



McGrath Fish & Game Advisory Committee
10/3/17
Assembly Room, Captain Snow Center, McGrath Alaska

Call to order @ 12:07 by Roger Seavoy

Roll Call;

Lewis Egrass - McGrath
Steffen Strick – McGrath
Andrew Runkle – Nikolai
Clinton Goods – Takotna
Dan Esai – Nikolai
Roger Seavoy – McGrath
Peter Snow – McGrath
Ken Deardorff – McGrath

Ray Collins joined the meeting @ 12:35

Members Absent;

Mark Cox – McGrath
Jesse Grady – Takotna
Steffen Strick Jr – McGrath
Vacant – Nikolai
Steve/Jimmy Nikolai – Telida

Lucky Egrass pointed out that there are no longer any residents in Telida. He suggested that the board make the Telida seat and ‘undesigned’ seat.

Lucky proposed and Peter Snow seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 8 in favor, 0 opposed.

Approval of Agenda: So moved by Snow, 2nd by Runkle. 8 in favor, 0 opposed

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Runkle, 2nd by Goods. 9 in favor (Collins now seated) 0 opposed

ADF&G staff present; Josh Peirce, John Barton, Louise Standish, Nissa Pilcher (via phone.)

Guests Present: Brett Gibbens DPS, Jeremy Havener and Bob Rebarchick USFWS (via teleconference).

Audience Members: Kevin Whitworth, Abe Rose, Elsie Ivy, Mike Tierney, Nick Snow, Francis Mitchell, John Gray, Teddy Burford



Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting

February 16 - 23, 2018 | Dillingham

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
162	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska		
SUPPORT	9	0	The committee supports the current regulations
165	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
OPPOSE	9	0	<p>Josh Peirce brought up an agenda change request submitted to the BOG by Henry Hill of Sleetmute to consider out of sequence opening moose season in 19A. It should be noted that the A/C had no hard copy of the ACR and no hard copy of Hill's proposal. Josh explained what the ACR would entail as well as two of the several restrictions recommended by SHAC since the A/C had no hard copy of those either</p> <p>After discussion, the consensus was that if SHAC and Tribal Government in the area of the proposed hunt, opposed that hunt, then the MCG A/C would also oppose it.</p> <p>It would also make more sense, in our opinion, to delay any hunt until there is data showing the effects of a full 5 years after bear control was initiated. This was successful in 19D and should be allowed to fully implement in 19A.</p> <p>It was moved that this committee support the suggested SHAC restrictions that may accompany any future proposal generated by BOG. Further, this committee opposes the ACR as well as what has now become Proposal 165.</p> <p>Moved by Egrass 2nd by Runkle. 9 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion passed.</p>

Although the board dealt with this in December, Peirce explained to all again what the current regulations are.

Adjournment; Strick moved and Egrass 2nd, to adjourn @ 1620. Unanimous approval!

Minutes taken by Ken Deardorff

Minutes approved by Roger Seavoy 10/10/2017



**Middle Nenana Advisory Committee
3 Oct 2017
Anderson Lions Club**

- I. Call to Order: 6:21 by Alan Mortensen
- II. Roll Call:

Members Present:
Chair Alan Mortensen
Vice Chair John Basile
Secretary Erik Haugen
Jacob Mattila
Nan Eagleson
Jeremy Wolf
Leroy Sutton
Paul Vandyke
Coke Wallace
Myron Stokes

Members Absent:
Matt Nutsvold (excused)
Wayne Valcq (excused)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved; unanimous.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approved; unanimous.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis and Mark Nelson
- VI. Guests Present: None
- VII. Old Business: None



VIII. New Business:

- Election of Seats:

- Anderson Seats Paul, Myron, Leroy, and Alan's seat are up for election. Paul spoke with Jeff Stenger and he is interested in filling a seat. Paul is nominating Jeff Stenger for Clear B, Myron's seat. Jeff is known by Allan and Leroy as a decent man who hunts in the area. Though not present, Paul spoke for Jeff stating he is interested in a seat on the council.
 - Vote for electing Jeff Stenger for Clear B; Paul nominates; Leroy seconds; vote unanimous
 - Vote for reelecting Paul for Clear A; Leroy nominates, Coke Seconds; vote unanimous
 - Vote for reelecting Alan for Clear C; Coke nominates, Paul seconds; vote unanimous
 - Vote for reelecting Leroy for Clear D; Coke nominates; Paul seconds; vote unanimous
- Other expired seats are in Healy; the council will postpone voting until next meeting in Healy

- Tony Hollis from F&G had comments on drawing permits. Antlerless moose hunts in 20A had 384 permits given out, with an objective of killing 120 cows. The reported harvest so far is 43. 1000 any bull permits were issued, and as of today only 156 hunt reports were filed. Of the number of permits issued, only half are usually used, and of which only half usually report a successful harvest; the number projected is 250.

20A caribou had 150 tags issued, and 66 caribou were harvested. Sheep numbers look good.

Sheep survey this July and last year show these were the best years in the number of legal rams seen. 120 sheep were taken in 20A last year. No numbers are available on this year's harvest yet, but the prediction is for a good harvest. Surveys are taken by aerial method in the same section every year. It is in the lower section of Kansas creek, over to Delta and Snowshoe Creek area. This year was also the best lamb to yew ratio as well with 38 lambs per hundred. It is safe to predict that 2021 may be a little lower.

- Leroy was questioning the any bull tag lottery in 20A. Leroy stated he was out in the field for 30 days in 20A and saw no legal (50") bulls. He did see many cows with calves. He feels that the any bull tag is hurting the herd for producing legal animals. He would like to do away with the any bull permits. He would also like to stop the cow harvest, and he would like to reverse the trend he sees in the 20A area. Leroy strongly feels the liberal bull harvest and cow hunt trend is hurting the herd. His suggestion is to keep the area in the 50" four brow tine rule for the next few years. Coke's question on the liberal harvest is this really the ideal way to help the feed range of the moose. Cokes question is did the harvest meet the numbers. Tony stated the F&G wants to keep the herd at 13,000. Tony stated that camps in 20A cannot be managed. Areas change via vegetation growth, fires, and hunting pressure. Moose will move around based on these changes. Tony stated they could look at the any bull tags and distribute them by sub-area within a game section. Once the numbers come in he will look at the data and see if a change is needed. Leroy doesn't understand how the any bull tag, taking the medium bulls in the middle of the size range, works. The area used to be any bull from 1986 through 2002. Leroy stated that it was brought up to three brow tines after that. Myron brought up the point that one year a long time ago there was no horn restrictions and a liberal cow take that dropped the population. Alan asked if the big



burns have been watched; Tony stated they are. Moose tend to go from the burn area to rut in the hills then return.

- Paul had a question about what cycle could the topic of mule deer be discussed. The question is the deer are not on the list of Ferrell game. Paul thought it would be a benefit to list them to be harvested, with a requirement to bring the hide in for moose tick inspection. Tony stated that F&G is thinking about making a proposal for Unit 20 and Unit 12 to have a no closed season, no harvest ticket, no limit, with some requirements to bring in samples of the animal for testing. Jeremy stated he saw 15 mule deer when he lived in Salcha. The tick has been found in Southern Yukon, but not in the Northern Yukon as of now. There have been reports of mountain lions as well, but no one has been able to get a picture. Someone in the Kobe subdivision stated they saw a lion with cubs last year.

- Alan asked a question about the new study with the sheep, and new judging methods. Brad Wendling is the sheep biologist, and he may attend a future meeting. Discussing a 500 animal sample swath is showing that 50% of the rams were legal the year before. The study will show a specific area and the growth in the area. Horns do not grow well in tough years and growth will show it. Alan spoke about a swath of eight-year-old rams and how different the growth was between all of them.

- Paul asked about when the next proposal deadline is for the interior. The proposal deadline will be somewhere around May 2019.

- Jacob is volunteering to go the Anchorage meeting, and Coke is the alternate. Next Advisory council meeting is scheduled for 9 Jan in Healy.

