR: 6

OPPOSED: 0

Those in Favor were generally in favor of more predator control. They liked the idea of the nonresident participation, it would give the guides and outfitters another opportunity to market hunts. There was some questions about the land and shoot instead of aerial, as some units already have aerial hunting for residents now, and that coyote hunting is already open to land and shoot hunting. There were no comments in from those opposed.

Proposal 141 and 142 Areas closed to hunting and trapping in portions of Unit 20.



IN FAVOR: 0

OPPOSED:6

Those in favor, There was absolutely no positive comments for these proposals.

Those Opposed, Feel like the park boundary is the boundary. There is no biological reason for these proposals as there is no shortage of wolves in this area. These proposals unnecessarily hinder Alaskans from legal activities of hunting and trapping in this area. There is no need for added protection of wolves as they are going to go back and forth across lines no matter where the lines are. This is a way to implement a new buffer zone that hasn't worked in the past and won't work in the future. The members of the Denali AC feel that the Park Service is continuously trying to move and expand their authority beyond the park boundaries and the Board of Game needs to stand firm and protect the Alaska hunters and trappers from this unnecessary expansion. The Denali AC is Strongly Opposed to these proposals and urge the Alaska Board of Game not to ratify proposals 141 and 142.

There was no other request to consider other proposals at this meeting, the meeting adjourned by Vice chairman Lance Williams.



Official Minutes of the Edna Bay Advisory Committee

December 16, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Patrick Richter - Chair

Six members were in attendance. (See attached sign in.)

Patrick Richter (Chair), Myla Poelstra (Secretary), Lee Greif, Carleigh Fairchild, Joe Wargi, & Heather Richter were present.

Also in attendance were Robert Fish & Sharon Wargi.

Order of Business –

1. **Annual Elections** – three seats and one alternate seat for election or re-election – Patrick Richter, Myla Poelstra, Lee Greif, and a vacant alternate seat (Spencer Richter).

- Lee Greif nominated Patrick Richter to continue filling his seat as Chair; second by Joe Wargi. Unanimous
- Carleigh Fairchild nominated Myla Poelstra to continue filling her seat as Secretary; second by Heather Richter. Unanimous
- Myla Poelstra nominated Lee Greif to continue filling his seat; second by Heather Richter. Unanimous
- Carleigh Fairchild nominated Robert Fish to fill the alternate seat vacated by Spencer Richter; second by Lee Greif. Unanimous

Discussion –

- The reminder from the Boards Support Section to transition our seat terms to commence on July 01 and expire on June 30 was discussed. The decision was made to choose Option A and set this year's seats and election to a June date going forward.
- BOF Proposals - Edna Bay AC declined to comment on the Board of Fisheries Proposals since there were none pertinent to Southeast.
- BOG Proposals - Proposal 20 - Unanimous support - With muzzle loaders and shotguns included in the areas where crossbows will be allowed, we see no problem with this proposal.
- Proposal 143 - 153 - Unanimous support - We support Fish & Game's proposals to manage moose populations in given areas.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m. – All in favor.



**Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
January 11, 2017
Alpine Lodge**

- I. Call to Order: 1845 by Chair Virgil Umphenour
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Kirk Schwalm, Mike Tinker, Larry Morris, Andrew Glasgow, Virgil Umphenour (Chair), Bill Larry, Glen Holt, Chuck Derrick, Valerie Baxter (Vice-Chair, Secretary), Vince Holton
Members Absent: Lee Hazen (ex), Mike Kramer, Warren Giuchici (ex), Al Barrette (ex), Chuck Derrick.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
- III. Approval of Agenda: Agenda Approved, vote 9 in support, none opposed.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from 11-09-2016 approved (9-0 vote)
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, Fairbanks Assistant Area Biologist
- VI. Guests Present: None
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:
 - a. Chair Report: Virgil reported that SCI lawyer is looking for injured parties to file with the lawsuit against the National Park Service and US Fish and Wildlife Service on the new rules, including ban on bear baiting. Virgil has been impacted by the new rules in his operation within the Koyukuk NWR and has become a party in the suit.
 - b. AC Member Comments:
 - i. There is a new report from the Anchorage AC that they met with a USFWS representative and they informed the AC that USFWS interprets bag limits/# in possession differently than normal. The USFWS representative stated that your possession limit is what you physically possess, including what is in your freezer and has been processed by any methods. And it may include what you possess from multiple years as well. This is very different from the current interpretation that possession is what you have in the field and that once processed, it is no longer counted.
 - ii. Kirk Schwalm brought up that Click Bishop has introduced a bill, SB11, that would delete AC authorization on antlerless moose hunts and put the authority to ADF&G Emergency Order methods. This issue was suggested to be put on the February agenda for more discussion.
 - iii. Kirk also asked if there were any comments on the letter to the Federal Subsistence Board on the proposed closure of moose hunting on federal lands in GMU 23. The AC voted 9 in support, none opposed, that Kirk will testify at the subsistence board meeting and will submit the letter.
 - c. The AC moved on to going over proposals for the February BOG meeting in Fairbanks. See following template. It is important to note that the majority of the comments on proposals were conducted at the Game Subcommittee meeting on January 4th, 2017. The full AC considered and voted on a subset of the proposals, including 48, 51, 63, 81,



91, 105, 106, 116, 127-131. The full AC then voted to approve the comments from the Game Subcommittee for all of the remaining proposals: 9 in support, none opposed.

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, TNA	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
46	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	9	0	This continues to be beneficial for this region.
47	Change the definition of “edible meat” for game birds		
Oppose	0	9	We oppose this proposal – same as the one from Bethel meeting.
48	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Support	9	0	We support this and like that it does not apply to hunts that are Bow only.
49	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	9	0	We support this – same as a proposal in Bethel meeting.
50	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred for the Interior Region		
TNA			See proposal 49
51	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Oppose	0	9	We don’t agree with restricting non-residents in this manner, it is a selfish policy and would have negative economic impacts. It seems unacceptable to ask non-residents to pay for the IM fee and then remove opportunity from them.
52	Establish a ten percent nonresident drawing permit allocation cap in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region for Dall sheep, moose, brown bear, and caribou		
Oppose	0	9	We have discussed this issue many times and do not support wholesale percentage caps on harvest or permits.
53	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	9	0	We feel this change would add clarity to the regulations.
54	Change “general season” to “subsistence hunt” for Interior/Northeast Arctic Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings		
Support	9	0	We feel this change would add clarity to the regulations.
55	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for moose in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, and 24		
Support	9	0	We feel this change would add clarity to the regulations.
56	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for Dall sheep for Units 19, 24, 25A, and 26		
Support	9	0	We feel this change would add clarity to the regulations.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, TNA	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
57	Establish a nonresident sheep harvest cap of 12% for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	We have discussed this issue many times and do not support wholesale percentage caps on harvest or permits.
58	Establish a 25% cap on nonresident harvest of Dall sheep and make all general hunts for nonresidents draw hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	We have discussed this issue many times and do not support wholesale percentage caps on harvest or permits.
59	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	We have discussed this issue many times and do not support wholesale percentage caps on harvest or permits.
60	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	We have discussed this issue many times and do not support wholesale percentage caps on harvest or permits.
61	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	We have discussed this issue many times and do not support wholesale percentage caps on harvest or permits.
62	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep harvest allocation cap and change all nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	We have discussed this issue many times and do not support wholesale percentage caps on harvest or permits.
63	Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	7	1	1 abstention. The supporters of repeal believe this is a bad regulation for many reasons, including enforcement difficulty, confusion for hunters, safety issues for pilots, and the fact that the Board generated the proposal themselves. The one person who opposed the repeal thinks the regulation has merit and that it should stay; there have been anecdotal reports from hunters that the sheep hunting experience last fall was much improved by less aircraft traffic.
64	Restrict the harvest of Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region to one every five years		
Oppose	0	9	The 2016 numbers from sealing sheep indicate that the number of sub-legal animals was greatly decreased statewide. There is no biological reason and no existing tracking system for successful hunters. It seems like it would also penalize hunters twice, once for the sub-legal animal and then again by losing opportunity.
65	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	It would be an administrative nightmare to do the changes requested.
66	Open an archery-only hunting season for Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	You can hunt during the regular season with a bow & arrow.
67	Lengthen the season for bear baiting in the Interior/Northeast Region		
Support	9	0	We support this and would clarify that the "placing of bait," is when the bait is actually available to animals. Barrels locked up in the field do not constitute active baiting.



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68	Change the "any bull" or "one bull" bag limits to "any antlered bull" for all moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	There is a very low harvest of calves in the region – about less than 5. This is not a biological issue.
69	Lengthen the archery-only hunting seasons for moose in Unit 20 and open an archery-only hunting season for moose in all of Unit 20		
Oppose	0	9	We do not support an archery only hunt for all of Unit 20; there is already a lot of opportunity.
70	Open a resident disabled veteran hunting season for moose in the Interior/Northeast Arctic region		
Oppose	0	9	There is already opportunity for disabled veterans and there is also the availability of proxy hunting.
71	Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts in Unit 20 for hunters over 60		
Support w/Am	9	0	We support this proposal with the amendment to remove the age requirement.
72	Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	9	0	We support this for wolves within Intensive Management Areas that have a predator control program and we support it for coyotes in all areas.
73	Allow the use of dogs to hunt coyote in Unit 20		
Support	9	0	We have no issue with this proposal.
74	Change the antler restrictions for resident moose hunting in Unit 19B		
TNA			We defer to the AC that proposed this.
75	Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E		
Support	9	0	We support this proposal and would like to point out that it is very burdensome to place the predator control programs into the codified (AAC). Removing them would reduce the paperwork burden and size of the book.
76	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 21E		
TNA			
77	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E		
Support	9	0	We support this as long as there is no biological concern.
78	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 19C		
oppose	0	9	We oppose this proposal as there are concerns that the bears would be overharvested.
79	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 19A		
TNA			
80	Remove the restriction on boat horsepower in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A		
Oppose	0	9	We oppose this proposal because it does not seem that there are enough moose in the area yet to support an increase to access.
81	Specify airports allowed for transporting moose hunters within the Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, TNA	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support	9	0	Seems logical that Medfra should be on the list.
82	Change the nonresident sheep season in Unit 19C to a drawing permit hunt with up to 80 permits		
Oppose	0	9	There are no biological concerns so there is no need to complicate non-resident hunting seasons and guide operations.
83	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
TNA			
84	Lengthen the trapping season for wolf in Units 12 and 20E		
Support	9	0	We support aligning the seasons.
85	Open a resident drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 20E		
TNA			Local issue
86	Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits		
Oppose	0	9	We do not support road corridor closures.
87	Lengthen the Glacier Mountain Controlled Use Area hunting season		
Support w/Am	9	0	We support this as amended; our amendment is to not allow the use of ATV's for the youth sheep hunt in this CUA.
88	Clarify the boundary of the Unit 12 antler-restricted moose hunting area within the Tok River drainage		
Support	9	0	We like these boundary clarifications.
89	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 12		
TNA			Defer to the proposing AC.
90	Expand the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt area by adding a part of Unit 12		
TNA			Has been deferred to the special meeting.
91	Modify the hunting season and bag limits for grouse in Unit 12		
Oppose	0	9	We discussed this proposal in detail. There was an amendment proposed that removed the species specific language with no season date changes but that amendment failed and ultimately the whole proposal failed.
92	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 21C		
Support	9	0	We support this as long as there are no biological concerns.
93	Remove the Bettles Winter Trail travel exception for public use within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
Oppose	0	9	We want the Bettles Winter Road to stay open to public use.
94	Modify the hunting season for moose in Unit 21D		
Oppose	0	9	There are noted biological concerns.
95	Eliminate the drawing permits DM812 in Unit 21C and DM896 in the remainder of Unit 24C and change the RM834 subsistence registration permit to a general registration permit without the antler destruction requirement		
Support	9	0	The registration permits need to be available everywhere and online!
96	Expand the winter hunting season for moose to include all of Unit 24B		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, TNA	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support	9	0	Department proposal that seems well based.
97	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region, and change the permit allocation in Unit 21B		
Oppose	0	9	This change is not necessary.
98	Eliminate the requirement for a nonresident wolf tag in Unit 21		
Support	9	0	We support this with the idea that the harvest may go up.
99	Lengthen the hunting seasons for wolf in Units 24-26		
Oppose	0	9	This is too early to harvest wolves.
100	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Oppose	0	9	This is not necessary.
101	Create a regulation allowing the harvest of moose under a permit for "celebration of life" events		
Oppose	0	9	We oppose this proposal because of the issues that exist with current customary and traditional hunts: there is a reporting requirement that is not enforced or followed up on. Once these hunters demonstrate a better compliance record then expansion may be possible.
102	Evaluate a separate amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for the Teshekpuk caribou herd		
TNA			Should be addressed at Bethel Meeting.
103	Modify the hunt structure of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds		
TNA			Should be addressed at Bethel Meeting
104	Expand the bag limits for caribou in Units 24A, 25A, 25D, 26B and 26C		
Support w/Am	9	0	We support this proposal as amended: Our amendment would be that no cows are to be harvested May 16th to July 31 st .
105	Change the nonresident bag limit for caribou and resident cow season in Unit 26B		
Support	9	0	These changes make sense.
106	Open a resident archery season for brown bear in Unit 26B		
Support	9	0	We support this proposal as long as there are no biological issues.
107	Lengthen the hunting seasons for brown bear in Unit 26B, and change the nonresident drawing permit to a registration permit		
Oppose	0	9	This may lead to overharvest, especially when combined with new bow season from 106 if it passes.
108	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for brown bear in Unit 25D		
TNA			
109	Lengthen the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 25 and 26		
TNA			
110	Increase the bag limit for black bear in Unit 25B		
Support	9	0	There is no reported biological concerns.
111	Open a snaring season for black bear in Unit 25D		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, TNA	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support	9		We support the Yukon Flats AC efforts.
112	Allow same-day airborne hunting for wolf in Unit 25D		
TNA			There is no IM program here.
113	Modify the resident bag limit for Dall sheep in Units 24B, 25A, 26B, and 26C		
Support	9	0	There should be no harvest of ewes.
114	Lengthen the hunting season for wolverine in Unit 26		
Oppose	0	9	We do not support this season change for wolverines.
115	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Unit 25		
Support	9	0	We support the Yukon Flats AC in trying to mitigate lynx bycatch.
116	Reduce the bag and possession limit for ruffed grouse in Unit 20D		
Support	5	3	1 abstention. This proposal garnered a lot of discussion. Those in support think the restrictions would be okay and not have a negative impact and wanted to support the Delta AC. Those in opposition felt that these changes are not necessary, that there is no empirical data on grouse populations either in support or not, and have concerns about grouse species identification issues.
117	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D		
Support	9	0	We support increasing brown bear harvest and making brown bears available for harvest at bait stations.
118	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D		
TNA			See 117
119	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D		
TNA			
120	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D		
TNA			
121	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20D		
TNA			
122	Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
Support	9	0	We support antlerless moose hunts when the opportunity is biologically sound.
123	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 20D		
Support	9	0	
124	Require proof of qualifying status prior to awarding disabled veterans' drawing permits in Unit 20D within the Delta Junction Management Area, and implement other changes		
Support	9	0	There should be paperwork from the Veteran's Administration presented as proof.
125	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	9	0	We support with the understanding that there will be a few permits available, around 100.
126	Modify the muzzleloader hunting season for moose in Unit 20A		
Support	9	0	We support this proposal as amended: amend the season to November 1 st to December



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, TNA	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
w/Am			15 th .
127	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
Oppose	1	7	1 abstention. Those who oppose this proposal do not want the season to be shortened if we went back to any bull.
128	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
TNA			See #127
129	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
TNA			See #127
130	Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20B, and remove incorrect language for the winter muzzleloader registration hunt for bulls and the targeted antlerless hunts in Unit 20B		
Support	8	1	There was discussion about how potlatch harvest is accounted for in antlerless hunting opportunity and it's negative impacts on the number of moose available by permit.
131	Modify the hunting season dates for antlerless moose in Unit 20B		
Oppose	0	8	1 abstention. There were concerns that these season changes would close the season too early and reduce opportunity.
132	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 20B remainder		
Oppose	0	9	No need to increase non-resident opportunity or take.
133	Restrict waterfowl hunting in the Chena Slough, Unit 20		
Oppose	0	9	Do not support because of firearm discharge language and there is no boundary delineated.
134	Create a management area for the Eielson Farm Road area in Unit 20		
Oppose	0	9	Private property is not open to hunting except by permission already – perhaps there should be more enforcement effort. There is no need for a management area and it seems like a “not in my backyard,” regulation.
135	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 20C		
Support	9	0	There seems to be no biological concern.
136	Reevaluate the intensive management finding for the Delta caribou herd		
Support	9	0	Fairbanks AC proposal
137	Implement an intensive management program for the Delta caribou herd		
Support	9	0	Alternative B that comes after #136.
138	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Units 20A and 20B remainder		
Support	9	0	We support aligning seasons.
139	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20F		
Support	9	0	We support this as long as there is no biological concern.
140	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20F		
TNA			See #139
141	Close a portion of Unit 20C to the taking of wolf		
Oppose	0	9	We do not think the National Park Service should be engaging in a state wildlife regulatory process by submitting proposals. We oppose any return to closures to wolf



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, TNA	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			hunting in this area.
142	Close a portion of Unit 20 near Denali National Park to the taking of wolf		
Oppose	0	9	See #141; we do not support any wolf hunting area restrictions.