- Next topic is proposal discussion. *Since Myron gave up his seat to Jeff, Myron did not vote.*

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

November 10 – 17, 2017 | Anchorage

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
1			Modify the definition of bag limit
2			Modify the definition of youth hunt, allow youth hunters to obtain their own harvest ticket, and remove the hunter education requirement for youth hunters



Support	7	2	Jacob opened discussion on his proposal. The discussion is to allow 8 yr olds to hunt. John and Erik had concerns on an 8 yr old passing Hunters Ed. Erik is a proponent of Hunters Ed. and asked for a possible amendment to this proposal. He asked for the proposal to state that an 8 yr old that has passed Hunters Ed. could participate in the youth hunt. Jacob brought up the difference between allowing an 8 yr old to hunt in the general hunt without Hunters Ed. but not in the youth hunt. Most on the council was not in favor of the amended verbiage. F&G is neutral on this topic. Coke made a motion to support the proposal, Paul seconds. Erik and Jeremy did not support.
3 Modify the definition of regulatory year			
Oppose	0	9	Alan opened discussion on this proposal. Department is neutral on this. The proposal would require a change of many regulations and laws, while not solving any issues. F&G believes it may be a non-starter due the confusion it would cause with existing laws. Coke made a motion to vote, and Paul seconds.
4 Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds			
5 Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine			
			Alan opened discussion on this proposal. F&G spike fork antlers is a moose with only one or two tines originating from the base. There was no vote.
6 Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers			
7 Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide			
8 Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license			
Oppose	0	9	Nan opened discussion. Nan had a concern with not having good numbers on the wolverine population, so landing same day airborne may be an unwise practice. Erik brought up the point which Coke made earlier about using an airplane to spot sheep during season is using the airplane as a weapon and that landing and shooting same day airborne is the same, but coke didn't agree. Coke said it is different. Erik did not understand how. Nan made a proposal to vote, Leroy Seconds.
9 Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes			
Support	8	1	Paul opened discussion on this. Paul and others stated you could not eradicate the coyotes out of the area, regardless of this proposal. Paul made a motion to support the proposal, and John seconds. Erik opposed based on the discussion in proposal eight above.
10 Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game			
Oppose	0	9	Coke opened discussion and asked F&G stance. F&G is neutral on 10-12. Coke is asking to bundle these for a vote. Coke motions to vote, Leroy seconds on 10-12 bundle.
11 Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting			
Oppose	0	9	See above
12 Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting			
Oppose	0	9	See above
24 Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting			
Support	8	0	Alan opened discussion on 24. F&G stated DNR has regulation that bear baiters can only leave a stand or equipment in the field for 14 days, then after that a fee is required. DNR states a bear hunter that wants to leave a stand will have to move every 14 days and pay a fee. Coke stated the DNR is inept and they do not enforce evenly. Tony mentioned that DNR has regs but no enforcement capability. Coke stated bear baiting management should be left to F&G, and if any fees are collected, it should to F&G to support management. Coke makes a motion, Coke seconds. Nan abstained.



25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
			Nan asked what the F&G stance is on this. Tony stated the department's stance is neutral on this. This is because you have to seal a bear, so the harvest numbers are recorded. There was no vote.
32	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
			Alan opened discussion to support. Alan discussed how some lower 48 states have this, but the way the bracketing works, even if you have enough points, you may never get chose. Tony stated that F&G looked at it and for the delta tag, the point system wouldn't change that much because 9000 people put in for the tag and with a limited number of tags there is not enough for all the top point holders. It really makes no difference. Coke mentioned the administrative cost of tracking it. There was no vote.
36	Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap		
Oppose	0	7	Coke asked what the department's stance is on proposal 36 and 37. The department is neutral on opportunity between resident and non-resident. Coke asked to bundle a vote on 36 and 37. Coke motioned for a vote, and Leroy seconds for bundle. John and Nan are neutral and abstained.
37	Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit		
Oppose	0	7	Same as above.
38	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents		
Oppose	0	9	Jacob opened discussion on this and does not like the sliding scales as it punishes successful hunters. Jacob asked to bundle this and 39. Jacob made a motion to vote, Erik seconds.
39	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents		
Oppose	0	9	Same as above
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
Oppose	1	7	Nan opened discussion on this. She brought up the point that we have discussed this in the past and made a vote to restrict non-residents to hunt in intensive management areas. Tony stated F&G said 20E and 19 are the affected areas in this proposal. The department is neutral on this. No biologic affects are addressed in this proposal. The proposal only affects two of the three animals used for high human consumption. Nan made a proposal to vote, Erik Seconds. Alan was neutral.
62	Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild		
Oppose	0	9	Leroy opened discussion on this. The F&G stance is it opposes this proposal. Leroy made a motion to vote, Nan seconds.
113/114/ 115	Extend trapping season for the wolverine. All three proposals.		
Support	9	0	John opened discussion on his proposal. Tony had no information or stance from F&G because management for this unit rests with the Glenallen office. Coke makes a motion to support, Jeremy seconds.



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113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	9	0	John opened discussion on his proposal. Tony had no information or stance from F&G because management for this unit rests with the Glenallen office. Coke makes a motion to support, Jeremy seconds.
114	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	9	0	See above
115	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Units 11 and 13		
Support	9	0	See above

Adjournment: We covered what pertains to the state or unit 20, and it was agreed we do not need another meeting to discuss other proposals. Meeting adjourned at 9:25.

Minutes Recorded By: Erik Haugen
Minutes Approved By: Allan Mortenson per AC
Date: 10/8/2017



**Middle Nenana River Advisory Council
9 Jan 2018
Healy School**

I. Call to Order: 6:10 by Alan Mortensen

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Chair Allen Mortensen
Vice Chair Jacob Mattila
Secretary Erik Haugen
Nan Eagleson
Wayne Valcq
Paul Vandyke
Jeremy Wolf
Jeff Stenger
John Basile

Members Absent: Matt Nutsvold (excused)
Leroy Sutton (excused)
Coke Wallace (excused)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present: David Bump, State Troopers.

II. Approval of Agenda: Allen made motion to approve agenda, Nan seconds; agenda approved.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Paul made motion to approve minutes, Allan seconds; minutes approved.

IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis and Mark Nelson.

V. Guests Present: None.

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business:

a. Elections

i. Wayne Valcq (Ferry seat) is up for elections. Paul nominates, Nan seconds. Vote unanimous to re-elect Wayne.

ii. Matt Nutsvold (Healy Seat A) Jacob nominates, Paul seconds. Vote unanimous to re-elect Matt.

iii. Jacob Mattila (Healy Seat D) Allen nominates, John seconds. Vote unanimous to re-elect Jacob.

b. Updates from Tony Hollis, ADFG staff, on antlerless re-authorization and harvest data from 20A.

i. Sheep, 273 hunters in 20A, harvested 107 sheep; about average.



- ii. Caribou, 150 permits. 93 people hunted, harvested 69; average is 55.
- iii. Grizzly to date (season goes into spring) 16 harvested. 2016 numbers were 19 bears taken.
- iv. Black bears, only 2 harvested.
- v. Moose total harvest was 527 bulls, 255 came from general season and 272 taken under any bull permit. 17 moose were taken under the muzzleloader draw. The number was up, probably due to early snowfall and extending the season 15 days into December. Drawing permits for cow moose in 20A, 64 were harvested from these tags. Last year 527 moose were harvested, 255 under the general season and 272 under the any bull tag. There was no cow hunt last year.
- c. 20 C numbers, 156 bulls killed and 420 hunters hunted.
- d. Wayne asked about non-hunter input in the Stampede area. There is a funnel in the Stampede area of hunters chasing all moose. He was wondering if any non-hunter made a comment about the hunting there. Wayne wondered if that area could be a subunit with an antler restriction to alleviate some pressure. Tony stated he did not receive any non-hunter inputs, and that something could be changed if needed. It could be done in the form of a proposal from the AC. Jeff mentioned there is a lot of pressure there, and he heard of a bull being shot by two hunters, and it ended up in an argument. Nan mentioned the Denali Borough assembly made a motion to make it a state rec area a couple of years ago, but that idea is still circulating. Nan mentioned "The Friends of the Stampede" pick up lots of trash from that area every year. Jeff would like to see more discussion on it. Tony mentioned that proposal season for us will be May of 2019, so the AC can discuss more. A draw permit, shorter season or Archery only could be options. Tony offered to look at data and see if anything stands out in way of management. Wayne stated that if you shorten the season, people would flow over from Stampede to other areas in 20A. This will move to old business for the next meeting.
- e. John asked the question about ability for a civilian to dispatch a moose that has been hit a by a vehicle. He relayed a story about a moose hit on the road, and the motorist had a gun and wanted to dispatch it, but was told it had to be the trooper. John heard the AC could make a proposal to change the rules. The trooper stated this opens Pandora's Box and he was not sure how to change the rule. The concern from the troopers is abuse of the potential rule where a person may say the moose was hit, and poach it.
- f. Jacob gave an update on the Statewide BOG. There was a lot of turnout on the removal of goats and sheep from the clean list. The other was turnout on the Ferrell cat issue. There was a proposal of trapping, neutering, and release of Ferrell cats. Many people were in favor of it. Jacob's proposal, proposal 2, got voted down. There was not much discussion on the bi-catch of furbearers, but there was hang up on the 30 day sealing requirement. A there was a change to the use of cell phones; you can treat a phone the same way you can same day airborne, and use the information the next day after 3:00 A.M. Wayne asked how law enforcement would enforce it, but many explanations came in about the amount of data available from the phones and In-Reach satellite devices.
- g. Closing, Brad Wenglemer(sp?), Sheep Biologist, is willing to come down and give a presentation on the sheep horn survey that is ongoing.



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74	Remove the nonresident bag limit restriction of one Dall sheep every four years in the Central/Southwest Region		
oppose	9		Jacob opened discussion. Jacob feels a sheep every four year for a non-resident good. He would like to oppose this. Most are in favor of keeping the rules as they are.
75	Allow nonresidents to obtain one general season Dall sheep permit in a regulatory year in the Central/Southwest Region		
oppose	9		Jacob opened discussion on this, and feels it should be one every four years. Same as above, most are in favor of keeping the rules as they are currently.
90	Allow the harvest of beaver by firearms under a trapping license in Unit 16		
Support	9		Jacob opened discussion, and John seconds. Discussion was on benefit or drawbacks.
102	Open a nonresident caribou hunting season in Unit 13 and allocate up to ten percent of drawing permits to nonresidents when population objectives are met		
Oppose	9		Allen opened discussion on this. Wayne noted this was shut down the same time moose was shut down to nonresidents a few years back. Most on the AC oppose and state it should only be for residents.
158	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	6	3	Comments on the Southwest BOG proposals; including the 20A antlerless reauthorization. Paul made motion to discuss, and Jacob seconded. Tony opened discussion on the reauthorization of the antlerless permit with a packet of information. Graphs showed moose populations and where it was up to 2015. 2016 had a moose survey. Tony did an extensive moose survey in 20B in 2017. The objective for 20A is to have a population of 10,000 to 15,000 moose. The surveys show an average of 13,000 that is in the middle of the desired population. Next graph showed number of twins, and twins are an indication if moose population and feed is good. 2015 saw a high number of twin rates. If the F&G see twin rates of 10% or less, it shows a high population, poor health, and poor feed range for the population. If you go above 20%, it indicates good health and good feed range. To substantiate the data, F&G will go out in the spring and weigh calves. If a 10 month old calf weighs 368 lbs. or more, it indicates good health. Next graph showed cow harvest data from 2010-2017. To keep a population at a stable level, the target is 1% of the cows. A lower harvest of cows increases the population, and a more than a 1% harvest decreases the population. F&G does not want the cow harvest to come out of one specific area. There are 15 subunits broken out to spread the harvest of cow moose. 384 permits were given, 189 were used, 69 harvested. F&G would like to have a cow harvest targeting 1%, about 100 cows in 2018 to maintain the moose population where it is. Discussion, Paul did not like the idea of a cow hunt, but he said this drawing hunt made it more palatable. Jeff mentioned some people did not like the antlerless hunt near the populated areas in 20A. Tony mentioned that the



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			<p>hunt distribution, with a low number of permits issued near easy access areas, and more permits issued in the remote sections is a good strategy. Tony also mentioned the goal is to keep the population stable and not go back to the days of the “out of control” registration hunt. Wayne brought up a concern of shortening 20B to the 15th and how the people who normally hunt in 20B will migrate into 20A increasing the pressure. Wayne also mentioned the any bull harvest in 20A and that it is problematic and taking too many bulls. He believes many “any bulls” come out of that area between 10 PM and 3AM illegally. Leroy also mentioned that the any bull permit has decreased the number of bulls available in 20A. The trooper mentioned that he has seen many bulls harvested under the any bull would have been legal under the general season. Allen calls for a vote. It was a split vote 6 in favor, 3 oppose.</p>

Adjournment: 8:05

Minutes Recorded By: Erik Haugen
 Minutes Approved By: Allan Mortenson, Chair
 Date: _____

MID-LOWER YUKON ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Draft Agenda

October 30, 2017

Teleconference, 2:00pm

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

CALL TO ORDER: 2:08pm by Stan Sheppard

ROLL CALL: Stan Sheppard, William Alstrom, Mildred Fitka, Margaret Guidry, Basil Larson, Peter Tyson. Alternate: Sven Paukan, Leonard Fitka Jr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Peter Tyson- Asked about a proposal on minimum caliber use on big game submitted by Paul Beans in 2015. Discussion that this may have been discussed when Sherry Wright was the coordinator. Discussion on whether this was a proposal or just comments. Stan Sheppard thought the AC took no action on limiting the caliber on big game. More discussion was tabled until the face to face meeting. OLD BUSINESS was placed after the BOF ACRs.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: William Alstrom made a motion, Peter Tyson seconded.

INTRODUCTIONS:

- Fish and Game Staff: Deena Jallen (CF), Brooke McDavid (Sub. Division), Phillip Perry (WD), David Runfola (Sub. Division), Jen Peeks (Boards), Caroline Brown (Sub. Division)
- Other Agency Representatives:
- Members of the Public/ Other: Gene Sandone (Kwik-Pak Fisheries), John Agwiak (Mt. Village)

MOMENT OF SILENCE: In Honor of Mr. Paul Beans

William Alstrom- Mr. Beans had been influential in fish and game issues. He was instrumental in the testimonies he presented. He will be greatly missed on the many boards he served on.

Stan Sheppard- It will be hard to press on with meetings without him. He worked hard for the communities in supporting subsistence. He worked hard at regulating the bycatch so more Yukon River fish would come in and spawn and also advocating for the younger generation. He used a lot of what the elders used. Mr. Beans worked very hard to make sure that salmon always back for our subsistence and commercial needs and made sure the younger generation had that same resource. He is going to be missed and I appreciate all that he did. Thanks to him, he helped create an additional AC so there was more input from our communities. He made the MLY AC possible. He helped bring a bigger voice in testifying for the region.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Moose antler ACR/ Proposal Update**
This discussion was tabled to the November 20, 2017 in-person meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Statewide Board of Game Proposals**

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Teleconference, 2:00pm

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
			Basil- if our coastal relatives would like us to support this, I will support this.
53			Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide
Support	6	0	David Runfola explained. William- personally have a problem with customary trade and what exactly is customary trade and barter. Is it referring to migratory game birds? David Runfola explained.
55			Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches
Support	5	0	David Runfola (ADF&G) explained. Want to include potlatch to be more inclusive. (Mildred was briefly excused).

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	Number Support	Number Oppose	
157			Reauthorize the nonresident antlerless moose season in the Remainder of Unit 18
Support	5	0	Minimal discussion due to it being a yearly reauthorization.
163			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
Support	5	0	Minimal discussion due to it being a yearly reauthorization.

Minutes Recorded By: _____

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is Approved By: [Signature]

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: 10-08-17

Date: Nov 7, 17



Mount Yenlo Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes 12-30-2017

Members and proposed members present

Chairman: Eric Johnson – present

Vice Chairman: Tom Payton – absent

Secretary: Roger Phillips – present

Following members all present:

Al Gaszak, Dave McHoes, Tom Brion, Bonnie Childs, Roger Phillips, Eric Johnson

Proposed members Present:

John Little, Shon Parker

Absent:

Steve Childs, James Ivey, Tom Payton, Mark Torkelson (Deceased) , Barry Stanley (resigned)

Meeting called to order – Eric Johnson,

1st order, note of those present and absent.

All absent excused or accepted as noted

2nd order, Vote on renewal of existing members that have expired

Election ballots handed out, voted and accepted.

All existing members voted and approved for renewal 6-for, 0 - against

New Member John Little and Shon Parker voted for approval 6-for, 0-against

3rd order, Officer Election

Eric Johnson, Chairman 8 for, 0- against / Tom Payton, Vice Chairman 8 for, 0 against Roger Phillips, Secretary – 8 for, 0- against

4th order, Discussion of purpose of meeting.

Review of proposals that are of concern for our committee, open floor comments and suggestions of proposals of concern, discussion of current Moose and Bear population.



Joined by Telephone

Tim Peltier, ADF&G Wildlife Biologist

Chris Brockman, ADF&G

Discussion of area increase in Moose population. We are now above target numbers and are looking for ideas for increased harvest

Wolf Population, 22-45 in 16b 30-60 all of 16 is target. It is believed that target is currently being met.

Bear Population, State survey not due until 2019. It is currently the general consensus of this committee that the bear numbers are Very Low which is accounting for a portion of the increase in the moose population. Tim remains neutral on the subject until the survey is completed.

Particular proposals to discuss in Tim's opinion 83-90. Tim's opinion on these proposals are neutral. He did ask that we find a way to suggest additional moose harvest especially in 16a

We dismissed Tim and Chris from the phone and continued proposal discussion and voting.

Specific Proposal Discussions:

#71 Proposal APPROVED and accepted as written Vote 8 for – 0 against, proposed inclusion of Cross Bow as written is very well defined and gives sufficient reasoning with no changes.