Adjournment: 2156

Minutes Recorded By: Valerie Baxter

Minutes Approved By: AC

Date: January 11, 2017



Grayling Anvik Shageluk Holy Cross Advisory Committee
12/7/2016
Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: 12:15 pm by Ken Chase, Chairman
- II. Roll Call: Ken Chase & Cliff Hickson, Anvik; Kathy Chase, Holy Cross; Keith Hamilton (alt), Shageluk; Bruce Werba, Undesignated
Members Absent: Arnold Hamilton
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3 (only 5 members seated on committee; 9 authorized)
- III. Approval of Agenda: yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 04/5/2016 Teleconference; 11/2/2015 Teleconference; 12/12/2015 Teleconference- all approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Josh Peirce, DWC; Caroline Brown, SUBS; Nissa Pilcher, BDS
- VI. Guests Present: Jeremy Havener, FWS; Brett Gibbons, AWT; Alfred Demientieff (Holy Cross), Joy Hamilton & students (Shageluk), Carl Jerue & Ron Kurger (Anvik)
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:

Elections

There is a concern with the election of AC members needing to be open to everyone. Make decisions for all of those in the region and not just a certain sect of people. We are here to represent the communities and the people of the communities. We have a really good makeup. We try to keep politics to the minimum and we have had members just be a part of the committee to fill a seat and not actually interested in the betterment of the resources. We have a game guide we have fishing guide we have subsistence users. At this time we are having a hard time because of funding, we aren't trying to go around the system, we are just having a hard time with elections. We are trying to figure out good ways of going through this. The members are providing a service to their communities; this is not a paid position and you have to be committed to the betterment of the resources for now and for future generations.

- 1. Have the Division of Elections hold them; potential issues are how do people get nominated this way
- 2. Hold Post Office Elections; where an election is noticed; a ballot box is put at the post office, the election is then carried out; potential issues is that the postmasters might not allow this due to federal restrictions
- 3. Let city fill one seat and the tribal government fill the other; potential issues is that this still has the same issues as the committee was already having in that one seat is then picked by a tribal entity which does not speak for the community as a whole.

Chairman noted that there was a vacancy on the Western Interior Regional Advisory Council, and that it would be good to have someone on the council so there could be cross communication between the RAC and the AC. Members were given a rundown of the RAC process and told where to find the nomination forms and contact information if they were interested.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
47	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Oppose	0	4	<p>Clarification on what would be required to salvage vs what would be able to be used for trap bait, as well as the daily and possession limit. Would want to see it amended to "Human Use" and not consumption.</p> <p>Committee isn't opposed to salvage but are concerned with the wording and the impacts on trappers if this was to pass as written.</p>
51	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Oppose	0	4	<p>Opens the door to a lot of grey area and would like to have more information. To vague to be a valid proposal as written, to many grey areas and too many what ifs for us to talk about it further at this time. It is unclear how it would affect nonresident hunts in 21E because even if this passes there is an IM program on the books but it would not be active, so this means that no nonresidents could then hunt here.</p>
75	Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E		
Support	4	0	<p>Corridor that one member frequents have seen a lot of wolf and bear lately and he thinks that this would be a valuable tool for the department. Pretty mild winter last year and had a big impact on predator survivability. Flying and guiding in a lot of these areas have seen this impact. After a moose has been taken, member has seen a bear on the gut pile by nightfall; they are eating all of the remaining bits, meaning they are hungry and we haven't seen this in a while.</p>
76	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 21E		
Support	4	0	<p>Committee noted that this proposals was submitted to align the federal and state seasons and harvest requirements, and that they only are seeking to change the early part of the season when most people are not hunting anyway.</p> <p>A member of the public noted that concern from communities came from this looks like guides/transporters (of which there are some on the committee) are trying to increase the amount of time that they can guide and bring people into the area, to which it was noted that this change is for residents only and it is very rare when a guide is guiding a resident hunter.</p> <p>Member noted that concern is justified with transporters, those that are bringing in residents to hunt that are taking up hunting areas that typically have been used by local hunters, and I think that is what the local residents are concerned</p> <p>Another member noted that locals know where the animals are and we can get them before nonlocal residents come in. Locals also have the long march season. Proposal was written to help elevate people getting confused between</p>



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			state and federal differences
77	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E		
Support	4	0	We have already heard when we were talking about proposal 75 that there is an increase of brown bears. Even the black bear numbers are starting to decrease because of the high numbers of brown bears. Maybe we can handle this increase within our communities. They are eating our food. Clarification on what the hunting regulation would do, and how the current regulations for two bears has changed harvest in those GMUs. Clarification that the current season wouldn't change, just the bag limit.
78	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 19C		
79	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 19A		
TNA			One member noted that while we are not a fan of baiting, it would help take brown bears. The AC originally voted to oppose due to the dislike of bear baiting but then put it back on the table and voted to take no action because they did not want to vote against a proposal that was submitted by the local AC.

For next meeting, the AC would like to take a look at proxy hunting regulations as we believe they are being abused in this area, as well as draft FBS Proposal to mirror our moose season proposal.

Adjournment: 3:40 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Kathy Chase with help from RC

Minutes Approved By: Ken Chase

Date: 2/3/2017



**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
December 13, 2016
NERRS Building**

I Call to Order: 6:10 pm by George Matz, secretary. Tom Young (vice chair) took over at 6:20.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Tom Young (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Ty Gates, Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Dennis Wade, Thomas Hagberg, Doug Malone, Marvin Peters, Wes Humbyrd, Joey Alred.

Members Absent: Dave Lyon (chair), Phillip Jones, Gary Sinnhuber.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Approval of Agenda: Decided to take up ACR proposals.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None

VI. Guests Present: None

VII. Old Business: Brief discussion about BOF meeting.

VIII. New Business: Discussion about Upper Cook Inlet BOF proposals to be discussed at the next meeting.

Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting January 6-9, 2017, Bethel			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
155	Intensive Management Plans IV.		
Oppose	0	12	<p>The Homer AC unanimously objects to the BOG's recent acceptance (Oct. 23, 2016) of an Agenda Change Request (ACR) that adds Proposal 155 to its agenda for its January 6-9 meeting in Bethel. We believe that accepting this proposal for the January meeting is an improper use of the ACR process because the action being proposed is not an emergency, hence does not need to be considered out-of-cycle and (worse yet) out-of-region. Given the abbreviated time to submit comments (December 22 deadline), there will likely be little if any public review of this long-standing GMU 15C issue. As we have said before (see attached letter by Dave Lyon, Homer AC chair), this issue needs to have local discussion and input before any BOG decision.</p> <p>While it might be theoretically possible for local residents to attend the Bethel meeting to testify in opposition of this proposal, the time and cost for attending the meeting during this time of the year would be prohibitive for most. Written</p>



Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting

January 6-9, 2017, Bethel

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			<p>comments might appear to be another option, but given that ACR's essentially fly under the radar screen so that there is limited public awareness, the very limited time before comment deadline, and that many interested locals were distracted by the Board of Fisheries meeting which just concluded in Homer, this isn't a reality.</p> <p>According to the BOG's ACR policy (5 AAC 92.005 updated by the board in July, 2015), "boards attempt to give as much advance notice as possible on what schedule subjects will be open for proposals." Furthermore, the ACR "must specify the change proposed and the reason the proposed change should be considered out of sequence." Neither of these important conditions have been met by Proposal 155. Therefore, the ACR that put this proposal on the agenda seems to us to have questionable legal standing.</p> <p>Also, the data provided in Proposal 155 is dubious. It says "Recent population estimates have been within IM objectives, but harvest objectives have not been met in recent years (193 moose harvested in 2015 compared to the 200 moose minimum harvest objective)." The harvest of 193 moose is statistically close to the minimum harvest objective, which could easily be exceeded when bull populations recover (as they are) from very restrictive hunting regulations the past couple of year that were implemented in order to improve bull:cow. This increased harvest will, in essence, nullify the reason for any Intensive Management action. Furthermore, if the known illegal harvest were included in the proposals calculations (Proposal 159 says that from "2013 to 2015 the average reported illegal harvest was 17 percent"), the harvest objective has probably been met in recent years.</p> <p>If the BOG were to consider all feasible options, it might find that reducing the number of brow tines for a legal-sized bull moose from 4 to 3 might create more hunting opportunity and be a more cost-effective to meeting harvest objectives than wolf control.</p> <p>The BOG regulation for ACR's (5 AAC 92.005) says that "the board will not accept an agenda change request that is predominantly allocative in nature in the absence of new information that is found by the board to be compelling." Implementing a 15C wolf control program could be considered allocative, particular when considering that other options (such as reducing the number of brow tines for a legal bull) might be available. The intent of the proposal is to increase moose populations at the expense of wolf populations. Making this choice reduces opportunity for both consumptive and nonconsumptive users who benefit by either trapping of viewing wolves. Accordingly, the decision by</p>



Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting

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			the BOG to consider Proposal 155 could be considered a violation of 5 AAC 92.005.

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
159	Hunter education and orientation requirements		
Oppose	0	12	<p>The Homer AC again unanimously objects to the BOG's recent acceptance (Oct. 23, 2016) of an Agenda Change Request (ACR) that adds Proposal 159 to its agenda for its February 17-25 meeting in Fairbanks. We believe that accepting this proposal for the February meeting is an improper use of the ACR process because the action being proposed is not an emergency, hence does not need to be considered out-of-cycle and (worse yet) out-of-region.</p> <p>While we acknowledge that killing sublegal bull moose is a problem, now that bull:cow are improving, consideration should be given to allow harvest of bulls with three, rather than four, brow tines.</p>

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Minutes taken by George Matz
Approved by: Tom Young, Vice Chair
Date: 12/15/2016



**Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
January 10, 2017
NERRS Building**

I Call to Order: 6:05 by Dave Lyon, chair.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Dave Lyon (chair), Tom Young (vice chair), George Matz (secretary), Ty Gates, Michael Craig, Jim Meesis, Lee Martin, Dennis Wade, Thomas Hagberg, Doug Malone, Marvin Peters, Wes Humbyrd, Joey Alred, Gary Sinnhuber

Members Absent: Phillip Jones

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Approval of Agenda: Items advertised.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: NA

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason Herreman (DWC), Jeremy Baum (AWT), Mark Eldridge (AWT).

VI. Guests Present: Dan Anderson, Scott McEwen, Shahla Farzan (KBBI), Jason Korrone, Josh Lockwood, Joshua Ross.

VII. Old Business: Brief discussion about BOG meeting.

VIII. New Business: Election of AC members. All AC members whose terms were expiring (Lee Martin, Georg Matz, Marvin Peters, Gary Sinnhuber, and Tom Young) agreed to serve another term. There were no other applicants for these positions and they were elected unanimously. The Homer AC also has two alternate vacancies. Dan Anderson was elected unanimously to serve as an alternate.

With election of officers, Dave Lyon, Tom Young, and George Matz agreed to continuing serving in their present positions. There was no objection from AC members.

Jason Herreman reviewed ADF&G's most recent "Wildlife Harvest and Survey Data for the Kenai Peninsula". A good presentation and discussion on many details.

Wes Humbyrd discussed recent genetic stock identification data that shows interception of several hundred thousand Cook Inlet sockeye by Kodiak area fisherman. It was mentioned that this data was not available in time to act on it via the board process. The UCIDA is closely following this.

Doug Malone suggested that the Homer AC establish a Game Subcommittee, similar to other AC's. He felt that this would allow the AC to better prepare its position and thereby be more effective with the BOG. There was considerable discussion about this. Some expressed concern that a subcommittee might have too much control over decision-making and that the AC should not just rubberstamp proposed positons. We don't want to have unanimous votes on everything. Others thought it might help decide which proposals from other regions the Homer AC members might be interested in. To



insure that there would be enough diversity of opinion, there was also a show of hands to find out who might be interested in serving on the subcommittee. A few did express interest. The suggestion was approved on the basis that the emphasis of the subcommittee would be to screen out proposals, particularly from other regions that we might be interested in considering, and to gather relevant background information that will help discussion.

Following, it was suggested that we also should have a fisheries subcommittee. All agreed to that.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal

51	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	9	O – 2 A - 3	<p>The Homer AC considered this proposal because it has state-wide significance. Support was generally based on the idea that the purpose of intensive management plans is to restore the abundance of big game populations in order to achieve a high level of harvest for resident consumptive users, not nonresident hunters. (AS 16.05.255 (d) states “the taking of moose, deer, elk and caribou by residents for personal or family consumption has preference over taking by nonresidents”). Allowing nonresident hunts of prey under intensive management competes with resident consumptive use, undercutting the purpose intensive management.</p> <p>Those opposed pointed out that not allowing nonresident hunters reduces the potential for guides, which has negative economic impact. Also, many nonresident hunters are not that interested in the meat and donate it to local residents.</p>
62	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep harvest allocation cap and change all nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	11	O- 2 A -1	<p>Support was mostly based on complaints by resident sheep hunters of crowding on the hunting grounds and the disadvantage resident hunters have when competing with guided hunts for access to good hunting areas. It was said that some guides try to inhibit access by resident hunters. The BOG recently established a committee to reach some kind of solution to this issue, but it did not succeed and the committee dissolved. This proposal was essentially one of the ideas left on the table and some thought it could provide something definitive in restarting discussion.</p> <p>Those opposed pointed out that sheep guides for nonresident hunters have significant economic impact individually. Also, reducing the number of nonresident permits could reduce the possibility of having hunts with nonresident relatives.</p>
83	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		



Oppose	1	O -12 A -1	This proposal would increase harvest in the Mulchatna herd, which has been struggling in recent years. Though the herd may be starting to recover, it is premature to add additional hunting pressure by allowing nonresident hunters.
95	Eliminate the drawing permits DM812 in Unit 21C and DM896 in the remainder of Unit 24C and change the RM834 subsistence registration permit to a general registration permit without the antler destruction requirement		
Support	14	0	This proposal was considered because some Homer area hunters hunt in the area and support the proposal.
116	Reduce the bag and possession limit for ruffed grouse in Unit 20D		
Support	14	0	This proposal was considered because some Homer hunters participate in this hunt and, based on personal experience, believe the current bag and possession limits are not sustainable.
123	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 20D		
Support	11	O -0 A -3	It was generally agreed that having a later hunt when it is cooler is better, given the trend towards warmer falls. But we felt that the overall length of the season should remain the same. Therefore we amended the proposal to change the opening day from Sept. 1 to Sept. 5. This amendment passed; support 12, opposed 0, abstained 2. The abstentions were due to unfamiliarity.
148	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	12	O -0 A - 2	We previously supported this hunt.
149	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season and targeted moose season in a portion of Unit 15C		
Support	11	O -2 A -1	The Homer AC has consistently supported an antlerless moose hunt for 15C. The moose population in the area is well within population objectives and having this hunt provides more hunting opportunity without harvesting bulls, thereby improving the bull:cow.

Next meeting will be the first Tuesday (7th) in February.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Minutes taken by George Matz

Approved by: Dave Lyon

Date: 1/14/2017



Homer Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Homer, Alaska
December 20, 2016

To the BOG:

The Homer AC opposes ACR generated proposal 159. We believe this to be an unnecessary and ineffective proposal that would do little to alleviate the issue of sub legal moose taken in 15c. In addition, we question whether this proposal meets the requirements to be considered as an ACR.

The Kenai Peninsula is the only area of the state under a sealing requirement for moose, and due to this is the only area for which data on the "honest accidental" take of moose is available. Before additional onerous requirements for moose hunters are imposed on unit 7 & 15 hunters we feel that horn sealing requirements should be instituted statewide. This regulation would shed light on whether the inability to judge moose is a local or statewide issue. Anecdotal evidence would suggest that the incidence of misjudged moose is not confined to the Kenai Peninsula but is a widespread issue. We would not be opposed to further hunter education requirements, but see no justification for singling out the Kenai.

Conformity to regulation statewide is of benefit to enforcement, hunters and management, and the Homer AC feels that proposal 159 puts an unfair and undeserved burden on hunters that is likely to be unenforceable and ineffective.

In addition, the Homer AC opposes ACR generated proposal 155 on the same grounds that we objected to the original (2012) proposal. Intensive management in unit 15c is neither called for nor wise in light of not only public opposition, but the fact that moose in 15c are at or near carrying capacity for the habitat. Increasing moose harvest in 15c to meet IM goals could easily be accomplished by a liberalization of management strategies allowing for take of more cows and the institution of limited "any bull" harvest by drawing or registration hunt. As evidenced by the the burgeoning population of mid-size bulls and healthy bull/cow ratios, as well as high calf survival in recent years, the moose numbers in unit 15c are indisputably healthy and there is no reason now or in the foreseeable future to undertake IM predator control programs.

There is very little, if any, scientifically defensible justification for predator control on a moose population as healthy as that on the Kenai Peninsula. In light of the state's current fiscal dilemma, spending thousands of dollars on predator control that is unneeded strikes us as foolish and financially irresponsible.

For the reasons stated above we strongly urge you to reject both proposals 155 and 159.

Respectfully,
Dave Lyon
Chair, Homer AC



Juneau-Douglas Advisory Committee
December 13, 2016
University of Alaska Southeast
Excerpted for Interior BOG Meeting

I. Call to Order: [6:01] by [Ed Buyarski]

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: 12

Members Absent: 2

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

In attendance: Henry Webb (comm fish), Atlin Daughtery (Hunting Guide), Thatcher Brouwer (Comm fish), Ed Buyarski (Sport fish/hunting/personal), Michael Bethers (sport fish/hunt/personal), Jesse Ross (trapping), Jesse Walker (sport), Chris Miller (Comm fish), Kristine Trott (non-consumptive), Richard Yamada (charter-salt), Terry White (charter-salt), Nicholas Orr (Alternate), Kevin Maier (charter-fresh).

Apologies: Jason Kohlhase, Logan Balstad

III. Approval of Agenda:

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: n/a

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Ryan Scott, Area Biologist; Tom XXXXXX, Mgmt Coordinator for ADFG

VI. Guests Present: 2

VII. Old Business:

Election/reelection of Committee members; open seats-Nonconsumptive commercial, Personal Use Hunt Fish, Alternate.

Michael Bethers (sport), Thatcher Brower (comm), Kristine Trott (noncumptive personal), Terry White (charter-salt), Nicholas Orr (all re-elected unanimously, Nicholas Orr moves for alternate to the sport hunt fishing seat).

Atlin eleted as new Chair.