#83 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against, Reasoning as for change as written seems insufficient but basic need for increased opportunity exist. Area 16a has a high number of Moose and increased Harvest is needed. The exclusion of the 50" rule is acceptable. We would also like to see additional Draw hunting opportunities along with Antlerless Bull permits.

#84 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against. Proposal as written is very clear and correct according to all member observations. This committee as a whole confirms NO DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS have been observed to the habitat from the increase in Moose population. The Moose appear to be very healthy with a larger general size of animal (non-scientific observations) as well as no typical signs of habitat degradation.

#85 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against. Proposal to lengthen the regular hunting season to September 30th AND "any Bull" for Alaskan residents should be accepted. The large amount of in-accessible territory in 16b will naturally protect the bull population as well as "any bull" for residents will naturally control harvest due to residents being primarily being meat hunters and will normally select a larger bull.

#86 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against. Proposal and reasoning as written is sufficient.



#87 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against. Proposal and reasoning as written is sufficient.

#88 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against. Proposal and reasoning as written is sufficient.

#89 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against. Proposal and reasoning as written is sufficient.

#90 Proposal DENIED Vote 0 for – 8 against. Current observation suggest that the Beaver population is already in decline. To include use of firearms will result in further and more rapid decline. ALSO, the use of fire arms WILL cause an increase in loss of animals due to a non-restrained animal being shot and falling into or sinking into the water. A dead animal that is not harvested is waste of natural resources in its' purist form.

#92, #93, #94, #95, #96 Proposals voted on as a block. APPROVED Vote 7 for – 0 against 1 abstain. Current Laws in regard to these subsistence hunts as they are written, in the general opinion of this committee, are contrary to State Constitutional laws and directly discriminate due to the race of the applicant.

#99 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against. Proposal and reasoning as written is sufficient.

#100 Proposal APPROVED Vote 8 for – 0 against. Proposal and reasoning as written is sufficient.

Discussion of our A-C sending a committee member to represent us at regional meeting Dillingham.

Vote to send Roger Phillips accepted. 8 for-0 against

*** Amend*** Roger is unable to attend so it has been decided via Eric Johnson and Roger to ask Bonnie Childs to go. She has accepted.

Approved by Eric Johnson

Motion to Adjourn by Dave McHoes

Second by Bonnie Child

All Approved – Meeting ended



Mount Yenlo A/C Meeting Minutes of 1-31-2018

Members Present: Eric Johnson, Tom Brion, Roger Phillips,
Dave McHoes, Al Gaszak, Shon Parker, John Little, James Ivey,
Bonnie Childs

Members Absent: Tom Payton, Steve Childs

Public Presentn: Roger Bickleman

Meeting called to order by Chair Eric Johnson at 12:06pm

Reason for meeting: Clarification of previous vote on Proposal
#83 plus discuss additional proposals.

Board of Game PROPOSALS:

#5 Read – Committee decided not to address proposal

Proposal #13 Read by Eric – Motion dave-2nd tom ---

Vote 8 yes / 0 no Reasoning as written is sufficient.

#13 read – Motion tom – 2nd shon

Vote 8 yes / 0 no Reasoning as written is sufficient

#24 read – Motion Dave //2nd Shon

Vote 8 yes / 0 no Reasoning as written is sufficient

#49 Read Motion Dave / 2nd tom

Vote 8 yes / 0 no Reasoning is sufficient

#67 Read Motion Tom / 2nd John



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Vote 8 yes / 0 no Reasoning is sufficient

#113 Read ----No Action

#120 Read-----No Action

#83 REVISIT From previous Meeting

Read – Much Discussion

Motion to Vote again on this proposal Motion Dave / 2nd Tom

Vote 0 yes / 8 AGAINST

Reason for change of decision from previous meeting:

This proposal as written would eliminate all bull harvest EXCEPT for spike fork or 3 Brow Tines. This would decrease harvest opportunity.

Motion to Adjourn: Tom / 2nd Al

Adjourned 1:02 pm

Minutes Recorded by Roger Phillips

Approved by Chair Eric Johnson

2/1/2018



Draft Minutes
Naknek/Kvichak Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Monday, October 16, 2017
Bristol Bay Borough Council Chambers
Naknek, AK

- I. Call to Order: Everett calls the meeting to order 7:05

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Everett Thompson, George Wilson Jr, Joe Klutsch, Richard Wilson, John Wise, Ralph Zimmin, Patricia Edel, Graham Morrison
Members Absent: William Regan Jr, Marc Watson, Joey Klutsch, Gustie Tallekpallek, Alexander Tallekpallek
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 we have 8 present
List of User Groups Present: Trapping, sports fishermen, local residents

- III. Approval of Agenda: Richard moves, Joe 2nd to approve agenda passes unanimous 8-0

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: John moves to approve the minutes of 2/9/17 Richard 2nd. Everett said they were not completed yet and will be available on next meeting.

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Crowley, Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Lee Borden

- VI. Guests Present: Pete Caruso, Nancy Morris Lions, Cody Larson, John Rhyshek

- VII. Elections: Joe Klutsch, Joey Klutsch and Richard Wilson all ran unopposed. Voted in unanimously.

- VIII. ADF&G updates: Dave Crowley gave a short update of his moose tagging of cows that his department started last spring. They tagged 24 cows and of which most if not all gave birth but weather and time did not allow them to see that every cow gave birth. 70% mortality rate of calves from bears and wolves.

- IX. I. comments on board of game statewide game proposals.

[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
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
support as Amended	8	0	Joe moves, Richard 2nd with an amendment to the proposal to remove heart and gizzards from the proposal. State regulation already requires wings to be left on birds.
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Oppose	0	8	We felt that this proposal would extend and possible target certain species out of season to trap after the season for them have closed.
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
Oppose	0	8	Richard moves, John 2nd.
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
Oppose	0	8	Richard moves, John 2nd. Everyone on the AC and general public all felt education of hunters is vital to ethical hunting and general safety of hunts in Alaska, but that It is just not feasible to require it everywhere.

Alaska Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting February 16 - 23, 2018 Dillingham			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
support	8	0	Ralph moves, Richard 2nd. Everyone felt that this proposal continues to have wide support and continues to do so in our region.
125	Change the hunting season dates for the Tier II caribou hunt in Unit 9		
support	8	0	John moves, Joe 2nd. Dave Crowley stated that caribou in this general area are not present most time during the current hunt dates. Moving them 30 days would increase the chances of local residents to have a successful hunt. Looking at amending it to include the whole unit 9E and have the current start date of August 10 thru October 10.
126	Increase the bag limit for the Southern Alaska Peninsula caribou herd (SAP) in Unit 9D		
support	8	0	Joe moves, Ralph 2nd. The whole AC felt this proposal is what the unit 9



			needs to sustain the caribou herd population and gives the hunters access to them without being a tier II. Dave Crowley stated that he likes this proposal in keep an eye on the population and he feels this is the best way to manage the herd.
127	Open a resident hunting season for caribou in a portion of Unit 9C		
support	8	0	John moves, Ralph 2nd. The naknek/ Kvichak AC are in full support of this proposal because this area of unit 9 C was closed because of the NAP caribou herd population concerns. Now with the NAP herd doing very well and currently having harvest levels available, this portion of unit 9 C is no longer needed to be closed.
129	Lengthen the resident hunting season for moose in Unit 9B		
support	8	0	John moves, Ralph 2nd. Local hunters and naknek/kvichak AC feels that with the current weather patterns and local temperature levels the moose populations are not really moving around until the last few days of September hunt dates, which current closes on 15th of september. With the date change on this proposal it gives hunters access to dates when the bull moose are start to become active.
130	Allow hunters to obtain Unit 9B registration moose permits online and in other locations		
support	8	0	Richard moves, Ralph 2nd. Richard was involved with the local advisory committee who came up with this regulation. The main reason was to get solid moose populations numbers from the department of game in all of unit 9 which with weather conditions we have never had complete moose population numbers. This topic went around the table for a while but most felt that moving it to an online permit it will give local residents more opportunity to obtain a permit because with fish and game fly to local villages and giving out permits isn't the most ideal way to get permits to locals to harvest moose
131	Remove the brown bear bag limit of one bear every four years for residents in Unit 9		
oppose	0	8	Richard moves, John 2nd. the local residents all feel that there is adequate opportunity for residents to harvest bears within our region with the community hunts available to them. We don't need to increase the harvest opportunities because of the concerns of unit 9 E and the population levels of bears within that unit.
132	Open a resident-only early season for the current registration brown bear hunts in Unit 9, or open resident-only registration or drawing permit hunts		
oppose	0	8	Richard moves, John 2nd.the local residents all feel that there is adequate opportunity for residents to harvest bears within our region with the community hunts available to them. We don't need to increase the harvest opportunities because of the concerns of unit 9 E and the population levels of bears within that unit.
134	Shorten the season for ptarmigan and reduce the bag limit in Unit 9		
support	8	0	John moves, Ralph 2nd. Everyone on the naknek/kvichak AC and local residents understand the serious concerns of the ptarmigan population. Dave Crowley stated the most the unit 9 have seriously low population of ptarmigan and local and hunters in general have seen very low counts of ptarmigan in our areas
135	Close the season for Alaska hares in Unit 9		
support	8	0	Ralph moves, Patricia 2nd. Dave Crowley stated that the people he has talked with in unit 9 all said they have seen very little or no Alaskan hares these last few years. Very little is known about them and there currently is no regulation to protect this species. Everyone believes this