VIII. New Business:

Brief discussion of 2016 SE King Salmon escapement and possible appointment of directed committee to suggest emergency regulations to ADFG for 2017 season

Michael Bethers notes that Taku run of King salmon has gone down since 2005. In 2016 12,000 fish in the river; 2017 projected to be below the minimum escapement goal of 19,000 fish. Calls for more conservative mgmt. of Taku King salmon. Would like to have AC to form a committee to draft a letter in this regard.

Long discussion about king salmon numbers.

Chair suggests we ask for Dan Teske and Dave Harris with ADFG to provide information about king escapement at our next meeting.

[record minutes]



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			season for moose in all of Unit 20
70			Open a resident disabled veteran hunting season for moose in the Interior/Northeast Arctic region
71			Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts in Unit 20 for hunters over 60
72			Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region
73			Allow the use of dogs to hunt coyote in Unit 20
support	8	1	4 abstentions
74			Change the antler restrictions for resident moose hunting in Unit 19B
75			Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E
76			Lengthen the hunting season for moose in Unit 21E
77			Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E
78			Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 19C
79			Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 19A
80			Remove the restriction on boat horsepower in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A
81			Specify airports allowed for transporting moose hunters within the Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area
82			Change the nonresident sheep season in Unit 19C to a drawing permit hunt with up to 80 permits
83			Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19
84			Lengthen the trapping season for wolf in Units 12 and 20E
85			Open a resident drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 20E
86			Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits



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No action			Would recommend better enforcement of existing game regulations along the Taylor Highway.
87			Lengthen the Glacier Mountain Controlled Use Area hunting season
88			Clarify the boundary of the Unit 12 antler-restricted moose hunting area within the Tok River drainage
89			Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 12
90			Expand the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt area by adding a part of Unit 12
91			Modify the hunting season and bag limits for grouse in Unit 12
92			Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 21C
93			Remove the Bettles Winter Trail travel exception for public use within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area
94			Modify the hunting season for moose in Unit 21D
95			Eliminate the drawing permits DM812 in Unit 21C and DM896 in the remainder of Unit 24C and change the RM834 subsistence registration permit to a general registration permit without the antler destruction requirement
96			Expand the winter hunting season for moose to include all of Unit 24B
97			Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region, and change the permit allocation in Unit 21B
98			Eliminate the requirement for a nonresident wolf tag in Unit 21
99			Lengthen the hunting seasons for wolf in Units 24-26
100			Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A
101			Create a regulation allowing the harvest of moose under a permit for "celebration of life" events
102			Evaluate a separate amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for the Teshekpuk caribou herd



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122			Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
123			Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 20D
124			Require proof of qualifying status prior to awarding disabled veterans' drawing permits in Unit 20D within the Delta Junction Management Area, and implement other changes
125			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20A
126			Modify the muzzleloader hunting season for moose in Unit 20A
127			Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A
128			Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A
oppose	0	13	Atlin speaks in favor of current regulations. Has hunted this area a lot. Ryan Scott speaks in favor of extant regulation; doesn't know the State's position yet.
129			Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A
130			Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20B, and remove incorrect language for the winter muzzleloader registration hunt for bulls and the targeted antlerless hunts in Unit 20B
131			Modify the hunting season dates for antlerless moose in Unit 20B
132			Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 20B remainder
133			Restrict waterfowl hunting in the Chena Slough, Unit 20
134			Create a management area for the Eielson Farm Road area in Unit 20
135			Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 20C
136			Reevaluate the intensive management finding for the Delta caribou herd
137			Implement an intensive management program for the Delta caribou herd
138			Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Units 20A and 20B remainder
No action	4		8 abstentions.



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139			Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20F
140			Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20F
141			Close a portion of Unit 20C to the taking of wolf
oppose	2	7	4 abstentions
142			Close a portion of Unit 20 near Denali National Park to the taking of wolf
oppose	2	7	Atlin speaks against the proposal. Kristine speaks in favor of the proposal. 4 abstentions
143			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 1C
Support	13	0	
144			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 5A, the Nunatak Bench hunt
Support	13	0	
145			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 6C
146			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in the Twentymile/ Portage/ Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
147			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 13
148			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
149			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season and targeted moose season in a portion of Unit 15C
150			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in Unit 17A
151			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Units 14A and 14B
152			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 14C
153			Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region



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BOARD OF FISH Proposal 34.

VOTE: 8 IN FAVOR, 3 AGAINST, AND 2 ABSTENSTIONS. WE SUPPORT THIS IN CASE IT GOES TO STATE BOARD

Adjournment: 8:08PM

Minutes Recorded By: KEVIN MAIER

Minutes Approved By: /s/ Ed Buyarski, Chair

Date: 1/4/2017



Koyukuk River Advisory Committee Minuets 12-12-2016 Huslia City office 4 PM -7:15 PM

The KRAC convened on time at 4PM. We called around to gather some Huslia alternates as two standing members were out of town.

Members present were Carl Berget at request of Jack Wholecheese, Bill Darendorf, and Shawn Huffman, representing Huslia Village.

Claude Koyukuk was representing Hughes village.

Harding Sam represented Alatna village.

Andy Simon Sr., Gilbert Vent, represented Allakaket Village.

Bettles or Evansville could not provide a representative.

Jack Reakoff from Wiseman Village undesignated seat.

There were two people that attended from Huslia that observed, Frances Nolner, Hudson Sam showed up late but did not participate.

The agenda was adopted as presented.

The min. from several past meetings were approved for the 10/07/2013 meeting, the 01/27/2015 Teleconference, the 01/01/2016 Teleconference, and the 02/23/2016 Teleconferences.

The Committee discussed the election of representatives for Huslia. Carl Berget nominated Jackie Whloecheese, Darrel Vent, to be re-elected and Shawn Huffman to be elected to the third seat as the primary instead of an alternate. The Committee voted to elect them unanimously.

Jack Reakoff was re-elected to the undesignated seat, unanimously.

Area Biologist Glenn Stout gave an update on the GMU24B IM project near Allakaket/ Alatna. There were 56 wolves taken by the Department over the three year project, that were turned over to Allakaket/Alatna tribes. The wolves will rebuild back to the previous numbers in about three years. The overall moose population is higher after treatment. Wolves were taken near river corridors where local hunters take moose. Yearling survival was about 80% through the project. Future control may be used during deep snow years, for much less cost. The science of the IM area has been gathered. The implementation of future control efforts would be far more economical.

Several Committee members endorsed the project. Jared Sam (from Alatna) sent a letter of with his father Harding, to be read in support and appreciation of the IM effort. (Attached at bottom).

Members attributed to the IM projects success by;

Seeing more moose above Hughes. Local harvest has increased since the IM project.

Shawn Huffman **motioned to send a letter of appreciation to Region III and the Board of Game chair for the GMU24 IM project.** Harding Sam 2nd the motion.

Letter to be drafted by the Koyukuk River AC chair. Vote was **unanimous in favor.**



The discussion revolved around IM to improve moose harvests.

The chair Jack R. brought up proposal 72 to allow land and shoot harvest of wolves and coyotes including GMU24. Several members felt that method of take would be unacceptable to most people of GMU24.

We also discussed future reduction of Grizzly bears by IM. There is still a cultural restraint against bears being killed in control efforts. There was discussion of cultural respect of wolves, and bears by the majority of the Committee members.

We moved onto the Proposals that will be before the BOG Interior/ Arctic Regional meeting in Fairbanks, 2016.

Proposal 46, to reauthorize the Resident Brown Bear exemption fee. Carl Berget motioned to adopt, Shawn Huffman 2nd. **Unanimous adopted**

Galena Area that affect Koyukuk River AC:

Proposal 93 Bettles road, Glenn gave an overview of the proposal. Carl B. moved to take **no action**, Shawn H. 2nd Unanimous

Proposal 94 to modify the moose season GMU21D, Claude K. motioned to adopt, Shawn H. 2nd. **Unanimously apposed**

Justification for opposition; several members like the current hunting season dates structure. There were serious concerns expressed by Glenn S. the AB, about increased harvest exceeding sustainability. Concerns were expressed about suppressing the bull: cow ratios, and attraction of traveling hunters that be would pass through the area after other seasons had closed on September 25th.

Proposal 95 Changes to Drawing permit and subsistence permits in portions of GMU21C and 24C. Glenn S. gave an overview of participation and harvest for these hunt areas. Carl B. motioned to adopt, Claude 2nd. **Unanimously Adopted**
Less regulation in these low participation areas is warranted.

Proposal 96 Extend winter moose hunt area GMU24B. Glenn gave an overview of participation and harvest. Carl B. motioned to adopt, Harding S. 2nd **Adopted Unanimously**. Higher bull; cow ratios and as well as low harvest, in addition to a registration permit, all can provide for additional harvest opportunity.

Proposal 98 Wolf tag fee exemption. Glenn S. explains the exemption is in affect already, due to the 21E IM plan. Claude motions to **take no action**, Carl B. 2nd. Unanimous

Proposal 99 Wolf season changes July 1 to April 20. Carl B. motions to adopt, Claude K. 2nd. **Unanimously apposed**. Justifications were: skin quality in July was at it's lowest point. The April 20 closure precludes the current May harvest, when bear hunters may still take some wolves. The wolf population in GMU24 is vastly under-harvested



Proposal 100 Regards use of aircraft to transport caribou and hunters on certain days of the week. The Committee by head nod agreed to **take no action** after a brief discussion on the complexities of this proposal.

Proposal 104 Caribou season and bag limit changes including GMU24A and 24B.
&

Proposal 105 Change the nonresident bag limit for caribou and resident cow season in Unit 26B

After discussion of the population declines of the Western Arctic, Teshekpuk, and now Central Arctic Herd, by the Committee, this proposal is inappropriate as written.

Carl B. motioned to **amend the proposal to allow cow caribou harvest October 1 to February 1, and Bull harvest February 1 to October 10, Retaining seasons and bag limits described for the Ray and Hodzana herds in the southern parts of the GMU24 sub-units, Harding S. 2nd. Amended proposal adopted unanimously.**

Justification for the amended season; Caribou should be conserved to take them when they are in optimum condition. Cows are best after calves are weaned, and just prior to the rut. After February 1 they begin to loss weight during gestation. Bulls are real poor after early October and until they recover by February 1. Bulls are optimum for use in spring through late fall. Comments also by the chair Jack Reakoff regarded avoiding cow harvest when they are migrating in the fall and spring. Cows lead the main migrations. Killing lead cows most of the time can deflect herd movements. Experienced lead cows have range knowledge, and are more adept at predator avoidance. Conservation of cows especially in the fall hunt is extremely important now that these herds need additional conservation measures.

Proposal 103 Caribou registration permit including GMU24. Carl B. motioned to **amend proposal to retain general harvest report for GMU 21 and 24, 2nd by Shawn H. Amended proposal Adopted unanimously.** Glenn S. explained the general hunt provisions obtaining harvest reports/tickets online, as well as additional harvest tickets/ reports if needed.

Proposal 63 To remove the restriction against using aircraft to spot sheep during the sheep season. Carl B. motioned to adopt the proposal, Claude K. 2nd. Jack R. commented from experience in the sheep country of GMU24. The restriction put in place has helped diffuse user conflicts with aircraft continually flying around the mountains throughout the sheep season. The current restriction promotes equal use of the limited sheep resource. **Proposal Apposed Unanimously**

Proposal 113 Modify the resident bag limit for sheep including GMU24 to 3 Rams. Harding S. motioned to **amend the proposal to allow 3 sheep, only 1 of which may be a ewe.** Claude 2nd. Jack R. stated that the Federal Subsistence Board recently reduced the bag limit from any 3 sheep, to 3 sheep, only one may be a ewe, in GMU24A and 24B. Amending this proposal would make consistent regulations in the



Gates of the Arctic Park. Additionally the NPS has instituted a registration and community harvest reporting system, depending on community and area.

Amended Proposal adopted unanimously.

Proposal 47 Change the definition of edible meat of a game bird. Harding S. motioned to adopt the proposal, Shawn H. 2nd. After discussion regarding what is edible meat on game birds it was agreed there is proportionally a lot of meat on the legs and back of game birds. **Proposal adopted unanimously**

The Committee discussed who would best represent the Committee at the BOG meeting in February. The Chair Jack Reakoff has a meeting conflict for those dates. Shawn Huffman, Jack Wholecheese, or Darrel Vent being nominated to represent. Preferably Shawn Huffman would represent, as he was present at the meeting.

The Committee took up **Federal Fishery Proposal FP17-04**. Proposal to align with the BOF regulatory change allow additional net preclusion of side sloughs, during the spring on the lower Koyukuk. Shawn H. motioned, Claude K. 2nd to adopt the proposal. **Proposal Adopted Unanimously**

Bill Derendorff wanted the Board to consider the traditional knowledge of elders input into the process. The chair Jack R. assured him the members do include traditional knowledge in the deliberation process and proceedings, but would note it in the minutes.

Meeting concluded at 7PM, Claude K. motioned to **adjourn**, Bill D. 2nd.

Unanimous

Minutes prepared by Jack Reakoff chair



Excerpted for the Interior Board of Game Meeting

- I. Call to Order: [Time] by James Charles
- II. Roll Call: Willie Phillip, James Charles, James Nicholai, John Twitchell Sr., Earl Samuelson Sr., Nick Henry, Henry Parks, George Berry, John Andrew, Phillip Peter Sr.,
Members Present:
Members Absent: Sandra Nicori, Jackson Williams, William Brown
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Earl Samuelson wants to add proposals 17, 34, 74, 75, 76, 80, 81, 82, 83
Seconded by James Nicholai
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 11/12/15 minutes have been pre-approved
Earl Samuelson: Moved to approve minutes
Henry Parks: Seconded
Minutes approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
Carmen Daggett (Boards)
Patrick Jones (DWC)
Lisa Olsen (Subsistence)
Aaron Poetter (Fisheries)
- VI. Guests Present:
- VII. Public Comments/Concerns
James Charles: Expressed concern over elections
- VIII. Old Business:
- IX. New Business:
Board of Game Meeting: Earl Samuelson: Nominates: James Charles, and Phillip Peter Sr.

Board of Fish Meeting: Motioned to nominate main James Charles, seconded James N.

Alternate nominated by Henry Parks: Earl Samuelson to be the alternate, seconded

James Charles: Explains people are alarmed at seeing wood bison.

Tom Seaton: Bison is a meat resource for people, you can harvest a lot larger portion, they evolved with moose also benefit each other, moose eat willows and brush and bison eat a lot of sedge, bison fur is good birds and increases survival of birds and small mammals, the feces supports the life of small mammals. Small mammals

economic benefit, the people are trying develop economy based on photography and viewi and the Canada border. They were sighted in 1915. We let go 130 animals population has we are hoping to open the hunt in about 5 years. Explains the exploration of a bison cow or is teaching us where good wood bison habitat is.



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James Charles: Inquires about how to tell the difference between bulls and cows.

Tom Seaton: Explains males have L shaped horns and a penis sheath, and females have a C-shaped horns, we are working with school curriculum so young people will be trained how to tell the difference. Explains

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I saw that bison it was scary and it reminded me of buffalo.

Tom Seaton: A lot of the reason to bring bison back is to establish a food source.

Earl Samuelson: Looking at migration patterns, are there are any migratory pattern.

Tom Seaton: They are spending their winter in the Holy Cross, they migrate about 30 miles to Shageluk. These bison occupy the opening in the forests, and marshlands.

Earl Samuelson: Inquires about competition between musk ox and bison.

Tom Seaton: Musk ox and bison don't compete very much, musk ox like tussocks and small tundra plants, bison eat more sedges and forbs.

Earl Samuelson: Inquires about education in the YK Delta.

Tom Seaton: Put flyers up, and am working more on education.

Earl Samuelson: Inquires about the dangers of bison

Tom Seaton: We have done some work and research who have been injured or killed and the incidents are minimal to one person has been killed in the last 30 years. They are generally pretty safe allow them space to get away from you.

Phillip Perry: Explain prices of licenses and where that money goes.

Earl Samuelson: Inquires about income levels and the value of the dollar.

Pat Samson: It is already determined and calculated.

Chariton Epchook: Inquires about boundaries and differences in regulations.

Phillip Perry: Explains regulations on land versus water.

John Twitchell Sr: All of the permit fees I do have a lot respect for our ancestors and they were were regulated through permits regulations. We will have to pay for subsistence activities. We cannot go anywhere without having money in our pocket. The cost of living is going to go up higher.

Phillip Peter: Explains for getting fined for not reporting. They gave me \$100. It is really tough to follow these regulations. It has consequences on the ticket. This kind of regulations we have, explain them carefully with



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74	Hunting Seasons and bag limits for moose		
Supported	10	0	Earl Samuelson: Move to adopt Henry Parks: Seconded Discussion: Earl Samuelson: Our people do go hunting around Aniak. Phillip Peter: Explains seasons, with bulls with spikes or forks on each side, over 50 inches. It liberalizes the bulls to three brown tines. This is a common antler restriction throughout the state, it was proposed by the Central Kuskokwim AC.
75	Intensive Management Plans VIII		
Supported	10	0	Motion: Earl Samuelson Henry Parks: Seconded 21 E a lot of people from the tundra villages go up there to hunt.
76	Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose		
Supported	10	0	Earl Samuelson: Motion to adopt James Nicholai: Seconded Earl Samuelson: Tundra villages go up to the big lake up there to hunt, so it would affect our villages.
80	Controlled Use Area		
Opposed	0	10	Earl Samuelson: Motioned to adopt Henry Parks: Seconded I know the Holitna River is in the controlled use area, one of the ways is reducing horse power for erosion control and help rebuild moose populations. I don't know the moose numbers or the reason for restricting more than 40 horse power. Henry: The king salmon are in danger right now a good percentage of king salmon go up that part of the river. Earl: I do believe the motor restriction is for moose but it doesn't restrict you going there if you are not hunting. For conservation needs I like the 40 horse restriction. The locals wanted that. The more boats up there it affects the fish. John Twitchell: This restriction is only during the moose season, I like this restriction.
81	Controlled Use Area		
Opposed	0	10	Earl Samuelson: Moved to adopt Proposal 81 George Berry: Seconded Earl Samuelson: I know you can go to the controlled use area as long as you are on a scheduled. I don't understand why they want to put more designated communities. I wanted to learn more about this I don't understand why they want to do this. Phillip Perry: Explains the intent of the controlled use area, they are mostly

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			<p>designed to restrict aircraft.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: I think it is going to weaken the controlled use area. This one is meant to open the door/airway to let people go through and hunt moose. Does fish and game support this?</p> <p>Phil Perry: I don't know, this is outside my area and we don't have official comments.</p> <p>Earl Samuelson: I would like to remain neutral on this proposal.</p>
Opposed	0	10	See comments proposal 25

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: *Paul [Signature]*

Minutes Approved By: *[Signature]*

Date:

12-14-16



Mat Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee
November 30, 2016
MTA Palmer

Call to Order: Herman Griese/acting chair: meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call:

Members Present: Stephen Bartelli, Mike Buirge, Herman Griese, Chap Lipse, Herb Mansavage, Terry Nininger, Hans Nordstrom, David Young, Birch Yuknis, Chris Watchus.

Members Absent: Andy Couch, (excused), Jehnifer Ehmann, (excused), Mel Grove, Tom Deland (excused), Bob Marshall, Darren Spano, (excused), Randy Talvi, (excused)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 10 members present: quorum met

Department Staff/Guests: Tim Peltier, ADFG area biologist, Rod Arno, Alaska Outdoor Council, Neil DeWitt, Anchorage AC, Frank Neumann, Anchorage AC, Gary Stevens, John Winsor, Patricia Winsor, Daniel Treat, Joanie Nininger

Approval of Agenda: Birch Yuknis: motion to approve: Steve Bartelli, seconded. Agenda approved

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 10/2616: Motion to approve-Birch Yuknis, seconded, Steve Bartelli: minutes approved without changes. 11/16/2016: Motion to approve-Birch Yuknis, seconded Steve Bartelli: minutes approved without changes.

Persons to be heard: Rod Arno discussed Ahtna and subsistence hunting in the Copper River Basin. There is a 4-day BOG meeting in Glennallen to look at proposals for a subsistence hunt. Rod indicated that having a meeting in Glennallen, where lodging would likely be a problem as BOG & staff will likely take most of the available motel rooms, was unfortunate, especially given that about 70% of the folks that hunt in this area come from Anchorage & the Valley. Regarding new board member Karen Linnell, Chairman Spraker determined that Linnell will not to be conflicted out of this meeting. On another issue, Sally Jewel has signed a MOA, (Memorandum of Agreement) for co-management with Ahtna groups to look at Alaska native allocations and to set allocation of harvest on federal lands, working on co-management with 8 Ahtna communities. Rod said this will need to be watched closely. Implications of co-management conflicts with terms of ANCSA, where native groups gave up their aboriginal rights. This MOA could change the overall management scheme. Right now the state does not have to participate -but Rod is not sure what will happen going forward. Herman Asked: does this include all the checkerboard lands? Rod-yes this would include these lands. Steve: can the state legally participate? Rod: the state can't participate but this is an Alaska native priority-a whole new level. If not challenged, then that will be the way it is. Rod also mentioned that Mead Treadwell's name is in the hat for Secretary of Interior. Bob Gilliam also has name on the list. Rod will send a copy of the MOA to Herman and Jehnifer. Daniel Treat from Glacierview: the community hunt in Glacierview has only 1 person locally that participates-but the hunt gets a lot of pressure from town. It is creating a



lot of stress on the local folks. Daniel mentioned that one guy from [the Valley?] said he shot 7 bulls and passed them out to others. It's hard on the resource and hard on the people who live there.

Board of Game Proposals: Herman asked that each proposal be brought to the floor by an AC member and seconded by another AC member prior to discussion:

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3	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for caribou		
Support	10	0-0	Birch Yuknis brings proposal to the floor: seconded by Steve Bartelli Rod Arno: the problem is the declining herd on North Slope. How can you tell if you have a conservation problem if you don't know what the harvest number is? Tim Peltier, ADFG: the Department is neutral on the proposal. Birch-Department needs to keep consistent. Mike Buirge: how can they determine how the herd is doing if you don't get the data?
4	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Support	0	10-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Neil DeWitt: He didn't consider moose or bear in the proposal as written so it will fail. Steve will oppose the proposal because of the aircraft issue-is there other noise that effects the caribou? Neil-boat noise is OK. Hans: agrees with Steve-their concern is not the aircraft but the person who is in the aircraft.
9	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Arctic/Western Region		



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Support	10	0-0	<p>Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Steve: since he has been on the AC not one sheep proposal of 10-15-20% has ever been adopted by the board. We should take no action and not waste our time. Herb Mansavage: should we try for above 20%? Steve: we've spent a lot of time and never got the consideration from the board. Mike-because the board shoots it down do we want to make the argument for a maximum allocation? Steve is in agreement. Dave-we can't cut out complete because of the Pitman- Robertson funds (federal). Hans is in general agreement-for the maximum allocation of 10%. Mike-propose to amend all those over 10% amend to 10%. Herman-believes we should act on the 90/10 and take no action on others. Tim/ADFG: the only way you can get a 90/10 would be to go to a drawing permit. Herb-maybe we should consider a 25%-because residents are already only getting 45% of sheep.</p>
10	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Arctic/Western Region		
No action			Take no action-no objection
	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep		
11	Remove the exception to harvest tickets and reports for sheep		
Support	10	0-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve
12	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep harvest allocation cap and change all nonresident sheep hunts to draw permit hunts in the Arctic/Western Region		
No action			Take no action
13	Establish a 25% cap on nonresident harvest of Dall sheep and make all general hunts for nonresidents draw hunts in the Arctic/Western Region		



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No action			Take no action
14	Establish a nonresident sheep harvest cap of 12% for the Arctic/Western Region		
No action			Take no action
15	Restrict the harvest of Dall sheep in the Arctic/Western Region to one every five years		
No action			Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Chad-is this enforceable? Herman-a hunter of a sublegal animal is subject to enforcement by an enforcement officer of a magistrate. Steve is not opposed: this is something that might help solve a problem. If it helps a dwindling resource he is not opposed to it. Mike: this seems more statutory than regulatory for BOG. Hans has problem supporting -this is not an exact science-Tim/ADFG is neutral: it will not have much of an impact because so many hunters go to this area. Birch-not allowed to hunt in just in this area or state wide? Herman: It is not specified if statewide. Birch moves to take no action-no objections.
16	Establish a 90/10 percent permit allocation for resident and nonresident drawing permits for sheep, moose, caribou, and brown bear		
No action			Take no action
17	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Oppose	0	10-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Herman: The standard for most hunters is to breast out the meat on smaller birds. In larger bird it's a decision made by the hunter.
19	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		



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Support, Support as Amende d, Oppose, No Action	Numbe r Suppor t	Numb er Oppos e	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
Support	9	1-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Herman: we commented on this last time. Steve-we did support this proposal last time. Herman does not support because it is an unnecessary change.
41	Require a guide-client agreement to apply for a nonresident brown bear drawing permit in Unit 23		
Oppose	0	10-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Birch is opposed-let the free market do its thing. If I draw a permit out of state, then I get info from outfitters who I can choose. Dave-putting the cart before the horse. Dave also referenced Dave Montgomery who said that if a guide could not go with a client then the client could not get another guide. Steve was more concerned about the anti-hunting group: they can put in for drawing and if they get the drawing it goes in the garbage. An actual hunter has skin in the game.
43	Allow the use of snow machines to position and harvest brown bears and furbearers in Unit 23		
Oppose	3	7-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Tim: ADFG has no biological concerns: Dept. is neutral. Mike opposes-fair chase issue.
45	Require big game hunting camps to be three miles apart within and near the Noatak Controlled Use Area		
Oppose	0	10-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Birch is opposed-don't know how it could be enforced. Hans is oppsed-3miles is a pretty long way. Tim: ADFG is neutral -if they did support they would ask for guidance on how to enforce. Dave-if it was a choke point all the camps would need to be there: if not others would not have a place to camp. Herman: is it 3 air miles or river miles? Who determines who is there first?



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Support, Support as Amende- d, Oppose, No Action	Numbe- r Suppor- t	Numb- er Oppos- e	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
47	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds		
Oppose	0	10-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve
48	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Support- ed as amend- ed	10	0-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Herman-some hunts are restricted because of safety issues. There is no safety training for cross bows. Steve-in the past we have supported the use of cross bows-would like to see another weapon in the arsenal-but we need a mandatory safety course. Steve make a motion to amend/seconded Hans to include requirement for a cross bow education program. Tim: ADFG has had discussions of developing a cross bow education program-Tim thinks they will have something formulated by next summer. Amendment passes: 10-0-0: Proposal passes 10-0-0.
49	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	10	0-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve AC will be voting on both proposals 49 & 50.
50	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred for the Interior Region		
Support			See proposal 49 above.
51	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met		



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Support	10	0-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Tim: <i>He believes</i> department is neutral because the proposal is allocative in nature. Birch: give prey to the residents-non-residents can still hunt the predators. Herman-you can harvest some of the prey, excess bulls, before reaching your objective. Hans-believes the residents should have a preference. Herman: Alaska makes most of their money with non-resident hunts. Steve-its allocative and he supports.
52	Establish a ten percent nonresident drawing permit allocation cap in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region for Dall sheep, moose, brown bear, and caribou		
Oppose	0	10-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Herman-knows no reason to have this allocative issue for other species. (vs. #9)
57	Establish a nonresident sheep harvest cap of 12% for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
No action			Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Take no action-no objections
58	Establish a 25% cap on nonresident harvest of Dall sheep and make all general hunts for nonresidents draw hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
No action			Take no action-no objections
59	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	9	1-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve AC will be voting on proposals 59/60/61/62: Herman is opposed-although the intent is the same in all the proposals, there are specific differences in each of the proposals.
60	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		



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Support			See proposal 59 above
61	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep permit allocation for the Interior/ Northeast Arctic Region		
Support			See proposal 59 above
62	Establish a ten percent nonresident sheep harvest allocation cap and change all nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support			See proposal 59 above
63	Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	10	0-0	Birch to the floor/Seconded by Steve Birch: this proposal is specific to spotting-207 was for aircraft in general. But Dave supports. Hans-suports-207 did nothing to measurably improve hunting. Steve supports-it penalizes one user group-last time he spoke to enforcement they had not written one citation. Chad notes that it is not enforceable.

Board of Game Discussion:

Birch: he was not opposed to Linnell until Spraker said she had no conflict of interest. Steve confirms: he has no problem with her being on the board but she should have recused herself under her own will. Steve says it makes him wonder about the whole group. Hans: it shows she has a lack of judgement. Herman: BOG members frequently vote on proposals where they live and hunt or trap without conflict-many are hunters or trappers. Dave: why can't they go through regular sequence-why a special meeting? Herman-what bothers me more is that they moved the meeting to Glennallen. Herman proposes that Birch dog the minutes of the BOG meeting, and watch for interpretation from their legal department, and then draft a letter for our 12/7 meeting. Steve: what should be the content of the letter? Conflict of interest? Glennallen meeting location? Steve notes what Rod said that 70% of users come from this area. Rod also mentioned there would be no places to stay with the BOG & department taking all the housing.

Members comments: Birch thanks Tim for his time attending the meeting. Herman thanks the Department and others who showed for the meeting, as well as the AC members.



Adjournment: 9:10 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Terry Nininger
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____



**Mat Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee
December 7, 2016
MTA Palmer**

- I. **Call to Order:** Herman Griese/Acting Chair: 7:03 PM
- II. **Roll Call:**
Members Present: Steve Bartelli, Tom DeLand, Herman Griese, Mel Grove, Herb Mansavage, Bob Marshall, Terry Nininger, Hans Nordstrom, Darren Spano, Randy Talvi, Birch Yuknis

Members Absent: Andy Couch, (excused), Jehnifer Ehmann, (excused), Chad Lipse, (excused), Chris Watchus, (excused), David Young, (excused), Mike Buirge, (excused)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 11 members present/quorum met

Department Staff/Guests: Tim Peltier, ADFG Palmer area biologist, Rick Merizon, ADFG small game biologist, Chris Brockman, ADFG wildlife biologist, Neil DeWitt, Mary Lockman, Frontiersman

- III. **Approval of Agenda:** Birch moves to adopt agenda as amended, seconded by Steve: no objections-agenda approved
- IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** motion to approve by Birch, seconded by Steve: no objections-minutes approved.
- V. **Persons to be heard:** Herman asked Department staff to comment on proposals 146, 147, 151, 152, (antlerless moose hunts) and 153, (brown bear tag exemption renewal). Tim Peltier, on Unit 14, the Department supports this hunt. Herman asks: have there been any surveys done? Tim-unfortunately no. With the lack of survey data the department has to look at population modeling. (Tim then distributes 4 spreadsheets: % of browse offtake vs. % twinning, Unit 14 twinning surveys, Unit 14A moose population projections, and moose road kill in the Mat-Su Valley-Cumulative Summary). Tim indicates that they believe the Unit 14 population is still growing at 1-3%/yr. The last couple of years there has been a heavy roadkill; last year well over 150 animals. The department will start placing moose collars (60) to go on in February-they are good for a couple of years: the distribution will be 45 cows/15 bulls. Herman asks when the last survey was done? Tim: 2014. Tim talked about the relationship between browsing and twinning rate. They will continue to see twinning go down as the browse utilization rate goes up. Mel: how can you determine the twinning rate without a survey? Tim: we fly the route along the Kink River during calving. Tim continues: regarding 14C, Dave Battle, (not present), looked at the 20 Mile area-there was the same amount of animals as his survey in 2013; the population there has been pretty consistent. Dept. supports antlerless hunts in Units 7 & 14C. In Unit 13, the department supports proposal #119.



Department staff conducted Unit 13 surveys recently but the results are currently unavailable

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64	Hunting season and bag limits for Dall sheep: required permit hunt conditions and procedures		
No action			Birch Yuknis brings the proposal to the floor/seconded by Steve Bartelli Hans Nordstrom: The ADFG has a hard-enough time permitting what is legal, so Hans is opposed. Birch: this is almost identical to proposal #15, which we took no action. Chris Brockman, ADFG: he doesn't know what the Department position is on this proposal; Mel Grove: what is the current trend in punishment for this type of violation? Tim Peltier: if there is an illegal kill then it is turned over to the troopers. AC agrees to take no action
65	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	1	9-1	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Tim: The Dept. has no position-this is an allocation issue. Herb- is this pertaining to just this region? Tim-yes. Steve: any biological concern? Tim: very few people come up to hunt in this area so it won't have a major impact. Steve opposes -he believes the Dept. should take their Pitman-Robinson money. Herman doesn't see it as necessary to begin with but should be a statewide proposal. Birch-they are addressing the next of kin issue. Mel abstains-he would like to see the data before he has a position.
66	Open an archery-only hunting season for Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	1	10-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Birch-he is generally opposed. Tim: this is an allocation issue so no Dept. position. Herb-this could decrease the harvest-it takes away from hunts of the general seasons. Herman: guides could use it to set up camps earlier.



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69	Lengthen the archery-only hunting seasons for moose in Unit 20 and open an archery-only hunting season for moose in all of Unit 20		
Oppose	0	11-0	<p>Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Herman-this puts hunters in the field in the middle of the rut. Birch doesn't feel it is needed unless there is a specific date. Steve-if you want to use a bow you have to use it with everyone else. Birch is opposed. Steve is opposed. Bob-it is frustrating, when stalking while bow hunting and then a gun goes off. Darren; it's a personal choice on how you harvest an animal-all this must be factored in before you step out into the woods. Archery hunting doesn't take the same level of difficulty as it used to: Darren is opposed.</p>
70	Open a resident disabled veteran hunting season for moose in the Interior/ Northeast Arctic region		
Oppose	0	8-3	<p>Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Birch: this is opening up any animal hunt for this group when they could still hunt in the general hunt. Hans-he feels there is not enough (next page) specifics to this proposal-Herman agrees. Herman: there is also another similar hunt currently. Darren: as a Vet he would oppose: this seems to be out of place-typically vet benefits are focused on tax benefits and employment opportunity provisions. Hunting has always been an elective activity. He thinks there are still questions to be asked-he supports vets but this is outside what is needed. Bob is also a Vet-but he feels it is outside the spirit of intent. Bob opposes. Birch concurs with Darren and Bob. Darren will abstain.</p>
71	Allow the use of crossbows in archery hunts in Unit 20 for hunters over 60		



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Oppose	0	11-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Herman-there are hunts in Unit 20 that are archery only. Steve will oppose-we have opposed these types of proposals the last 2 years and he wants to stay consistent. Birch-concurs with Steve.
72	Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	11	0-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Birch: isn't it already legal to do coyote? Tim: yes. Steve-is there a conservation concern in any of those GMU's? Tim: not that he is aware of. Steve will support. Darren: why only a trapping license? Chris-it has to do with bag limits. Darren-is it safe to assume that Dept. doesn't want folks landing and shooting in the general season? He supports. Herb: thought a trapping license was to help getting a larger bag limit than just a hunting license. Mel supports.
78	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 19C		
Support as amended	11	0-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Hans: he hunts in this area 19C-it is the only one that opens up in August. He supports for consistency. Birch supports-more opportunity and consistency. Steve proposes to amend to include 19B as well. Seconded by Birch. Darren: without having any data on the population needed for management, lengthen the season will push the bear hunting season into the salmon season. Could this have a direct conflict with the bear population? Could people sit by the stream and pick them off? Chris-Unit 19 has the typical interior grizzly population: there are people who take advantage of this but we have not been able to detect a large decline of the bear population. Chris does not feel it will have much of an impact. Amendment passes 11-0-0
82	Change the nonresident sheep season in Unit 19C to a drawing permit hunt with up to 80 permits		