			proposal is in the best interest of conservation of this species and needs to be adopted.
145	Open a nonresident registration hunt for caribou in Units 9 and 17		
oppose	0	8	John moves, Patricia 2nd. Dave Crowley state that the population levels of the mulchatna herd is not at the levels to support a non-resident hunt. Everyone within unit 9 understands the caribou populations levels and knows the effort need to harvest a caribou.
149	Liberalize the season and methods and means for trapping beaver in Units 9 and 17		
oppose	0	8	Richard moves, Patricia 2nd. Local trappers stated that know local trappers respect the environment and do not destroy any property to trap beavers. Dave Crowley said that you need a permit already to remove any dams from creeks which will harm chum salmon habitat. Salmon needs these dams for their juvenile salmon to survive.

Set date and location of next meeting, First 2 weeks in February as long as it works with all our schedules at the Bristol Bay Borough office

Adjournment: 10:45pm

Minutes Recorded By: George Wilson Jr Secretary

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Noatak/Kivalina Advisory Committee

Agenda

October 23, 2017 – 1 p.m.

Noatak IRA Conference room – Noatak, Alaska

1. Call to Order: 1:30 p.m. by Enoch Mitchell, Chair
2. Roll Call: Enoch Mitchell, Janet Mills, Thurston Booth, Frank Onalik, Melford Booth
Members present: 5
Three Kivalina AC member terms expired; need to hold elections
Number needed for quorum: 5
List of User Groups Present: Hunting and Fishing
3. Approval of Agenda: Yes
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Yes
5. Fish & Game Staff present: Brandon Saito (ADFG) Alex Hanson (ADFG) Hazel Smith (Boards)
6. Guests present: Ben Sherman Sr., Elmer Rentenaar, Vernon Adams Sr., Meeka Kelsey
7. Old business: None
8. New business – Board of Game

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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Support	5	0	We have always taken all the edible meat of large game birds.
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Support	5	0	
7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide		
No action			We always trap beaver. (Laughter often follows reading of the proposal.)
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
Opposed	0	5	Noatak has a CUA during caribou hunting season and very much dislike airplanes.
9	Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes		
Opposed	0	5	We don't get coyotes except for one or two and we oppose people who fly to hunt.
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
Opposed	0	5	We don't hunt bears very often but when we do, we often go to their dens to hunt them.
15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs		
No action			We do not take bear cubs or female bears with cubs.
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Opposed	0	5	Too much paperwork to require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide.
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Support	5	0	
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	5	0	We like to help our elders and the disabled.
49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		
Support	5	0	If it helps DFG with better management, we support them.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
Support	5	0	We do not have intensive management areas in Unit 23 but support those that do who wish to prohibit nonresident hunting until harvest and population objectives are met.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	5	0	We have C&T for Canada geese and support the proposal to include all migratory birds.
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
Oppose	0	5	Oppose because it would remove rural preference and we like rural preference.
57	Change the definition of "community" or "group" for community subsistence harvest hunts		
Support	4		1 member abstained
58	Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts		
No action			We don't practice community subsistence harvest hunts.
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
No action			We already teach our children to hunt and fish.

163 Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
Support – unanimous.

9. New business – Board of Fish – Statewide Sport and Personal Use Shellfish

Proposal 206: Allow use of pot gear to harvest octopus under sport fishing regulations.

No action because we do not harvest octopus.

Proposal 207: Allow retrieval of personal use scallop dredges with five horsepower or less haulers.

No action because we do not have scallop dredges.

10. Other Dates and Deadlines and discuss representation and alternates:

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Anchorage, AK Comment Deadline: October 27, 2017

March 6-9, 2018 Board of Fish Prince William, Southeast & Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish;
Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp & Miscellaneous Shellfish

Anchorage, AK Comment Deadline: February 23, 2018

The Noatak/Kivalina AC unanimously supported naming Enoch Mitchell as their representative to any and all fish and game meetings. It was decided among some of the members that it is good the Noatak IRA pays the balance of per diem that other organizations and agencies pay. They all decided it would be good for all ACs in Unit 23 to have a big meeting and reevaluate needs.

11. Adjourn: 2:35 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Hazel Smith (AC Secretary has eyesight problems)

Minutes Reviewed by: Enoch Mitchell, Chair

Minutes Approved by: [Signature] Date: 10/25/17



Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2017 – 3 p.m.

Northwest Campus Nagozruk Conference Room – Nome, Alaska

1. Meeting called to order by AC Chair Charlie Lean at 1500hrs (3pm)
2. Roll Call conducted by Hazel Present: Charlie Lean Chair, Kevin Knowlton Secretary, Brandon Ahamasuk Undesignated, Tom Gray Nome Lucas Frost Nome, Edward Stang Nome, Sara Okbaok Teller, and Davis Lincoln White Mountain. Eight members present, quorum requirements are met.
Members not present: Nate Perkins Vice Chair, William Kakoona Brevig Mission, Adem Boeckman Nome, Tommy Obruk Shishmaref, Clifford Seetook Wales (excused weathered out), Charlie Saccheus Elim, vacant Nome.
3. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Tom Gray and second by Luca Frost to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carries unanimous.
4. Approval of meeting minutes from last meeting held on 12/6/2016 at the Pioneer Igloo in Nome: Motion Made by Davis Lincoln and seconded by Lucas Frost to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimous.
5. Alaska Department of Fish and Game that are present: Hazel, Warren Hanson, Justin Leon, Carmen Daggett, Bill Dunker, Kari Rasmussen, Letty Hughes
6. Guests Present: Ken Adkisson National Park Service, Dan Reed Self, Zoe Greeskin KNOM, Deanna Haecker Nome Nugget.
7. Old Business: Charlie Lean gave an update on the Caribou working group and advised that their next meeting is scheduled for mid-December 2017. The Advisory committee could make a recommendation of an individual to represent Nome at the working group. Kevin Knowlton made a motion seconded by Tom Gray to have Charlie Lean be the representative. Motion carries unanimous.
8. New Business:
Department Reports:
 - a. Justin Leon with ADF&G Fisheries in Nome briefed using a power point presentation showing the fisheries season round up to include winter and summer commercial and subsistence King Crab as well as commercial and subsistence salmon. Tom Gray asked a question about the commercial king crab CDQ quota being taken on the tail end of the winter commercial crab season and how that affected the summer harvest. Charlie brought up how using the CDQ in the winter could affect the crab fishermen in eastern Norton Sound seeing as they have not had good ice for the past few years. The percentage of the GHF was also to help address the large pot loss factor when the fishermen pushed the season to the point of fishing on questionable ice quality. Brandon brought up whether Fish and Game were planning on doing any research as to the effect of nearshore mining of salmon migration. His office at Kawerak had received numerous complaints of miners working just off shore at the Nome River mouth or even in the mouth of salmon streams



during the salmon runs. He recommended to put a five mile boundary of the mouth of any salmon stream for mining. Charlie also led a discussion on Salmon Lake escapement and if there was a way that the department could monitor the run closer to allow quicker response to becoming more liberal with harvest restrictions once the escapement goal is projected to be met.

- b. Bill Dunker with ADF&G Wildlife introduced other members of the department and went over how the wildlife department is being reorganized to better meet the needs of the region. Bill then gave a quick overview of current populations of Muskox, and Caribou in the region. The muskox seem to be leveling off but this year saw a lower recruitment which does concern the department. Caribou are also showing some positive data with the stabilization of population numbers. Charlie asked where is the main population base of the herd. As of last week, the herd was still in its northern range but is showing some signs of beginning to move south. Carmen Dagget gave an update on 22Aa moose. The composition counts indicate high numbers of males and a total population near the upper end of the range capacity. Staff was questioned if the situation warranted an increased harvest opportunity. Lettie Hughes provide an update on Moose, bear and Muskoxen harvests. Bear and Muskoxen hunts are much as anticipated. Moose harvest in 22D was well above the goal and shorter reporting deadlines may be a solution. Warren Hansen Introduced himself and gave an update of new research projects. 22D moose range and animal condition studies are getting under way. Members Amasuk and Okbaok expressed their concerns of a lack of subsistence opportunity and a need to prioritize subsistence.