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Support	7	4-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve (see next page) Steve-this removes the resident harvest potential. Hans-doesn't appear it would actually do anything. Birch: the author is worried about other areas going non-resident. The author just wants to cap this hunt. Steve-we have just voted on other sheep proposals on the 90-10 rule. Darren-the author is trying to halt non-residents taking over 80 sheep. This will keep non-resident hunters where it is currently.
86	Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits		
Oppose	0	11-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Herman-a ¼ mile buffer is very difficult to enforce. Steve is opposed. He says everything they identify in here is already against the law. Birch concurs with Steve-it is an enforcement issue.
90	Expand the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt area by adding a part of Unit 12		
Oppose	0	11-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Hans-is opposed to the community hunt so he is opposed. Steve concurs.
91	Modify the hunting season and bag limits for grouse in Unit 12		
Oppose	0	11-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Rick: We have been able to document an increase of grouse. Unit 12 is pretty remote. Most of the harvest occurs right in Tok. Rick says there is no current distinction between grouse species in the regs for Unit 12. Rick also notes that the total population are nearing or at the peak this year. We don't have a conservation concern. Herb: what is your formal position? Chris: we are still working that out. Darren: the proposal contains no data to support it. Current regs are unlikely to lead to slaughter of too many grouse: he will oppose.
97	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose hunts in the Interior/ Northeast Arctic Region, and change the permit allocation in Unit 21B		



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Support	10	0-1	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Birch-he will support. Steve concurs. Darren abstains: says there is not enough data to support the proposal.
100	Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A		
Oppose	0	10-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Neil DeWitt, (author): as with proposal #4, he did not consider bear or moose when this proposal was written, so he expects the proposal to fail. Birch: asks if local people think aircraft are part of the problem? Neil notes that he wrote this after the northern arctic caribou meeting, and was voicing the concerns of the local community. Hans doesn't want to support this, although he did vote on this before in other proposal.
101	Create a regulation allowing the harvest of moose under a permit for "celebration of life" events		
Oppose	0	11-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Steve-is opposed. Tim-the dept is neutral.
106	Open a resident archery season for brown bear in Unit 26B		
Support	10	1-0	Herman: the last time he was up there 2 years ago he saw more brown bears along the highway than moose. Steve is opposed. If they have an abundance of brown bears maybe they need intensive management. Birch is inclined to support it. Hans: On the Dalton Highway corridor there aren't any guns in the area- he would consider. Mel supports. Steve changes his mind; he will support it, but would amend the proposal to include muzzle loaders, cross bows and shotguns. Herb believes the intent is to protect the pipeline. Darren: the intent of the proposal is merely to extend the season. Proposing an amendment to have other gear is a separate issue. Amendment fails 4-7-0
112	Allow same-day airborne hunting for wolf in Unit 25D		



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Support t	11	0-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Hans supports this proposal because of our previous vote. Randy: looking at authors, (Yukon Flats Fish & Game AC), a local group, he will support. Darren wonders about consistency? Birch: this is more of predator management tool.
113	Modify the resident bag limit for Dall sheep in Units 24B, 25A, 26B, and 26C		
Support t	11	0-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Birch: he likes the proposal-he would rather take rams vs. ewe's. Steve would like to amend for 1 sheep. Chris: We're talking about the winter season that restricts access. The only way to hunt is if you live in the area or take a snow machine. Birch has done this hunt a couple times; it's not easy to access. Herb would support. Steve will not amend the proposal.
124	Require proof of qualifying status prior to awarding disabled veterans' drawing permits in Unit 20D within the Delta Junction Management Area, and implement other changes		
No action			Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Birch will oppose. Darren: if there is a permit then it's a no brainer to require proof of qualification. Hans move to take no action on the proposal. There is no objection so the AC takes no action.
141	Close a portion of Unit 20C to the taking of wolf		
Oppose	0	11-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Birch: is there a conservation concern? Tim: in general, wolves are not a conservation concern.
142	Close a portion of Unit 20 near Denali National Park to the taking of wolf		
Oppose	0	11-0	Birch to the floor/seconded by Steve Steve: this is similar to the previous proposal, # 141. You have to admire this group though for their tenacity and optimism.



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146	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting season in the Twenty mile/ Portage/ Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	11	0-0	Birch to the floor/second by Steve. Herman stated that moose surveys were sometime difficult to interpret here if the snow is heavy, moose get under conifer canopy. Supports the hunt. Tim: The Dept. supports this proposal.
147	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 13		
Oppose	5	5-1	Birch to the floor/second by Steve. Tim: The Dept. approves of this proposal. Steve opposes: Steve always opposes winter hunts in this GMU. The moose can't afford to move in deep snow-the area is also getting hammered; also, there is a lack of data at this meeting. Herman: was the intent to reduce moose along the Glenn Hwy.? Herman will support it as a tool-not reducing a large portion of the population. Tim: 10 permits to be issued. Steve: these animals are not used to people-when then hear snow machines they get up and run. Herb abstains: he doesn't feel like he has enough info on either side of the issue.
151	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Units 14A and 14B		
Support	11	0-0	Birch to the floor/second by Steve. Herman: it's hard to make a comment without recent data. Survey conditions are difficult-wind effects aircraft. Birch: how are targeted permits issued? Tim: anyone can come in and signup. They will call people on the list as needed. Tim figures on turning it on in January. Mel-is this reauthorization as a management tool? I trust Fish & Game to make the right decision. Tim: 5 people are selected a week. Last year started late; 145 permits were issued- hunters took 105 moose. Typically, success rate is 70%.
152	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 14C		



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Support t	11	0-0	Birch to the floor/second by Steve. Herman-this is a high density human area as well as a high density animal area. Herman will support.
153	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region		
Support t	11	0-0	Birch to the floor/second by Steve. Randy: this also means you don't need to have a tag in the field. Randy will support the proposal. Chris: The Dept. is not going to do any predator control in Unit 16 next year nor any wolf control. Steve: in light of tag fee increases that are coming up, no tag in this unit is to increase the harvest? Chris: it was to encourage folks to go out to take bears-it was done to create more interest in these areas. Steve will support the proposal.

Discussion of letter to Board of Game regarding the upcoming Glennallen meeting: All members indicated that they had read the final draft. Herman asks who should sign the letter? Birch said Jehn signed the last one so she should probably sign this one. No objection from AC members. Birch makes a motion to adopt the letter, seconded by Steve. No objection from AC members so the motion passes.

Herman notes that the Anchorage AC game working group is meeting at the Pro Bass Shop on 12/13/16. Herman suggests that Valley AC members might want to attend to see how the Anchorage AC approaches things we have acted on.

Member Comments: Mel states that the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council is meeting this week in Anchorage. One item that will be discussed is the possible quota buy-back on sports caught charter halibut. There is discussion for a 2 day weekly closure for halibut charters for this year-up from 1 day last year. Mel indicates that this is just killing the operators in Valdez. The NPMFC will be taking public testimony on Friday morning.

Next Mat Valley AC meeting is scheduled for 12/21/16.



Adjournment: 9:20 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Terry Nininger
Minutes Approved By: _____
Date: _____



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes from
December 21, 2016 7 p.m. start time at MTA building in Palmer

Excerpted for Interior Board of Game Meeting

Meeting Called to order by Jehnifer Ehmann

Members present: Terry Nininger, Chris Watchus, Jehnifer Ehmann, Bob Marshall, Andy Couch, Mel Grove, Hans Nordstrom, Herb Mansavage, Dave Young, Mike Buirge

Members Absent: (all excused) Chad Lipse, Birch Yuknis, Darren Spano, Steve Bartelli, Tom DeLand, Herman Griese, Randi Talvi.

Public present: Sam Ivey ADF&G fisheries biologist, Neil DeWitt, Ben Allen arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Public Comment: Neil Dewitt talked about the northwest Arctic caribou and what changes the Board of Game adopted.

Ben Allen — spoke in favor of allowing hatchery king salmon harvest in the Unit 2 of the Susitna River drainage — mentioned that he fishes Unit 2 and often catches hatchery king salmon and would like to have an opportunity to harvest those fish. Also spoke about the proposal that would close Unit 2 king salmon catch and release fishing when no harvest of king salmon is allowed within Unit 2.

Spoke about the proposal that would extend the weir closure area on Little Susitna River during the king salmon fishery.

Jim Creek coho fishery — has mixed feeling does not want to restrict the sport fishery anymore — however — if some additional restriction(s) were also placed on the commercial users this might be a good proposal to support.

Motion to approve minutes from Nov 9. approved without objection or corrections.

Motion to approve minutes from Dec. 7 — Minutes approved without objection or corrections.

Motion to accept agenda — Agenda approved with on changes or objections.

Fisheries proposals:

Proposal 127 One member expressed an intent to see the Kenai River goal reflect an allocation of at least 300,000 sockeye above the upper end of the escapement goal and would like to see the goal simplified. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Proposal 128 One member mentioned that he does not see over escapement as something that needs to be addressed further by liberalizing commercial regulations. We currently have several failures to attain adequate salmon escapements in the Northern portion of Upper Cook Inlet so liberalizing fisheries to harvest more fish indiscriminately could compound this problem. Motion opposed 0-9-0.



members felt that it might be appropriate to take no action. Motion failed 2-1 6. Can not understand what all is being sought by this proposal.

Game proposals:

Proposal 155 One member did not understand the idea of the last sentence of this proposal - is the Department going to suggest adjusting objectives before this proposal is to be adopted? Dave supports predator control used in a responsible manner. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Proposal 156 would reauthorize Muchatna caribou intestine management. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Proposal 157 would allow limited harvest of emperor geese. Motion approved 9-0-0.

Mike Buirge mentioned that if we know someone else who would like a position on the AC he is getting busy enough at work that he is planning not to run again.

Dave mentioned he possibly might not run again.

Terry wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Jehnifer wished Merry Christmas as well. And in answer to a question by Mel mentioned that elections would be in the spring.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12.



McGrath Fish and Game Advisory Committee
12/9/2016
Assembly Room, Captain Snow Center, McGrath, AK

I. Call to Order: 12:05 by Ray Collins

II. Roll Call:

Nick Petruska- Nikolai*
Ray Collins- McGrath (Chair)
Mark Cox_ McGrath
Lewis Egrass- McGrath
Steffen Strick- McGrath
Andrew Runkle-Nikolai
Jimmy Nikolai- Telida
Robert Magnuson Jr- McGrath

Members Absent:

Kevin Whitworth- McGrath
Peter Snow-McGrath
Steve Eluska-Telida
Vacant- Undesignated seat
Clinton Goods- Takotna
Jessie Grady- Takotna
Vernon John- Nikolai
Carl Gregory- Nikolai

Number needed for Quorum on AC: 8

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved.

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved unanimously. Moved by Strick, second by Egrass.

V. Fish & Game Staff Present: Josh Peirce, DWC; Louise Standish, DWC; Nissa Pilcher,* BDS.

VI. Guests Present: Brett Gibbens, DPS; Barb Carlson*, Aaron Poetter; DCF *; Students from McGrath School.

*Attended via teleconference

VII. New Business;

Elections

Due to every seat needing to be updated and for clarity, the new committee is as follows:

McGrath Seats:

Ray Collins, Mark Cox, Lewis Egrass, seats to expire 6/19

Robert Magnuson Jr, Steffen Strick, seats to expire 6/18

Steffen Strick Jr. seat to expire 6/17

Nikolai Seats:

Dan Esai, Nick Petruska, Andrew Runkle, seats to expire 6/19



Undesignated:

Roger Seavoy, seat to expire 6/18

Peter Snow Jr. Ken Deardorff, seat to expire 6/17

Telida:

Steve Nikolia, alt Jimmy Nikolia, still need election at this time

Takotna:

Jesse Grady, Cinton Goods, seat expired 6/14 but council approved both to travel to this meeting, just were not able to attend.

Officer Elections Held

Roger Seavoy, chair

Mark Cox, Vice chair

Ken Deardorff, secretary

Action Item

Chairman Seavoy designated to write letter to USF&WS/Innoko Refuge, urging them to keep the remaining presence in McGrath. Will include endorsement by City of McGrath as well as McGrath Native Village Council.

Chairman Seavoy designated to write letter to AWT to encourage them to continue to fund McGrath Post.

BOARD OF FISHERIES

Proposal 279

Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan; Clarify when 4-inch mesh set gillnets may be used during the early season king salmon subsistence fishery closure.

Great deal of discussion with Carlson (Sleetmute), Aaron (DCF Bethel) et al...via teleconference re; amending the wording of the proposed changes to replace "SHALL" with "MAY" in paragraph 3C

Discussion mainly centered on the threat to headwaters escapement goals not being met if additional fishing periods allowed on the main Kuskokwim with 4-inch mesh under various escapement levels.

The consensus was that ADFG now has sufficient flexibility to provide fishing opportunities as well as provide for projected escapement levels.

The proposal was opposed by this AC. Moved by Collins second by Runkle. Voted was unanimous.

OPPOSED 0/10



Proposal 275:

Create a Tier II subsistence king salmon fishery in the Kuskokwim River.

Although the discussion touched on the possibility of something like tier 2 being possible in the future, consensus is that other tools are in use at this time and progress towards escapement goals is being met.

Tier 2 is not needed at this time.

OPPOSED 0/10

Proposal 276

Establish a permit system for regulating the king salmon subsistence fishery during times of low king salmon runs.

It is thought that this proposal is far too rigid to be practical. It will meet with lack of participation as well as presenting logistical hurdles and enforcement issues when attempting to get permits to those who need/want them. Additionally, many felt that fishermen will not cooperate with marking and record keeping as current projected in the proposal. The consensus is that this is “unworkable” as proposed.

OPPOSED 0/10

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46	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	10	0	
47	Change the definition of “edible meat” for game birds		
Opposed	0	10	AC felt that this could impact trappers in all areas negatively.
51	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Opposed	0	10	Consensus is that this proposal is far too broad.
68	Change the “any bull” or “one bull” bag limits to “any antlered bull” for all moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Opposed	10	0	Consensus is this proposal is far too broad.



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75	Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E		
Support	10	0	AC concurs that it is a good idea to have this IM Plan approved and available for when it is needed.
78	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 19C		
Opposed	0	10	<p>The AC feels that there are sufficient opportunities at this time for harvest of brown/grizzly bears in Unit 19C. If the season opened earlier, the resource would be subject to increased harvest because of very numerous sheep hunters in the area at that time. It is also noted that the bears at that time are still in the mountains eating berries and thus far more exposed and vulnerable to incidental take by sheep hunters in the same habitat.</p> <p>For biological reasons the AC is opposed to this proposal.</p>
79	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 19A		
Support w/Am	10	0	The AC felt that it made sense to amend this proposal to include GMU 19D. The fact that we are trying to grow ungulate populations through increased harvest or wolves and bears, it is logical to include brown bears over baits as well as black bears. There is also a public safety aspect to also support the inclusion of GMU 19D.
80	Remove the restriction on boat horsepower in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A		
Opposed	0	10	The AC feels it is imperative to keep the 40 horsepower limit in place in the Holitna-Hoholitna drainages. We still have not seen the moose recovery desired in this GMU and two other considerations are still extant from the original proposal of this limit. Those being, public safety in a small drainage (potential for boat collisions at high speed in small water) as well as stream bank erosion from large horsepower engines.
81	Specify airports allowed for transporting moose hunters within the Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area		
Support w/Am	8	0	<p>The AC had a lengthy discussion about maintaining the controlled use area and the addition of Medfra as a permitted landing area under "publicly owned airports".</p> <p>After an initial vote of 7/3 to approve the proposal there was some confusion about the potential for inadvertent violations and the potential for public safety issues as well as wanton waste possibilities.</p> <p>Further discussion revealed a desire to reconsider the actions just taken.</p>



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			<p>It was decided that an amendment be inserted in the first line, of the first paragraph.</p> <p>That amendment (BOLD) would read as follows. “...the area is closed <u>during the moose hunting season</u> to the use of aircraft for hunting moose.....”</p> <p>The AC originally voted to support the proposal as written (10/0) but then at the end of the meeting the proposal was put back on the table for reconsideration; in that time two members (Runkle & Nikolai) had left as they had to catch a plane home before nightfall, making the vote to support the amendment unanimous, but with only 8 members present.</p>
82	Change the nonresident sheep season in Unit 19C to a drawing permit hunt with up to 80 permits		
Oppose	2	7	<p>While the AC recognizes that at a point in the very near future this dilemma must be addressed, it also felt that at time it would have far more negative impact on small, local operators than on large, well-funded, commercial operators in the L48 as well as those in more urban areas of Alaska with greater resources for advertising and client acquisition.</p> <p>1 abstaining member</p>

Ray Collins voted to attend the BOG Meeting

Adjournment: 5:00 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Ken Deardorff

Minutes Approved By: Roger Seavoy

Date: _____



**Middle Nenana Advisory Committee
October 26, 2016
Anderson Lions Club**

- I. Call to Order: at 6:20 P.M. by John Basile
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:
Myron Stokes
John Basile
Coke Wallace
Jacob Mattila
Nan Eagleson
Erik Haugen
Paul Van Dyke

Members Absent:
Allen Mortenson (excused)
Matt Nutsvold (excused)
Wayne Valcq (unexcused)
Leroy Sutton (unexcused)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Six

List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda: Agenda reviewed and approved; unanimous.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Meeting minutes approved from 12 Apr 16; unanimous.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Don Young, Alaska Department of Fish and Game Biologist for Unit 20. Maggie Stang, Alaska Wildlife Trooper, Cantwell Post.
- VI. Guests Present: None
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: Agenda/General discussion.



- Don Young from the Department of Fish and Game (F&G) provided updates on harvest statistics from Unit 20A.

- DC827 reports are all in. Any bull drawing reports are almost all in. General harvest reports are not all in yet, and should be by the middle of winter.

- Sheep harvest in 20A crashed in the 80's and 90's. Harvest today has increased. Before the 80's harvest was around 150 sheep a year. During the 80's and 90's harvest dropped to around 50 a year. The last couple of years harvest averaged around 100 per year. Last year hunters harvested 132 sheep. This increase was not because of an action taken by the F&G, but because of the mild weather the last couple of years. There has been two decades of good conditions for adult survival.

- Discussion focused on sealing horns of sheep and all the measurements taken. In the past, there was a problem with subjectivity in judging horns. F&G has tried to correct this with a new program, for example the tube jig, to achieve consistent and common scoring. In addition, this is one reason the troopers are no longer judging sheep.

- Overall, the trend is good in sheep numbers with 132 sheep harvested this year.

- Caribou harvest from DC827 was good. 150 permits were issued, and 135 Caribou were harvested; 51 being males. The harvest number is right around average.

- Moose harvest for 20A draw permits was average. 1000 permits were issued and 494 people drawn hunted this year. Based on 10 years of success rate data, F&G estimated 240 moose would be harvested with these special draw permits; this year's harvest was 248. Success rate for those who hunted was around 50%.

- Specifically DM770 (zone 3) had the highest success rate. 73% of those drawn hunted, and of those who hunted there was a 70% success rate harvesting 57 bulls. F&G estimated 57 based on 10 years of success rate data.

- Other unit 20A special draw permit harvest statistics:

Zone 1 – Harvest 17 Estimated 23

Zone 2 – Harvest 69 Estimated 64

Zone 4 – Harvest 28 Estimated 21

Zone 5 – Harvest 37 Estimated 45

Zone 6 – Harvest 28 Estimated 27

Zone 7 – Harvest 9 Estimated 17

- General moose hunt statistics from last year was 294 harvested, and if average is the same this year it should put unit 20A's harvest to around 500 moose. F&G would like to harvest one bull out of every five. It takes a bull moose five years to get to the 50" class. Bull Moose harvest should be around four to five percent of the population. Figuring 12,000 moose in 20A, 500 harvested is 4 ½% of the population, and this is very sustainable.

- Discussion on 20A. Paul Van Dyke stated he did not see many moose this year. Don stated Ferry showed 23 bulls per 100, and Yanert showed 64 bulls per 100. This data is susceptible to movement and sample size.



- Discussion also covered the Cow Moose special tags in this year’s Drawing Supplement. Don Young stated there would be antlerless hunts in the supplement this year, although not all have been approved yet. F&G wants to keep the moose population between 10,000 to 15,000. Don Young recommends we reduce the heard by harvesting 100 cows so we do not approach the 17,000 to 18,000 heard number like the early 2000’s. When the herd is above 17,000, moose productivity goes down. Because moose are stressed when the heard is large, twin rates drop and the age of first year reproducing cow moose increases. Only 1/3 of moose that should be having their first calves are reproducing. Don Young stated if we delay this proposal, measures that are more drastic would be needed to get the heard numbers down.

- Discussion moved on to the Federal and State MOU. No one noticed any major changes in the MOU, and no one had any issues. There were no objections or comments to the MOU.

- Discussion also focused on the Unit 13 community subsistence hunt. There will be a meeting in Anchorage sometime in March. John Basile stated the Middle Nenana Advisory Committee could put a proposal in since this will affect the community of Cantwell. F&G stated they will not discuss this until the until the next Board meeting.

- Discussion transitioned to Alaska Board of Game 2016/2017 Proposed Changes to Regulations Arctic/Western Region & Interior/Northeast Arctic Region. Discussion and vote to support or oppose is listed in the tables below.

Closing Discussion:

There will be elections for John Basile and Coke Wallace’s seats at the next meeting. Coke stated he will not be able to make the meeting, but is willing to serve another term on the board. The board will also continue further discussion of other proposals in the 2016/2017 Proposed Changes to Regulations booklet.

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46	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	6	1	Paul Van Dyke made a motion to support the Brown bear tag fee exemption. Nan Eagleson felt fee could add revenue to F&G efforts. Paul Van Dyke made a motion to support; Erik Haugen seconded.
48	Allow the use of crossbows in restricted-weapons hunts		
Support	7	0	Paul Van Dyke made a motion to discuss supporting this proposal. Paul stated that many lower-48 states allowing the use of crossbows. Paul Van Dyke made a motion to support this proposal, and John Basile seconded.
49	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
Support	7	0	John Basile made a motion to discuss this proposal. John feels this law penalizes



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			residents for taking relatives on a successful hunt. Don Young mentioned the F&G is having troubles with how the reporting of successful hunts works under this law because a successful hunt counts against two people, and can skew numbers for harvest statistics. John Basil made a motion to support this proposal, and Paul Van Dyke seconded.
63	Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	1	6	Erik Haugen made a motion to support repealing this law. The law unfairly penalizes aircraft owners, and using a plane is no different than watching ATVs roll up and down trails trying to spot game. The law is also unenforceable and the Cantwell Trooper agreed. Whether plane, boat, or ATV, people are using motorized vehicles to try and spot game. Coke Wallace stated this law has helped the management of sheep. Jacob Mattila stated he supports the law because it keeps planes from chasing off sheep while attempting to spot them. Erik Haugen made a motion to support this proposal, and Paul Van Dyke seconded.
64	Restrict the harvest of Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region to one every five years		
65	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
66	Open an archery-only hunting season for Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	4	2	Jacob Mattila made a motion to discuss supporting this proposal. This proposal gives sheep hunters another window of opportunity to harvest a sheep. Coke Wallace was in favor of this proposal because it allowed him and other guides to book another hunt earlier in the season. John Basile was opposed to this because he felt the sheep season is long enough, and this would apply more pressure on sheep. Paul Van Dyke also opposed this proposal. Nan Eagleson abstained from the discussion and vote. Jacob Mattila made a motion to support this proposal, and Erik Haugen seconded.
69	Lengthen the archery-only hunting seasons for moose in Unit 20 and open an archery-only hunting season for moose in all of Unit 20		
Support	6	1	Coke Wallace made a motion to discuss this Proposal. Coke Wallace was in favor of this proposal because it allowed him and other guides to book another hunt later in the moose-hunting season. Paul Van Dyke was opposed to this proposal as he felt the season was long enough. Coke Wallace made a motion to support this proposal, and John Basile seconded.

Adjournment: at 9:25 PM.

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



**Middle Yukon Advisory Committee
1/5/2017
Koyukuk Tribal Office**

- I. Call to Order: 12:00 pm by Benedict Jones
- II. Roll Call: Bendict Jones
Members Present: Paddy Nollner, Dick Evans Galena; Arnold Demoski, Mickie Stickman Nulato; Richard Burnham, Tommy Neglaska Kaltag; Benedict Jones, Tommy Kriska (elected below)
Members Absent: Charlie Green, Fred Huntington (Galena); Douglas Patsy (Nulato); Kevin Saunders, Justin Esmailka (Kaltag)
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7
- III. Approval of Agenda: yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 12/9/2016 & 3/2/2016 (teleconference)
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Glenn Stout, DWC
- VI. Guests Present: Roy Nelson, Dale Kriska
- VII. Old Business: n/a
- VIII. New Business:

Koyukuk Elections:

Benedict Jones and Tommy Kriska elected to the Koyukuk seats, with Leo Lolnitz as alternate

AC Concerns

Weather in relation to moose population, have heard that the population is good but they are hard to catch but have also heard that with low snow the moose are easier prey for wolves. Other member said that is not true, that with low snow the moose have it easier and the wolves can't catch them and that is why the wolves are getting martin and other animals out of peoples trap lines out here. Right now in Huslia the moose have only been able to be caught by the wolves on the lakes on ice.

Glenn noted that the moose collar data is supporting this, survival has gone up. Lower snow, wolves are at foot level and not belly level, and not burning as many calories, twinning rates have gone up.

New wolf packs starting up, don't know how they are surviving. Getting the calves on the ice and getting the old moose. Not big packs. Young wolves coming close enough to town that we are able to shoot them. First time I have ever seen wolves taking bait and also trapped martin out of the sets, you know they must be hungry, normally they leave the trail and go around the trap.

Glenn; the low snow helps the moose but the wolves are still getting some moose

Richard this was a good year, were able to take kings and all the other species were caught, and then the moose are doing really well and we have had a bountiful year this year. Didn't hear a lot of complaints, there are always those that don't get meat, but those that did get moose shared as we do.

Haven't been seeing any black bear tracks, only brown. The browns are chasing or eating them all. Huslia only got 2 bears this year which is odd.



The change of weather has sure had an effect here, we have more beavers, more moose, more brown bears. Some guys went downriver because the moose are headed that way. Moose are expanding range downriver, have seen reports that moose are down swimming in the ocean like they think there will be something on the other side. Holy cross was having a lot of trouble with wolves a couple years ago. They aren't anymore because the moose moved on. We are seeing a good spread of ages of moose in this area and it is due to good management, we are using hunting to regulate the numbers of moose well so we maintain them at a good number and they don't overeat the range. We also saw good quality of moose.

We had really high water the last couple of years, so high there is no sandbars so it is changing how we hunt.

No Geese this year, probably due to lower 48 weather effecting their behavior

Ben noted that there were more pike present then normal, and that there less chums and they were all Canadian bound (on the other side of the river). The fishing periods came up this year unexpected it seemed; me I am always ready, but others were caught unaware. Richard noted that we are transitioning back to allowing openings from having no fish to having some. While escapement is being met, but it is not a lot of fish up there, those second and third pulses are what we can take. We would like to know a day or three ahead of the openers, not just a couple hours so we don't have to worry is it open is it not. Do a better job letting us know so we can ensure we can there is a radio station that goes the entire way down the Yukon and just get it to that station. Discussion of age class present in river, trawlers, dual management

Staff Update; Glenn Stout

Good numbers, good twinning rates,
Discussion on FWS Proposed Rule 11427

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46			Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region Little discussion
47			Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds Other people just take the breasts and throw out the entire rest of the small bird. It is crazy when you see this, it is a lot of waste
92			Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 21C While it doesn't increase take too much, it allows more opportunity.
94			Modify the hunting season for moose in Unit 21D This time frame would really only benefit outside hunters, we would end up with rutted meat as well as disturbing the moose while they are in rut, we are already harvesting at a level that is supported and if it gets changed we might harvest too many.
95			Eliminate the drawing permits DM812 in Unit 21C and DM896 in the remainder of Unit 24C and change



the RM834 subsistence registration permit to a general registration permit without the antler destruction requirement

Support Based on the department’s analysis, we are in support of this.

97 Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region, and change the permit allocation in Unit 21B

Opposed Questions asked of the department of current ratio of resident and nonresident hunters,

98 Eliminate the requirement for a nonresident wolf tag in Unit 21

TNA

100 Institute no-fly zones for caribou hunting in Units 21D, 22, 23, 24, & 26A

Support Anything that helps the population recover is what we want. Who knows how long it will take, but this might help.

103 Modify the hunt structure of the Western Arctic and Teshekpuk caribou herds

Support

w/Am Amendment: Keep Units 21 and 24 to report with a harvest ticket, and let Region V to go to a Registration Permit

Benedict with alternate Richard to represent the AC at the INT BOG meeting.

Discussion of last year’s BOF meeting as well as the current RAC Application period that is open, and additional comments to changes in the landscape attributed to global warming such as warmer rivers and melting

BOF

Nulato River subsistence hook and line fishing, Richards understanding is that it is sport fishing meaning that you need a fishing license. Kaltag (old village river) you can use hook and line for subsistence fishing- we put that proposal in. I assumed that we had also done that in Nulato river, but I heard that there were some folks potentially getting in trouble. People don’t know that they need it some places and don’t in others. People would fish for trout and grayling in the fall time with, although maybe it is because nonlocal people fish in those rivers.

Federal and state duck stamp confusion; why do we have to pay two different people?- Glenn noted that federally qualified users don’t have to purchase the federal stamp and that if you are over 60 and have the permanent ID or purchase the low income license you don’t have to buy it either.

Concerned that the state will allow commercial fishing on silver salmon, so we need to watch how many silvers are taken in Y1-3 since we are now depending on those fish. We don’t want them to overfish the fall chum. This is the fish that saved us, the commercial fishermen could say that the kings are back and you don’t need the fall chums and overfish it. Maybe the ac should put a proposal in on this subject. Need to think about further down the road.

Adjournment: 2:55 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Mikey Stickman with help from RC
Minutes Approved By: Benedict Jones
Date: 2/2/2017



**Minto Nenana Advisory Committee
1/24/2017
Minto Lodge Conference Room**

- I. Call to Order: 11:16 am by Candace Titus, Minto CO-Chair
- II. Roll Call: Candace Titus, Philip Titus, Knowland Silas, Minto; Victor Lord, Donald Charlie, Tim McManus, Steve Ketzler, Nenana
Members Absent: Eric Bauchmann & Charlie Titus Jr, Minto; Ray Stevens, Nenana
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 11/12/2015 Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, DWC; Caroline Brown (via teleconference), SUBS; Nissa Pilcher, BDS
- VI. Guests Present: Gordon Riely, Peter John, other individuals from Minto
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:

Staff Update; Tony Hollis

Current moose population in GMU 20A and 20B given as well as current recent hunt statistics. Question on amount of calves taken, 20A antlerless hunt permit allocation & spatial distribution of antlerless moose in 20A, wolf populations and movement, some concern with the ‘any bull’ season but members were understanding of not doing it in September especially over labor day, and appreciate the ability to take kids without having to miss school. Railroad kill question; AK RR doesn’t really tell, get word about

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47	Change the definition of “edible meat” for game birds		
Support	7	0	We take everything home. Members noted they have seen whole pile of ducks rotting in the Minto flats where people did not even salvage anything but the breasts, so they didn’t even take home anything for trapping bait much less the soup pot. We would rather everyone have to salvage the ENTIRE bird- including head, wings, and feet; it is ethically and culturally important to us. Used to give the young boys at potlatch the duck head. One member noted that he can give people a soup recipe for the rest of the bird if they don’t know what to do with it, just throw the rest of the bird in a pot with some water, rice, macaroni, potatoes and salt. Yum!



125	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	7	0	Little discussion other than referencing the staff update provided by Tony Hollis, the population is strong and the amount of hunting on antlerless moose is of no threat to the population. Nenana noted that they are only targeting barren cows regardless if other animals are legal or not.
127	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
Oppose	0	7	Members asked the department what they thought of this. While we wish we could still hunt like this, there is too many hunters out there and they could take too many bulls this way and we do not want the moose to go the way of the king salmon.
128	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
Oppose	0	7	Members asked the department what they thought of this. While we wish we could still hunt like this, there is too many hunters out there and they could take too many bulls this way and we do not want the moose to go the way of the king salmon.
129	Change the antler restrictions for moose hunting in Unit 20A		
Oppose	0	7	Members asked the department what they thought of this. While we wish we could still hunt like this, there is too many hunters out there and they could take too many bulls this way and we do not want the moose to go the way of the king salmon.
130	Reauthorize antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20B, and remove incorrect language for the winter muzzleloader registration hunt for bulls and the targeted antlerless hunts in Unit 20B		
Support	7	0	Little discussion other than referencing the staff update provided by Tony Hollis, the population is strong and the amount of hunting on antlerless moose is of no threat to the population.
131	Modify the hunting season dates for antlerless moose in Unit 20B		
Oppose	0	7	This would create an 'any moose' season in the flats at times which does not seem like a good idea, and we believe that the quota would probably be reached during that earlier season and then there would be no winter portion which we like to utilize if we were unable to get a moose in the fall.
132	Lengthen the nonresident hunting season for moose in Unit 20B remainder		
Oppose	0	7	Fish numbers are down and we need more red meat, we need to preserve our hunting opportunity.
135	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 20C		
Support	7	0	It takes effort to get into 20C, so if someone is out there, like the author of this proposal, trying to make a living and incidentally catches a wolverine he should be able to keep it instead of forfeiting it.
136	Reevaluate the intensive management finding for the Delta caribou herd		
TNA			There was a discussion of the caribou herd that used to come through Nenana in the 1980's, and also briefly discussing the small population of caribou in 20C, Nenana wanted to support but deferred to Minto who did not want to take action.
137	Implement an intensive management program for the Delta caribou herd		
TNA			There was a discussion of the caribou herd that used to come through Nenana in the 1980's, and also briefly discussing the small population of caribou in 20C, Nenana wanted to support but deferred to Minto who did not want to take action.
138	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Units 20A and 20B remainder		
Opposed	0	7	While we support increased opportunity for brown bear hunting we are VERY opposed to brown bear baiting and this was written to increase opportunity for that.
139	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20F		
Opposed	0	7	Against the baiting of brown bears.
140	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 20F		
Opposed	0	7	Against the baiting of brown bears.
141	Close a portion of Unit 20C to the taking of wolf		
Opposed	0	7	This would restrict resident opportunity and the learning of traditional practices, this is



			an area that a nephew of one of the members learned to trap and would not like to see it made illegal.
142	Close a portion of Unit 20 near Denali National Park to the taking of wolf		
Opposed	0	7	This would restrict resident opportunity and the learning of traditional practices, this is an area that a nephew of one of the members learned to trap and would not like to see it made illegal.

Tim McManus was nominated to attend the BOG Meeting in Fairbanks to represent the committee.

Statewide BOG Proposals

Lift the restrictions of using a motorboat while duck hunting. Donald Charlie noted that he is pushing 70 years old and can't be paddling around and lifting the motor out of the water. You can currently use the motor for placement and retrieval, 10 ducks a day is not much, and if you are floating down the river it would be nice to be able to use the motor a little. The idea is not to chase them, but just assist more. Minto Nenana supports his proposal and would like to be added as a consignee
Unanimous support

AC Comments:

Victor noted that he goes to a lot of fish meetings and while the kings are coming back he is still concerned and it wouldn't take long for the fish to tank again with all the pressure at the mouth of the river. The fish quality was pretty bum this year- didn't see a silver chum salmon until October. For this many fishermen to complain about the quality of fish is pretty extreme. Tim fished this fall past the bridge right by Stevens and we were catching a lot of fish, the fish were later but it seemed like only 10 out of 100 were suitable for drying. As we were loading up the net got back in the water and caught 3 fish that were good. It seems like the good fish are coming in later and later. When the fish are really poor that means that they could have that fungus disease or they are near their spawning area and it seems people can fish in the same spot and never have a problem and then one year you get bad ones, need to pay attention to what side of the river you are fishing on. Had high water the last couple of years maybe that is effecting it. We will see what happens next year with the quality.