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	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
1	Modify the definition of bag limit		
N/A			
2	Modify the definition of youth hunt, allow youth hunters to obtain their own harvest ticket, and remove the hunter education requirement for youth hunters		
O U	0	8	Motion made by Kevin Knowlton, Seconded by Lucas Frost to support. Discussion focused on lack of availability of hunter education for youth within the region.
3	Modify the definition of regulatory year		



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N/A			
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
S	7	1	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Brandon Ahmasuk
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
S U	8	0	Motion by Lucas Frost, Second by Ed Stang
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
O	0	3	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost. 5 abstain from voting
7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide		
N/A			
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
S U	8	0	Motion by Tom Gray, Second by Lucas Frost
9	Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes		
N/A			
10	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game		
O U	0	8	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Brandon Ahmasuk. Charlie requested to hear what the Department recommended.
11	Modify the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
N/A			
12	Remove the restrictions on the use of aircraft for sheep hunting		
N/A			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a “cellular or satellite telephone” to take game		
S	5	3	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost. Discussion of how this changes from current regulations, just addresses the use of current technology for reporting harvest. Some confusion, but majority would like consistent regulation.
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
N/A			
15	Remove the exception for taking cub bears and female bears with cubs		
N/A			
16	Allow the use of high-powered air guns during regular firearms and muzzleloader big game hunting seasons		
O U	0	8	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost.
17	Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game		
N/A			
18	Remove the West Nile Virus testing requirement for raptors		
N/A			
19	Change the nonresident season for taking passage raptors		
N/A			
20	Limit nonresident falconers to take raptors every four or five years		
N/A			
21	Require raptors taken under nonresident capture permits be implanted with microchips		
N/A			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
22	Allow the take of up to five eyas goshawks by nonresidents		
N/A			
23	Update the falconry manual		
N/A			
24	Define the term “equipment” for bear baiting		
N/A			
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
O	3	5	Motion by Tom Gray, Second by Kevin Knowlton.
26	Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit		
N/A			
27	Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits		
S U	8	0	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost.
28	Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy		
N/A			
29	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident relatives within the second degree of kindred		
N/A			
30	Allow nonresident hunters to harvest brown bear, sheep or goat on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative’s permit		
O U	0	8	Motion by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
O	3	5	Motion by Tom Gray, Second by Ed Stang. Too Vague on particulars.
32	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
S	5	3	Motion to support by Lucas Frost, Second by Ed Stang.
33	Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation		
N/A			
34	In drawing hunts with a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents, all nonresident permits will be issued from the nonresident allocation		
N/A			
35	Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents		
N/A			
36	Change nonresident general sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts with a ten percent permit allocation cap		
N/A			
37	Limit nonresident sheep harvest to no more than ten percent of total harvest per subunit		
N/A			
38	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents		
N/A			
39	Implement a sliding scale bag limit for Dall sheep hunting for residents and nonresidents		
N/A			



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
40	Allow nonresidents that have successfully harvested a Dall sheep in the last three years to apply for Dall sheep permits annually		
N/A			
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Lucas Frost, Second by Tom Gray
42	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts		
N/A			
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost.
44	Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Brandon Ahmasuk.
45	Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts		
N/A			
46	Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Ed Stang.
47	Modify the transfer of possession regulations		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Lucas Frost, Second by Ed Stang
48	Modify the transfer of possession regulations to include reporting requirements		
N/A			
49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
N/A			
50	Provide clarification for allowing guides to register additional guide use areas for taking predators, and to restrict the take of predators in those guide use areas		
N/A			
51	Change the implementation date for removing additional guide use areas under intensive management		
N/A			
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
N/A			Unit 22 is covered already
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
O U	0	8	Motion to support by Ed Stang, Second by Lucas Frost. Proposer is ignorant, and it shows.
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
N/A			
56	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
N/A			
57	Change the definition of “community” or “group” for community subsistence harvest hunts		
N/A			



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58	Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts		
N/A			
59	Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and community subsistence harvest hunts		
N/A			
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
O	1	7	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost. Admirable intent, not practical in remote communities.
61	Add Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit		
N/A			
62	Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild		
N/A			
63	Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Charlie Lean, Second by Lucas Frost.
64	Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat		
N/A			
65	Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits		
N/A			



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66	Update the Board of Game’s policy for accepting agenda change requests to make it more consistent with the Joint Board Petition Policy		
N/A			
67	To comply with recent statutory changes, review and update regulations with minimum hunting age requirements		
N/A			
68	Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order		
S U	8	0	Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Lucas Frost. Like in 22A moose.
69	For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose		
N/A			

163 Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
Support 7 for 1 opposed Motion to support by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Brandon Ahmasuk.

c. New business – Board of Fish – Statewide Sport and Personal Use Shellfish

Proposal 206: Allow use of pot gear to harvest octopus under sport fishing regulations.

No Action

Proposal 207: Allow retrieval of personal use scallop dredges with five horsepower or less haulers.

No Action

9. Other Dates and Deadlines and discuss representation and alternates:

November 10-17, 2017 Board of Game Statewide Regulations

Anchorage, AK Comment Deadline: October 27, 2017

March 6-9, 2018 Board of Fish Prince William, Southeast & Yakutat Finfish and Shellfish;
Statewide Dungeness Crab, Shrimp & Miscellaneous Shellfish



Anchorage, AK

Comment Deadline: February 23, 2018

Motion made to have Charlie Lean or his designated representative represent the advisory committee at the above listed meetings, Second by Davis Lincoln. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Adjourn: Motion to Adjourn at 1928hrs. by Tom Gray, Second by Lucas Frost, motion carried unanimously.



Nushagak AC
October 24, 2017
Dillingham City Council Chambers

I. **Call to Order: 9:05 AM by chair Frank Woods.**

II. Roll Call:

Members Present:

Frank Woods – Chair, Dillingham

Glen Wysoki - Koliganek

Todd Fritze- Dillingham

Dan Dunaway- secretary, at large Dillingham

Travis Ball- Aleknagik

Mariano Floresta- Clarks Pt.

Susie Brito- Alt, Dillingham

Walter Kanulie- Alt, Togiak by phone

Joe Chythlook - Dillingham

Richard King- Ekwok by phone

James Woolington- Dillingham by phone

Tom O'Connor- Dillingham - by phone

Curt Armstrong - Dillingham

Members Absent:

Gayla Hoseth- Dillingham, excused

Chris Carr- Portage Creek

Diana Gamechuk- Manokotak, excused

Peter Christopher- New Stuyahok

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

Subsistence fishing and hunting.

Commercial Fishing drift and set

Trapping

Guiding

III. **Approval of Agenda:**

Susie moved Dan 2nd to adopt with the change to address GMU 17 proposals first and Statewide second. Approved with changes unanimous.

IV. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Susie moved Dan 2nd to adopt. Approved minutes unanimous.

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

Tim Sands Commercial Fish

Gabriella Halas Subsistence by phone

Jason Dye, Lee Borden Sport Fish

Neil Barten Wildlife



Taryn Brito Board Support

Joe Wittkop **State Troopers Wildlife**

VI. **Guests Present:**

Catherine Carscallen public

Ted Krieg public

Gene Sandone - consultant BBEDC - phone

Gary Cline BBEDC

Cody Larson BBNA

Patrick Walsh, Allen Miller, Andy Aderman USFWS Togiak Refuge

Dave Bendinger KDLG News

VII. **Elections for AC Members:**

Dillingham designated seats open: Frank Woods, James Woolington, Curt Armstrong, Tom O'Connor.

At Large undesignated seat open: Dan Dunaway

Chair turned gavel to Board support for nominations:

Todd Fritze nominated Dunaway for undesignated seat.

Joe C. moved, Tom 2nd to close nominations. Dunaway re-elected unanimously.

Brief discussion on election process how to elect the 4 Dillingham Designated seats.

Joe C. nominated Frank Woods, Tom O'Connor, James Woolington, and Curt Armstrong.

Woolington withdrew his name as his current situation makes participating difficult.

Catherine Carscallen nominated Susie Brito.

Travis moved, Joe 2nd to close nominations.

Frank Woods, Tom O'Connor, Susie Brito, and Curt Armstrong were elected unanimously.

Gavel returned to Chair Woods.

Dunaway spoke thanking James Woolington for his contributions to the AC.

Joe moved to seat new members Dan 2nd - adopted unanimous

Elect Alternate:

Susie nominated Steve Perkins to fill Alternate Seat vacated by Susie. Perkins not present.

Discussion on his interest to serve. He has sat on AC in the past. It was acknowledged if he is elected that AC needs to contact Steve and to assure he is interested and able to serve. If not we can elect someone else at the next meeting.



Joe move, Travis 2nd to close nomination. Perkins was unanimously elected as alternate - pending his acceptance.