Adjournment: 1:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Candace Titus with help from coordinator
Minutes Approved By: Tim McManus
Date: 1/26/2017



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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.



Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting

January 6-9, 2017, Bethel

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
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



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:**

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| 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

Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting January 6-9, 2017, Bethel			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
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.



Alaska Board of Game Arctic/Western Meeting

January 6-9, 2017, Bethel

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
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.

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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



**Sitka Fish and Game Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Date of Meeting: December 7th, 2016
Location: Sitka Sound Science Center**

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Chair John Murray
- II. Roll call:
 - a. Members present
 - i. Jerry Barber, Hand Troller Seat
 - ii. Randy Gluth, Hunting seat
 - iii. Moe Johnson, Seiner Seat
 - iv. Dick Curran, Longliner Seat
 - v. John Murray, Power troll Seat, Chair
 - vi. Tad Fujioka, Trapping seat
 - vii. Jon Martin, Guide, secretary
 - viii. Brian Massey, resident sport fish, Vice Chair
 - ix. Bradley Shaffer, at large seat
 - x. Wayne Unger, processor seat
 - xi. Luke Bastain, charter seat
 - xii. Joel Markis, alternate
 - xiii. Eric Jordan, alternate
 - b. Members absent
 - i. Jeff Feldpauch, alternate
 - ii. Karen Johnson, at large
 - c. Number needed for quorum on AC: 7
 - d. List of User Groups Present: Hand Troller, Hunting, seiner, longling, power troll, trapping, guide, resident sportfish, at large, processor, charter
- III. Approve of Agenda: approved without vote
- IV. Minutes unanimously approved for Feb 2016 meeting
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
- VI. Guests Present: Andrew Thoms, Matt Donahue,
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Businesses:
 1. Brian Massey nominates John Murray to be **Power Troller** representative. 16 voted in favor, 0 voted against.
 2. Jon Martin nominates Andrew Thoms for **Conservation Seat**. 15 voted in favor. 0 voted against
 3. Tad Fujioka nominates Dick Curran for **longliner seat**. 16 voted in favor. 0 voted against
 4. Tad Fujioka nominates Chris Whitehead for Shellfish representative seat. 17 voted in favor. 0 voted again.



5. Discussion of officer seats. John Murray steps down from chair seat. Joel Markis nominates Jon Martin to be chair. Brad Shaffer seconds. 11 votes in favor. 0 against
6. Eric Jordan nominates Andrew Thoms for secretary seat. Jon Martin seconds vote. 11 votes in favor. 0 against.
7. Discussion of board of fish proposals and made a call for any Southeast Alaska related finfish proposals
8. Discussion of Board of Game proposals
 - a. Tad Fujioka moved to support ADFG proposal 143; Jerry Barber seconded. 12 voted to support, no opposition. Motion passes
9. Discussion of Naval exercises in Gulf of Alaska and the recent City of Sitka resolution to oppose exercises.
 - a. Tad Fujioka moves to write a letter outlining the Sitka Advisory Committee’s support of the City of Sitka’s resolution. Joel Markis seconds. All 12 members of the AC present unanimously voted in favor of the motion.
10. Discussion of seating on the Sitka Advisory Committee. Eric Jordan gave history of how seats were defined. He outlined that specific seats were defined through long discussions and carried out decisions on what specific seats were needed to best represent community and the ways that Sitka uses and depends on Fish and Game and natural resources.
 - a. It was decided that Tad Fujioka, John Murray, Eric Jordan, Brian Massey, and Andrew Thoms will review and make recommendations on seats based on historic designations of seats and current interest areas and make recommendations for full AC.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	143	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 1C	
X Support <input type="checkbox"/> Support as Amended <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> No Action	12	0	



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.



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
47	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 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, looking for salvage of duck, grouse and other non-migratory bird parts.</p>
51	Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region until harvest and population objectives are met		
Oppose	0	5	<p>While this seems like a good idea, there could be enough resistance from guides and transporters, preventing the board / dept. from getting a new IM designation in place. There is already a method to get non-resident hunting removed if it is warranted.</p>
52	Establish a ten percent nonresident drawing permit allocation cap in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region for Dall sheep, moose, brown bear, and caribou		
Support	0	5	
53	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		
No action			
54	Change "general season" to "subsistence hunt" for Interior/Northeast Arctic Region black bear hunts having positive customary and traditional use findings		
No action			
55	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for moose in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, and 24		
No action			
56	Clarify the resident general and subsistence hunting seasons and the nonresident general hunting seasons for Dall sheep for Units 19, 24, 25A, and 26		
No action			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
68	Change the "any bull" or "one bull" bag limits to "any antlered bull" for all moose hunts in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	5	This proposal would negatively affect the Lime Village TM684 Hunt during the Nov. 20-Mar. 31 opening. If reg language were changed from the existing "2 bulls" to "one antlered bull", it would make it harder to verify an animal's sex from a distance. This proposal applies to all moose hunts in Region 3, and might be a positive change in GMU 20 & some others, but not in 19A and B.
72	Allow the harvest of wolf and coyote by land and shoot with a trapping license in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
No action			The committee likes the proposal, but knows that same day airborne comes up against federal and state laws, and probably won't be seriously considered by BOG.
74	Change the antler restrictions for resident moose hunting in Unit 19B		
No Action			This proposal is limited to the Aniak River drainage in 19B, and will most likely not affect hunting in the area and people that SHAC represents. Members know that this change could affect moose numbers quickly in a negative way, depending on the amount of hunting pressure.
75	Reauthorize the predation control program in Unit 21E		
Support	5	0	With little discussion SHAC supports this reauthorization. We support the concepts of IM and predator control.
77	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21E		
Support	5	0	This is a good predator control tool in an IM area. With 2 bears, the sale of hides & skulls is legal, providing an incentive for increased bear harvest.
78	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 19C		
No action			SHAC decided to leave this to the McGrath AC, since they are more familiar with the area.
79	Allow the harvest of brown bear at bear bait stations in Unit 19A		
Support	5	0	There are many GMUs that already allow this. Brown bears often appear at black bear bait stations & is a safety issue for hunters. GMU 19A is an IM area that could use bear predator control throughout the GMU to improve calf survival and rebuild moose stocks.
80	Remove the restriction on boat horsepower in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A		
Oppose	0	5	<u>IMPORTANT</u> - for BOG members to look at the attached pages on Proposal 80, which provides some of the history of the CUA & how well it has worked. SHAC members think this is an opportunity for ADF&G and the AC to educate those on the board that are unfamiliar with how well it has worked. There were several 1994 proposals by GUA 18 residents, to get rid of the 40 hp CUA, of which 111 & 119 were two. The Wildlife Conservation comment on 119, applies to 111 as well. 111 is the proposal



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			<p>BOG took action on.</p> <p>This CUA was implemented when there were high moose numbers in the Holitna drainage, but the hp restriction is important whether moose #s are high or low. This CUA with the 40 hp restriction is listed as a "Key Regulation" in the Central Kuskokwim Moose Management Plan, along with the other CUAs in 19A & B. The CUA addresses high horsepower safety concerns, including bank erosion, salmon spawning areas, and hunter competition with local 19A residents. When future hunts are implemented in the area, the 40 hp limit will be even more critical for the same reasons as when it was created.</p>
81	Specify airports allowed for transporting moose hunters within the Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area		
No action			<p>It seems odd that folks who live there or have a cabin can't access it by plane. The McGrath AC is more familiar with this issue than SHAC, and this proposal does not directly affect SHAC villages. SHAC considered supporting this proposal, and will support what the McGrath AC decides.</p>
82	Change the nonresident sheep season in Unit 19C to a drawing permit hunt with up to 80 permits		
No Action			<p>The McGrath AC is more familiar with this issue than SHAC, and this proposal does not directly affect SHAC villages. SHAC considered supporting this proposal, and will support what the McGrath AC decides.</p>
83	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Oppose	0	5	<p>The Mulchatna herd is growing slowly & younger cows are calving, but is still at a very low point. Resident hunting has been drastically reduced for years, ever since the herd started to dwindle. At this point, SHAC would rather see any additional harvest done by residents rather than non-residents.</p>

Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher & Barb Carlson

Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney

Date: 12-12-2016



RE: Proposal 80 / Background & history of Holitna-Hoholitna CUA

The Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area was formed in 1992 at the Region III BOG meeting.

It was the outcome of lawsuit filed by GMU18 interests in the name of the Village of Sleetmute, against the State. The suit claimed that commercial guiding interests were unfair competition for local hunters in moose hunting, that they wasted meat, etc.

The final judgment in Superior Court on May 7, 1993, was in favor of Sleetmute.

At the 1994 Region III meeting, records kept by ADF&G showed that GMU 18 hunters were by far the main competition Sleetmute hunters had for fall moose hunting. They had consistently harvested 60- 80% of the moose taken in the Holitna Drainage ever since commercial fishing had taken hold, and fish prices had risen on the lower Kuskokwim. The larger boats with high hp outboards brought these hunters on 500-600 mile round trips into GMU 19.

So BOG generated a proposal forming the CUA with a 40hp limit on boats used for hunting in most of the Holitna drainage. The people of Sleetmute don't want to see this, CUA disappear.

In 2008 there was also a proposal, (87), to get rid of the CUA at the Region III BOG meeting.

The Central Kuskokwim Moose Management Plan, (finalized in 2004), lists the Holitna-Hoholitna CUA as one of the "Key Regulations" that was in place before the planning project began, along with the Upper Holitna-Hoholitna Management Area, and The Non-resident Closed Areas in GMUs 19A & B.

Attached is –

- An August 26, 1994 memo from former McGrath Area Biologist Jack Whitman to Wildlife Conservation Director Chris Smith. It discusses the effectiveness of the 40 HP during its first 2 years.
- The ADF&G Wildlife Conservation comment on 1994 Region III BOG Proposal 119. There were several proposals at that meeting, to close the 40HP CUA, (#s 111- 121), made mostly by GMU18 residents.
- Proposal 119
- Board action on Proposal 111. There was no board action on Proposal 119, due to action taken on Proposal 111.



Date: 26 August 1994
To: Chris Smith
From: Jack Whitman
Re: Notes on Holitna CUA

Figure 7 displays reported hunter success rates in Subunit 19A of hunters from GMU 18, as well as depicting success rates by all hunters combined (including GMU 18 hunters). This clearly indicates that GMU 18 hunters have enjoyed higher moose hunting success rates than other segments of the hunting population during 4 of the last 6 years. Most notably, the success rates increased substantially during the 1992 and 1993 seasons, during which time the horsepower restrictions have been in effect. I hesitate to get too froggy, but Figure 7 kinda smacks of good management.

Figure 8 shows reported hunter success rates in GMU 19B by hunters from GMU 18 and hunters from all residences. It too, indicates that GMU 18 residents have enjoyed higher success rates during 5 of the last 6 years than the general hunting populace in GMU 19B. I really don't understand the lawsuit. Please explain.

Figure 9. It's obvious from the mandatory hunter reports that success rates throughout GMU 19 by GMU 18 residents has increased substantially during the 2 years that the horsepower restrictions have been in place. Further, during 1992 (the first year of the horsepower restriction), GMU 18 hunters harvested more moose than at any time during the previous 6 years in GMU 19.

Further, I would bet that if the GMU 18 hunters would quit poaching the Unit 18 moose and let them build to reasonable population levels, they wouldn't have to travel to GMU 19 to hunt: they would have plenty to go around if they'd allow them to become established.

It should be noted, that if subsistence harvest of moose is the real issue, the total reported take in the Holitna and Hoholitna River drainages (where local hunters, both Unit 18 and Unit 19 residents, make up the vast majority of users) was higher during the 2 years of the horsepower restrictions than during any of the 3 preceding years.

If safety of boaters is the issue, the bigger the boat, the bigger the wake. It could be argued that the big boats (generally from GMU 18) are a hazard to the local (GMU 19) residents. The GMU 18 hunters should learn how to pack a boat reasonably and not overload.

There are myriad variables in regards to the question of number of river miles available to hunters, making it very difficult to obtain a pat answer. Annual (or daily) water levels, whether the boat is equipped with a lift, short shaft, jet unit, etc., as well as knowledge/skill level of the pilot all make a tremendous difference in whether a stream is "navigable". Nevertheless, I've made a stab at estimating the miles of navigable waterways in GMU 19.

When the entire Kuskokwim upstream of Kalskag (including the tributaries) is considered, I estimate there are about 650 river miles navigable by "large" boat, of which about 200 miles are on the Holitna/Hoholitna (31%). When smaller and/or shallower streams are considered, about 1,900 miles of waterways are available, of which the Holitna/Hoholitna Rivers make up less than 14% (about 260 miles).

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FISH & GAME-McGRATH

FAX NO. 9075243323



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STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION DIVISION

PROPOSAL 119. 5AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS.

This proposal would delete the Holitna/Hoholitna Controlled Use Area.

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? Hunters will waste meat that they can't pack out without ATV's. Hunters will violate the law and use ATV's anyway.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? Those who don't have pack horses or employ them.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? Those who want no ATV noise during the last ten days of season.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED? Do away with ATV restriction. Some board members opposed this.

PROPOSED BY: Central Peninsula Advisory Committee (HQ-94-G-24)

PROPOSAL 111 - 5 AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS. Change the Upper Kuskokwim and Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area as follows:

Delete aircraft and outboard motor restrictions in these controlled use areas.

PROBLEM: Non-biologically justified restriction on access for hunting in the Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area and the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. These two areas have the highest moose density and healthiest populations in the state. The current access restrictions (aircraft and outboard motor restrictions) are racially and/or residency based and cannot withstand legal scrutiny.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? The board should manage the State's wildlife and not our human population.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? Persons who believe in equality and equal access.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? User groups who live inside the limited access areas.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED?

PROPOSED BY: Lynn Levensgood (HQ-94-G-92)

PROPOSAL 112 - 5 AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS. Change the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area as follows:

Erase the horsepower limitation on boat motors as there is no need for it.

PROBLEM: The limit of only 40 horse engines on the Holitna River during the fall hunting season.



PROPOSAL 119 - 5 AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS. Change the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area as follows:

That the motor horsepower limit be removed to accomodate the boat that is being driven on state navigable waters.

PROBLEM: 40 horsepower limit on Holitna River.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? The people of the Lower Kuskokwim will not be able to buy a 40 h.p. outboard and pay a \$400 hunting fee and pay a \$150 storage fee at Red Devil. We will not get into state owned country to hunt.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? The people that don't have money to buy a 40 h.p. and people who hunt on the Holitna for moose and caribou.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? Nobody.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED?

PROPOSED BY: Jerry Demientieff (HQ-94-G-28)

PROPOSAL 120 - 5 AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS. Change the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area as follows:

All outboard motor restriction would be removed. If hunter number needs to be controlled by state law restrict non-residents first. No float planes on Holitna.

PROBLEM: Remove 40 HP limitation from Holitna River for moose hunting.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? Hunters from down river use larger motors. This rule prevents down river hunters from using Holitna River while allowing non-resident hunters to sport hunt using airplanes. There isn't any biological reason to limit access to the Holitna. Down river hunters will be banned from area.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? All hunters on Kuskokwim River with motor larger than 40 H.P. This is almost all of the hunters from Aniak down river.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? A couple of guides or outfitters who want the Holitna River as their private hunting area.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED?

PROPOSED BY: Eric Shrum (W-94-G-1)

PROPOSAL 121 - 5 AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS. Change the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area as follows:



SUMMARY OF ACTIONS BOARD OF GAME

MARCH 26 - APRIL 5, 1994 ANCHORAGE WESTCOAST INTERNATIONAL INN

DESIGNATED REPORTER: Nancylee S. Babbitt

This summary of actions is for information purposes only and is not intended to detail, reflect or fully interpret the reasons for the Board's actions.

SOUTHEAST REGION PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL NO. 1 **ACTION:** Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 85.015. Reduce Unit 1C black bear bag limit to one bear.

DISCUSSION: There is no problem with bear population in this area.

PROPOSAL NO. 2 **ACTION:** Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 85.015. Reduce Unit 3 black bear bag limit by one bear.

DISCUSSION: Bear in this area remain constant, only 13 second bears have been taken.

PROPOSAL NO. 8 **ACTION:** Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 85.020. Change Unit 1B brown bear season to September 1 - December 31.

DISCUSSION: There is not an over abundance of bears in this area only one bear killed in the time period when the season was opened this early.



PROPOSAL NO. 107 **ACTION:** Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Add aircraft to motorized vehicle restrictions in the Yanert Controlled Use Area.

DISCUSSION: Proposal is probably in response to tourist air traffic east of Denali Park which causes disturbance to horseback hunters. Most hunting access is by horseback. Adoption of this proposal would reallocate the harvest among different user groups. The problem is tourist flights and the board cannot create a CUA that eliminates people from flying in for non-hunting purposes.

PROPOSAL NO. 111 **ACTION:** Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. The Upper Kuskokwim and Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete aircraft and outboard motor restrictions.

DISCUSSION: People from 19A generally use small river boats with 40 h.p. or less. Down river residents were using commercial fishing boats with 100/200 h.p. motors. Down river residents generally felt the problem was aircraft into upper portions of watershed. A check station established in the late 1980's and harvest tickets showed increasing resident use, but little impact from aircraft. Moose and caribou are at moderate density in the area. Effects of the CUA has been to displace hunting effort upstream in the Kuskokwim. Other hunters have found a way around regs by towing a small boat behind big boat till they get to the Holitna than towing their big boat with a small boat. Also some have taken larger boats up the Holitna and indicated they are not hunting while in their larger boats. 19A residents are happy with and support current regs. Lower Kuskokwim residents opposed. One board member noted that he had heard no compelling reason to change the 40 h.p. restriction. Another board member noted testimony from one Bethel resident who was initially opposed to the restriction and now is satisfied with the reg.