VIII. ADF&G Staff Updates:

BOARD SUPPORT: certificates of appreciation handed to several long serving AC members Joe Chythlook, Glenn Wysoki, Chris Carr, Curt Armstrong, Dan Dunaway, Frank Woods, Tom O'Connor, Peter Christopher.

COMMERCIAL FISH: Tim Sands summarized the Togiak Herring and Nushagak and Togiak Salmon season. Best run EVER in the Nushagak District. Genetics estimate 2/3 of Nushagak River sockeye were Nuyakuk River system. Igushik and Togiak Towers, Port Moller Test, funded by non-State agencies and individuals BBSRI, BBRSDA, BBEDC, processors. Next year towers expected to be State funded as has been historic. Strong coho season. Post season flights and data suggest Nushagak king run was better than sonar counts indicate. Complete summaries of herring and salmon fisheries are available online or at ADFG offices.

Chair - Nushagak AC needs to plan a spring meeting to develop fish proposals. Proposal Deadline is April 10.

Gene Sandone BBEDC consultant encouraged all to begin preparing ideas NOW and he will be happy to assist writing proposals. ADFG staff also offered help. Don't wait for meeting.

SPORT FISH: Lee Borden Assistant Biologist, new to Dillingham in May 17, with ADFG since 2011, has extensive sonar experience. Lee distributed a 2017 sport fish management summary. Nushagak King salmon sonar index was a little over 56,000, below goal so June 21 an Emergency Order was issued June 21 to reduce daily bag limit from 2 to 1 and annual limit to 2 fish. Fall follow-up work suggests "average" king abundance on selected spawning areas and while 95,000 in-river fish count not met, spawning escapement likely adequate to sustain the run. Two other "EO's" were issued to expand sockeye salmon bag limits fro 5 to 10/day for the Nushagak and Wood Rivers when each system exceeded escapement goals. Increased bag limit is to provide more harvest opportunity. Sport Fish conducted the 1st of a 2 year study of Catch and Release mortality on sport caught king salmon in the Nushagak River. Of 107 fish caught and radio tagged, tentatively 6.7% died, similar to the lower range of mortality estimates in Kenai River studies.

WILDLIFE TROOPER: Officer Wittkop outlined enforcement activities for the past year. There were only a few sport fishing violations - sport enforcement might not have been as intensive due to reduced officer availability. One problem was some king salmon killed, roe removed and meat wasted. Still seeking suspects. There were only 39 commercial fishing violations often improper gear, gear ID, PFD or license issues. There were 32 misdemeanors, lost nets, over-limit



of gear, closed waters or fishing time violations. The huge run and liberal fishing time seemed to reduce the temptation to violations.

Wildlife violations, 7 misdemeanors, 12 bailable violations such as no license, no waterfowl stamp, no evidence of sex retained. Biggest issue is to improve compliance with DLG Bears and unsecured trash.

AC member Susie expressed concern for inadequately secured subsistence nets around Dillingham. Nets maybe insufficiently removed from the water and accidentally catch more fish - owners are unaware of fish. Fish get wasted. She would like to see phone numbers required as part of gear identification so owners can be advised.

SUBSISTENCE DIVISION: Gabriella discussed plans for a marine mammal survey next spring and summer. Still developing the plans. There is talk of basing a subsistence person in Dillingham again.

BREAK 10:12 TO 10:25

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION: Neil Barten. Caribou studies: 80 calves collared, 40 near Nishlik calving area and 40 north calving area. Seeking survival rates. In north area 5 collars still active; bears, wolves and eagles seem to be main predators. Nishlik area survival is a little better at 35% alive in late June. Still looking for some collars.

Caribou population estimates were 30K in 2015, 27K IN 2016 - herd does not seem to be rebounding as had been hoped. Intensive Management is only in effect in part of the range; for several years weather has severely limited IM activities. Most wolf are taken by snow machine. Calf survival is poor and he would like to increase the Intensive Management (IM) area to the authorized 10K square miles which is much of 17B. Right now not all calving grounds are in the IM area.

He just did fall composition counts: 32 to 34 bulls to 100 cows; 23 or 24 calves to 100 cows. Prefer to see 30+ calves per 100 cows. Pregnancy rates are good, cow condition good, need to boost calf survival. Range seems good.

AC member Glen says maybe something else is going on.

Barten wondered if IM should go to Dept removal eventually. He suggested a longer aerial season might help. open earlier. Barten says he's eager to work with locals to come up with an acceptable plan.

Wolf Project: Barten seeks wolf abundance information in IM area each year to assess if IM is effective. 17 wolves in 4 pack collared. Trying to follow the pups in each pack. Hope to collar more next March in Mulchatna area. Could offer information on moose management as well as caribou.



Moose Program : A new project started this year. There seem to be a lot of large cows in good condition, good habitat; but few calves even in late May. Spring 2017 he put 35 collars on cows, 34 were pregnant. Collared cows to avoid handling concerns on calves. Few surveys during estimated peak of calving including around May 19. Early flights found 31 calves with the 34 cows but by now 90% of calves are dead and 4 cows died too - seems unusually high. Neil also collared 8 "short yearlings" to monitor weight etc. Average weight was 440 pounds - very good and bigger than found in many areas of interior Alaska. Barten observed 65% twin rates suggesting good range conditions. Hope is to do the study 2 more years to get a better picture. Generally the area seems to have a good moose population but very high calf mortality is concerning. Also some low bull /cow ratios in portions of the area. Plan to work west of Weed River and toward Manokotak.

King Salmon Wildlife collared 25 cow moose and found some of them make very long migrations to calve. They are also seeing very high calf mortality. Typically bears are early calf predators but maybe wolves are contributing here.

Fall moose harvest was about 173 - 174 bulls in GMU 17- a little above but close to recent years. Harvest cards are still trickling in and no analysis has been done. Indications that fly-out hunters in Wood River Lakes area did well.

Togiak moose harvest stands at 42, down from 48 last year but cards may still come in. Toigak moose estimate came in 200 animals above previous survey but within confidence interval.

Ptarmigan: Dunaway asked about ptarmigan abundance. During moose and caribou flights ADFG is noting bird abundance. Barten has noticed flock of 15 to 100+ across the area though he does not have experience with high populations here so hard to compare. Flocks observed seem an encouraging indicator.

Susie said her family has seen good numbers of ptarmigan on hikes. She is also seeing a lot of falcons, owls and ermine. Voles are super abundant.

IX. New Business:

1. Comment on proposals for the Board of Game Central/Southwest meeting (see table below).
2. Comment on proposals for the Board of Game Statewide meeting (see table below).

12:17 to 13:07 Lunch Break

14:45 Susie Brito departs quorum remains.

14:55 Curt Armstrong departs still have quorum

15:05 -15:18 break

15:50 AC member Mariano Floresta departs to catch flight. Short break to assure quorum remained. Tom O and Walter K remain on the phone. Quorum sustained.

16:10 Curt Armstrong returns to meeting.



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4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Oppose	0	10	<p>Dan move Travis 2nd</p> <p>Last cycle there was a similar proposal and I had several people come to me very opposed to being required to salvage gizzards, hearts, entrails and I have to oppose this; it goes too far though I use those parts myself. Some small geese are smaller than the big ducks.</p> <p>Seems like this is an effort to align the State regs with some Federal regs. But this might confuse sport regs vs subsistence regs.</p> <p>BBNA supports full use of food animals.</p> <p>Once parts are salvaged there is no requirement to use them.</p> <p>Enforcement officer said he'd enforce the rule however its written even if I have to go thru and match hearts and gizzards to birds..</p> <p>Some discussion that salvaging organs very offensive to some people, possibly some religions.</p> <p>Others expressed concern this goes too far.</p>
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Dan Move Joe 2nd</p> <p>ADFG opposed due to potential abuse. Dan opposed , appreciates the quandary, has had the experience himself but is concerned about abuse potential on a statewide basis and where there may be a lot more trappers. Cody concern for precedent it will set and prefers to see trappers continue on the honor system and tradition.</p>
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
No Action			<p>No Action - we already have Intensive Management option and laws in place.</p>
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game		
Support	8	0	<p>Dan Move Travis 2nd</p> <p>Yes we need clarification of what is and is not legal. Does a remote control camera help a hunter get the animal. What about texting, satellite phones and cameras? We need to deal with all this new technology.</p>
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	8	<p>Joe Move Travis 2nd</p> <p>We should oppose as we just voted to continue the tag exemption for our area. And ADFG says its not an biological issue.</p>
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
No Action			<p>Need more public education. Stamp is a hassle for bush residents. Likely not within Board authority so no action.</p>
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	8	0	<p>Dan Move Joe 2nd</p> <p>BBNA addressing spring vs fall hunt. Wants to allow a hunter to help elders who can't</p>