PROPOSAL NO. 112 **ACTION:** No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 113 **ACTION:** No action

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DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 114 **ACTION:** No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 115 **ACTION:** No action

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DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

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DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

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DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 118 **ACTION:** No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 119 **ACTION:** No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.



RE: Proposal 79:

SHAC unanimously supports Proposal 79, but we neglected to offer an amendment to include all of GMU 19, rather than only 19B.

This will make bear baiting safer for those engaged in it, since they will be able to kill brown bears, rather than attempting to avoid them, when they arrive at their bait stations.

This will provide another incentive for locals and guides to set up bait stations.



RE: Proposal 80:

The following pages are-

- An August 26, 1994 memo from McGrath Area Biologist Jack Whitman to Chris Smith who was a specialist in Wildlife Conservation / ADF&G. The memo dicusses the effectiveness of the 40 hp limit in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area during the 1st 2 years the CUA was in place.
- The ADF&G Wildlife Conservation comment on 1994 Region III BOG Proposal 119, to close the 40hp CUA. There were several proposals to close the CUA at this meeting, (proposals 111-121), made by GMU18 residents.
- The Board took action on Proposal 111, so took no action on the others.



Date: 26 August 1994
To: Chris Smith
From: Jack Whitman
Re: Notes on Holitna CUA

Figure 7 displays reported hunter success rates in Subunit 19A of hunters from GMU 18, as well as depicting success rates by all hunters combined (including GMU 18 hunters). This clearly indicates that GMU 18 hunters have enjoyed higher moose hunting success rates than other segments of the hunting population during 4 of the last 6 years. Most notably, the success rates increased substantially during the 1992 and 1993 seasons, during which time the horsepower restrictions have been in effect. I hesitate to get too froggy, but Figure 7 kinda smacks of good management.

Figure 8 shows reported hunter success rates in GMU 19B by hunters from GMU 18 and hunters from all residences. It too, indicates that GMU 18 residents have enjoyed higher success rates during 5 of the last 6 years than the general hunting populace in GMU 19B. I really don't understand the lawsuit. Please explain.

Figure 9. It's obvious from the mandatory hunter reports that success rates throughout GMU 19 by GMU 18 residents has increased substantially during the 2 years that the horsepower restrictions have been in place. Further, during 1992 (the first year of the horsepower restriction), GMU 18 hunters harvested more moose than at any time during the previous 6 years in GMU 19.

Further, I would bet that if the GMU 18 hunters would quit poaching the Unit 18 moose and let them build to reasonable population levels, they wouldn't have to travel to GMU 19 to hunt; they would have plenty to go around if they'd allow them to become established.

It should be noted, that if subsistence harvest of moose is the real issue, the total reported take in the Holitna and Hoholitna River drainages (where local hunters, both Unit 18 and Unit 19 residents, make up the vast majority of users) was higher during the 2 years of the horsepower restrictions than during any of the 3 preceding years.

If safety of boaters is the issue, the bigger the boat, the bigger the wake. It could be argued that the big boats (generally from GMU 18) are a hazard to the local (GMU 19) residents. The GMU 18 hunters should learn how to pack a boat reasonably and not overload.

There are myriad variables in regards to the question of number of river miles available to hunters, making it very difficult to obtain a pat answer. Annual (or daily) water levels, whether the boat is equipped with a lift, short shaft, jet unit, etc., as well as knowledge/skill level of the pilot all make a tremendous difference in whether a stream is "navigable". Nevertheless, I've made a stab at estimating the miles of navigable waterways in GMU 19.

When the entire Kuskokwim upstream of Kalskag (including the tributaries) is considered, I estimate there are about 650 river miles navigable by "large" boat, of which about 200 miles are on the Holitna/Hoholitna (31%). When smaller and/or shallower streams are considered, about 1,900 miles of waterways are available, of which the Holitna/Hoholitna Rivers make up less than 14% (about 260 miles).



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**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**
 - o KMO residents don't start seeing moose moving around until after Sept 15th in the areas they hunt (Ualik, Weary, and Snake)
 - o Kenneth suggests lengthening the season by 5 days.
 - o 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)
 - o 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

Tok Cutoff/Nabesna Road Fish & Game Advisory Committee
12/15/2016
Slana School



- I. Meeting was called to order at 5 pm by Cole Ellis.
- II. Roll Call: All member terms are expired, so the purpose of this meeting is to re-activate the advisory committee.

Previous Member Roster: Bill Albaugh, Ole Bates, James Beeter, Ernie Charley, Cole Ellis, Wayne Schafer, Thumper Williamson.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

Public Present: Robert Herington, Brenda Herington, Wayne Shafer, Ernie Charley, Eddie Green, Bob Medinger, Cole Ellis, Brad Garitt, Christy Ellis, Beverly Weterdall, Keith Webster, Amanda Abraham, Karen Linnell

- III. Approval of Agenda: Committee is meeting for the purpose of re-activation and discuss Interior Region Board of Game proposals.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: none
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frank Robbins, Heidi Hatcher, Sherry Wright
- VI. Old Business: none
- VII. New Business: Elections were held with the following results: Ernie Charley, Wayne Shafer & Cole Ellis elected for terms expiring 6/19. Bob Herington, Christy Ellis elected for terms expiring 6/18. Eddie Green and Keith Webster with terms expiring 6/17. Amanda Abraham and Ole Bates as alternates with terms expiring 6/17.

Officer elections were held as follows: Ernie Charley as Chair, Cole Ellis as Vice Chair, and Amanda Abraham as Secretary.

Alaska Board of Game Interior Region Meeting			
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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
49	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred		
No action			No action based on Proposal 50
50	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident second degree of kindred for the Interior Region		
Oppose	0	7	Keep it the way it is so if a guy brings his brother up to guide him, he has to punch his



Alaska Board of Game Interior Region Meeting

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
			tag.
63	Remove the restriction on the use of aircraft for spotting Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Support	7	0	There is trouble with enforcing this. This creates conflict with resident hunters and those flying in with others on just what they are doing. It's a ridiculous law.
65	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	7	Prefer status quo to maintain our sheep population.
66	Open an archery-only hunting season for Dall sheep in the Interior/Northeast Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	7	This seeks a special season for a select user group and they could hunt in the regular season.
84	Lengthen the trapping season for wolf in Units 12 and 20E		
Support	7	0	Favor the opportunity to harvest more wolves.
89	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 12		
Oppose	0	7	Concern of ability to determine the brow tines. This seems to be a proposal to allow the larger moose to survive for breeding purpose. Would prefer this just say any bull.
90	Expand the Copper Basin community subsistence harvest hunt area by adding a part of Unit 12		
Oppose	0	7	Lot of communities that could put too much pressure on a condensed area.
91	Modify the hunting season and bag limits for grouse in Unit 12		
Support as amended	7	0	There has been recent increase of local depletion of these animals by large groups hunting them. Would recommend this is applied to Unit 11 and 13 as well. Amend end of the season to March 31.
147	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 13		
Support	4	3	There was some positive and some negative comments, some just don't agree with cow harvest. Some agree with the department that it is a useful tool for the department to use if needed.
153	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	7	0	Need more brown bear harvest, prefer a bounty.

Wayne Shafer was approved to represent the advisory committee at the Board of Game meeting in Fairbanks. He will contact Sherry Wright regarding his travel.

Next meeting will be in early February in order to discuss the caribou and moose in Units 11 – 13. The BOG meeting is tentatively in Glennallen March 18 – 21.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Amanda Abraham
Minutes Approved By: Ernie Charley
Date: 12/20/2016



01/03/2017 Upper Tanana/Fortymile Advisory Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:12PM at the Tok Fish and Game conference room. Board members present were: Leif Wilson (Chair), Lyle Cronk, Frank Entsminger, Matt Snyder and Jake Combs. Guests included: Bob Gingue and Jeff Wells from the local ADF & G office, Shawn Bayless and Ross Flagen from the Tetlin Wildlife Refuge and Barb Pine.

Agenda was approved with no additions. November 22, 2106 meeting minutes had not been distributed to the Board yet, so no motion to approve.

Staff Updates – Report on the Fortymile winter hunt. There were 567 caribou taken in Zone 1, the Steese Highway and just 1 caribou in Zone 3 on the Taylor Highway by Eagle. Quota is at 100.

Shawn Bayless stated the Nelchina herd is headed towards the refuge and some in the Black Hills. Hunters may take 2 caribou on the refuge this year but only 1 may be a cow.

Jeff Wells also reported on the moose survey in the Upper Tok River Area where they were able to do about 50% of the units. 41/100 ratio bull/cow where in 2012 it was 33/100 and back in 2006 it was approximately 20/100 and that is when the 4 brow tines as added to the regulations.

Hunting Access Project – The department has money to spend on hunter access. Some ideas were to improve the road into the burn area down the south road and also make better access to the board ramp along the Tanana. Forestry will probably do the work since they have the equipment.

Comments on Interior Board of Game Proposals – Leif suggested that the AC go through the proposals, in order, making it easier to follow.

Proposal 5) Nothing to comment

Proposal 6) All Alaskans to be included as residents – Let the Board deal with it.

Proposal 16) 90/10 resident/non-resident for draws, no comment, and discussion was to go with what the Board decided at the last meeting. The AC has been through all this and is worn out. In certain cases, this might make sense but not everywhere.

Proposal 47) Edible meat must be salvaged from large game birds. Jake mad a motion to support and Frank seconded. Call to vote. 0 – 4 Failed

Proposal 48) Crossbow as 4th approved hunting tools in general hunts, not in areas of archery only. No motion made.

Proposal 49 & 50) Bag limits with kindred. Frank moved to support and Matt seconded. 0 – 4 Failed.

Proposal 51) To limit non-resident in IM areas. Frank moved to support, Lyle seconded. 0 – 4 Failed.

Proposal 63) Aircraft used for spotting dall sheep which repeals 207. Jake made motion to support and Frank seconded. 0 – 4 Failed. After more discussion, Frank agreed to write a letter to include youth



season in 207 to clarify date vs. open season. Frank made motion to modify proposal 63 to take away date and make it any open sheep season. 4 – 0 Passed.

Proposal 67) Permit for hunting bear with use of bait or scent lures. Frank moved to support and Matt seconded. 4 – 0 Passed.

Proposal 68) Change any bull to any antlered bull. Frank moved to support, Jake seconded. 4 – 0 Passed.

Proposal 69) To extend archery season. Jake made a motion to support, Frank seconded. 0 – 4 Failed.

Proposal 70) Disabled Veterans hunt. Let the Board decide.

Proposal 71) Hunters over 60 to be able to use crossbow in archery areas. Frank moved to support, Jake seconded. 0 -4 Failed.

Proposal 72) Land and shoot wolf or coyote for trapping license holders. Matt moved to approve, Jake seconded. This enables a trapper using his aircraft to be able to get ahead of a pack, land and establish cover to shoot. As well as spotting a kill site from the air and be able to land and shoot. 4 – 0 Passed.

Proposal 86) Establish ¼ mile corridor from each side of the Taylor Highway. Frank moved to support, Matt seconded. 4 – 0 Passed.

Proposal 88) Boundary in GMU12 within the Tok River drainage. Frank moved to support, Matt seconded. 4 – 0 Passed.

Proposal 90) Community subsistence harvest hunt area. This might be moved to the BOG March meeting. Jake moved to support, Frank seconded. They should still need to follow restrictions and hunt seasons and should be added to the proposal. How will this be enforced? 0 – 3, 1 abstained Failed.

Proposal 91) Shorten the season and bag limit on grouse. Jake moved to approve, Matt seconded. After discussion Frank moved to amend by leaving the season alone by change the bag limit. Matt seconded. 4 – 0 Passed.

Proposal 117 – 121) Brown bears over bait. Matt moved to support, Jake seconded. 4 – 0 Passed.

Jake nominated Frank to represent the AC at the Board of Game meeting in Fairbanks, February 17 – 25. All were in favor and Frank will attend.

No next meeting was scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14PM



**Yukon Flats Advisory Committee
1/25/2017
Pikes Lodge, Fairbanks AK**

- I. Call to Order: 2:10 pm by Larry Williams, chair
- II. Roll Call: Jerrald John, Arctic Village; Clifford Adams, Beaver; Richard James Sr., Birth Creek; Nicholas Henry, Chalkyitsik; Charles John & Jack Boyle, Circle; Andrew Firmin & Walter Peter, Fort Yukon; Larry Williams & Bobby Tritt, Venetie

Members Absent: Jeffery Wright, excused; Vacant Arctic Village Seat; Vacant Beaver Seat, 2 vacant Stevens Village Seats

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved, no additions
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 12/15/2015 approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jason Caikoski, Beth Lenart DWC; Caroline Brown, Brooke McDavid; SUBS; Nissa Pilcher, BDS
- VI. Guests Present: Ben Stevens, Orville Huntington TCC; Steve Berendzen, Yukon Flats NWR, Jack Boyle Sr, Circle; Rhonda Pitka, Beaver
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business:

**Alaska Board of Game Interior Region Meeting
Feb. 17-25, 2017, Fairbanks**

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
47	10	0	Change the definition of "edible meat" for game birds We were not raised to waste meat so we don't, but we have seen others do so. This is a practice we already do and so we support it.
101	10	0	Create a regulation allowing the harvest of moose under a permit for "celebration of life" events We want the ability to hold a gathering of people for a celebration instead of just only for a memorial much like they are able to in Tanana. We realize that the board might want additional information and this is what we came up with in the AC meeting, and we



hope to supply more during oral testimony;
This proposal was intended for the benefit of all of 25D, and not just for the Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Government (GZGTG), but we suggest allowing the GZGTG to administer the permits for this hunt. We also suggest that for all of the 25D that all harvest be no more than 20 moose for a year, although we expect the actual take of moose to be less than that.

104	Expand the bag limits for caribou in Units 24A, 25A, 25D, 26B and 26C		
Oppose	0	10	This proposal concerns us. While the PCH is doing well at this time, the other herds we are hearing are in decline and we don't want to be in the same situation as others that depend on their caribou. We also have concerns that allowing harvest during rut would increase wanton waste; while we know that shooting a bull, especially a big one, from October to December is not worth it as the meat is not very good, others that come in from other places do not know this and we would not want to encourage this.
108	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for brown bear in Unit 25D		
Support	10	0	We put this proposal in because in 2012, at the Interior BOG meeting, the EIRAC put in a proposal to create a community harvest permit for brown bears in 25D. The board could not pass that proposal (attached) because there is a negative C&T finding for brown bears in 25D. We would like the board to reevaluate this as we harvest brown bears extensively in the flats. We would also like the board to reconsider creating a community hunt for brown bears in Unit 25D.
109	Lengthen the brown bear hunting seasons in Units 25 and 26		
Support w/Am	10	0	While we have no issues with more bears being taken incidentally, this proposal would eliminate the July season in 25D that we had the board create as that is a time that we take brown bears, so while it might align the wants of the author of the proposal, it does not align with our wants. We would like this to be amended so that it only changes the seasons in Unit 26 so that we keep our July season.
110	Increase the bag limit for black bear in Unit 25B		
Support	10	0	This is our proposal and we support it; this would align 25B with the rest of 25.
111	Open a snaring season for black bear in Unit 25D		
Support	10	0	This proposal was written to allow the residents of Unit 25D to help themselves increase the moose population. This was a practice that was traditionally done, and we utilized different methods to keep from harvesting species we don't want, such as moose and brown bears such as using a toggle or careful snare placement; the snares are similar to wolf snares and we don't catch moose in those.
112	Allow same-day airborne hunting for wolf in Unit 25D		
Support	10	0	This is our proposal, while we understand the limitations of the board and that you have looked at conducting predator control in 25D and found it not to be workable we just want to remind you that we are doing the best we can with the tools we have and we would like the department to be able to help us.
113	Modify the resident bag limit for Dall sheep in Units 24B, 25A, 26B, and 26C		
Oppose	0	10	Member from Arctic Village stated that it is a really hard hunt to conduct already and if you have to travel all that way with all that gear and have to target only males it would make a difficult hunt even harder. Other members conceded that if there was a conservation concern with the sheep they would be in support of this, but so few sheep are taken that we are not concerned with the taking of ewes at this time.
115	Lengthen the trapping season for lynx in Unit 25		
Support	10	0	Clifford stated that he does not even put out traps for lynx until after thanksgiving no matter how cold it has been as the fur is not prime, and he would have concerns extending the season later. Other members noted that this is primarily to allow you to keep a lynx if you incidentally catch one in a wolf or wolverine set, and that trappers know when they need to pull sets when the pelts stop being prime.



Walter Peter was chosen to represent the AC at the INT BOG Meeting, with Andrew Firmin as the alternate.

The call for BOF Arctic Yukon Kuskokwim proposals will be taken up at the next meeting.

The call for Statewide BOG as well as Federal Subsistence Board Proposals; Game are currently out, but the AC did not have any proposal ideas at this time.

Adjournment: 5:15

Minutes Recorded By: Walter Peter, help from coordinator
Minutes Approved By: Larry Williams
Date: 1/26/2017



Attachment; Proposal from 2012 Interior BOG Meeting

PROPOSAL 183 - 5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear. Allow hunters to take more than one brown bear by community harvest permit in Unit 25D.

Recent ethnographic reports noted "super hunters" with the ability to harvest more than current brown bear limits. Allow these hunters to take more than one brown bear per regulatory year by community harvest permit.

ISSUE: The need to decrease brown bear populations in the Yukon Flats in order to support Yukon Flats moose populations.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? Moose populations in the Yukon Flats are among the lowest in the state. If the number of bears in this habitat remains steady or increases, moose populations will not recover and rebuild.

WILL THE QUALITY OF THE RESOURCE HARVESTED OR THE PRODUCTS PRODUCED BE IMPROVED? This proposal allows for more efficient harvest of brown bear and should result in improved habitat for moose.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? Bear and moose hunters in Unit 25D.

Note: This proposal was an action item of the Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Council during its public meeting March 2011, in Fairbanks, Alaska

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? No one

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED: None

PROPOSED BY: Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Committee

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