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			hunt. Chair supports for the sport season.
46	Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters		
Oppose	0	8	Joe move Dan 2nd Not that much more work for guides.
49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		
Oppose	1	8	Moved and Seconded More paperwork. Its nobody's business what or who I sell to just like for other furs. The sealing requirements provide all the biological info they need. But it wouldn't be hard to get the sale permit at the time of sealing. So what if most would get the sealing permit but never sell? Could open a can of worms, chain of custody hassle.
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	9	0	Dan Move, Travis 2nd Kind of house keeping, regulatory review process requires reviewing C&T status but waterfowl issues fell through the cracks. Need to get current. Good to follow the policies and practices the State has set out.
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
No Action			Nushagak AC discussed this for a while. Some felt qualification mainly by family size was strange and possibly won't meet state law requirements. Concerns were expressed for the many problems they hear about with Tier 2 in other GMU. Concerns for fairness, complaints of gaming whatever process is adopted and frequent exclusion of locals yet accessed by the slick operators. IN the end the AC felt we did not have enough information or experience to make an informed decision.
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
Oppose	0	9	Moved and Seconded Could not be done timely by date set out. Not possible to reach all of Alaska. Too onerous, I thought Alaska has a system to cycle in young hunters with Hunter Ed to eventually have most hunters trained. Some of us had Hunter Ed so long ago but lost our cards - I tried to get a replacement card from Idaho but they don't keep records back that far.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Dan move, Joe 2nd</p> <p>There are some local archers who would like this.</p> <p>Several members object as it is so common that archers carry or are backed up with a firearm; temptation to use firearm first could be high creating enforcement issues.</p> <p>Togiak AC also noted problems and issue with firearms back-up.</p> <p>One member strongly objects to the fractured, special interest and confusing hunting seasons found in many or states; we have a relatively long season use what you want.</p> <p>Special seasons pit users against each other and may be designed to sell more gear.</p>
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	9	0	<p>Dan move, Travis 2nd</p> <p>Dan supports the convenience of continuing this exemption. It is a great aid to local hunters who may want to opportunistically take a bear but are reluctant to buy a tag pre-hunt. In addition, the sealing requirements still capture the data needed by ADFG. This helps to encourage bear harvest in this area due to their suspected impacts on our moose and caribou. Brown bear are abundant here as well.</p>
136	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	12	0	<p>Joe Move Susie 2nd</p> <p>Essentially house keeping. This AC, Togiak AC, Govt. agencies, BBNA others worked hard to get the 17A moose plan where it is, we need to keep it going -its a good example of successful cooperation.</p> <p>The moose population is good and can support this hunt.</p>
137	Change the resident, fall season dates for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
No Action			Follow lead of Togiak AC taking no action in preference to 138.
138	Extend the resident, fall season for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Support	11	1	<p>Susie Move Dan 2nd</p> <p>As written would eliminate nonresident hunt - I don't think that was the intent?</p> <p>We are clear, the Nushagak AC has NO intent to eliminate nonresident hunt- this needs to be addressed in the final action.</p> <p>Refuge supports proposal. Good data says there are plenty of moose in the area, over desired levels even.</p> <p>Long discussion whether meat is good or ratty / stinky. Some say its ok others strongly disagree. Up to the individual hunters.</p> <p>Concern for wanton waste if meat is ratty.</p> <p>Local villages really need meat and herd is strong and could supply more.</p> <p>This would increase harvest opportunity.</p>



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			<p>Chair and ADFG suggest AC make a list of options vs bogging on amendments: Togiak AC supported this proposal and asked for a 7 day increase. Togiak AC wants hunt to run later in the fall as moose move more later in season. The fall season could be started earlier a few days (+2?) , don't need to add all days at the end (+ 3 to 5 at end?)</p> <p>Concern for taking too many fall bulls, could increase cow harvest some to reduce moose numbers and herd reproductive capacity. Cow harvest might help avoid over harvesting the corridor area.</p> <p>Instead of fall hunt, what about liberalizing the winter hunt? Winter hunt based more on snow machines, effort and harvest might be spread over a wider area vs concentrated along river corridor.</p> <p><u>Emphasize</u> Nushagak AC favors the concept of more harvest opportunity and defers as much as reasonable to Togiak groups on this item and details. Also do not eliminate the nonresident hunt.</p> <p>We should allow more access (opportunity?) and let Board decide details in a single broad amendment.</p>
139	Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Joe Move Travis 2nd</p> <p>May increase nonresident hunts but area mostly limited by Federal concessions. I Several comments would like to see increased local harvest opportunity before increasing it for nonresidents. Locals can't go the store for meat.</p> <p>If we were concerned for stinky meat in 138, this 10 days extension is worse.</p> <p>With the strong moose herd there may be a way to extend a little more nonresident opportunity but not this way.</p> <p>Concerns for more competition with local hunters is big.</p> <p>10 days is way too much.</p> <p>In the upper Nushagak one season a guide took 35 bull moose and the area has never recovered, I'm totally opposed to this.</p> <p>I'm very concerned what this guide is trying to do with this.</p>
140	Open a guide required, nonresident registration hunt for moose in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Susie Moved, Joe 2nd</p> <p>Several AC members very strongly opposed.</p> <p>Such self-serving is offensive.</p> <p>This would take away opportunity / allocation from the existing registration hunt to serve a single guide.</p>
141	Allocate a portion of the nonresident drawing permits for moose in Unit 17A to guided hunters		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Susie Move, Dan 2nd</p> <p>Several members opposed.</p>



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			<p>It's not in the moose plan to address allocation to guides - we prefer to move cautiously step by step with this plan.</p> <p>If we liberalize this hunt too fast we might lose track of what's effective and may derail the plan. This plan is the successful result of all of us together.</p> <p>Existing plan allows for liberalization, no need to make major regulatory changes outside of the plan.</p>
142	Shift the resident fall hunting season dates for moose in a portion of Unit 17A		
Oppose	2	9	<p>Joe Move Susie 2nd</p> <p>This is only for season in a portion of 17C west of Weary River.</p> <p>Proposer feels moose are less available in the area during early portion of current season.</p> <p>This would require a totally new registration hunt - more paper work.</p> <p>Data is limited and hard to extract from surveys of the overall area.</p> <p>There are problems getting complete surveys in this area data is limited.</p> <p>Some ADFG data tends to show a weak or declining population and not likely to support increased harvest that might occur with date changes.</p> <p>ADFG and Enforcement don't like rivers as boundaries - harder to enforce and temptations to "fudge" might be greater.</p> <p>This could attract more effort and from what we hear and that wouldn't be a good thing.</p> <p>We are hearing that ADFG is already concerned about the status of moose in this area and they are just starting a study. I tend to agree to wait for their study data.</p> <p>This area is NOT like over in Togiak R. where there is a lot of good data showing a strong and growing moose population.</p> <p>Fish and Wildlife Togiak Refuge is opposed to this proposal and they think this population is stable or declining.</p> <p>Joe C: this whole area has a long history of a registration hunt, and to separate this portion out, I really doubt it would be helpful to the proposer. How permits would be issued concerns me as well and therefore I'm inclined to oppose this.</p> <p>Curt I like river boundaries and I tend to favor this. The season wouldn't be longer just shifted and would mostly be for the village of Manokotak.</p> <p>Much of the lands involved are non-Refuge Native lands, whether guides come in could be up to owners.</p> <p>Given uncertainty of the moose population in the area described, I don't favor this.</p> <p>FWS Aderman pointed out the proposal does 2 things: shifts the dates AND extends the General Hunt by 5 days.</p>
143	Open the resident winter season for moose in a portion of Unit 17C by emergency order only		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Joe move Susie 2nd</p> <p>Frank and Susie agree with the concerns expressed by ADFG that data suggests caution. Let's wait for study results. Currently the science "isn't there".</p> <p>Extended season may not work well with the antler requirement - antlers more likely to be off by that time.</p> <p>It was noted the Togiak AC did not support this proposal as they agree with the biological</p>



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			<p>concerns of ADFG and FWS.</p> <p>We are sympathetic but Manokotak people need to meet with biologist and work out a better plan.</p>
144	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area		
Oppose	1	10	<p>Joe Move, Susie 2nd</p> <p>Dan concerned for habitat damage, excessive access and greater harvest. Restriction probably in part to follow the Nushagak Area Plan where areas were restricted from motor vehicles and to protect locals' hunting. Lately near Dillingham 4 wheelers are being used more and more there are trails and mud holes forming damaging tundra. This would assist commercial operators to come into this area - the whole idea of the corridor was to aid locals.</p> <p>Concern expressed that this change if made, would likely go 1 way, once opened it would be impossible to close.</p> <p>Proposer pointed that his intent was to open this use to locals only , not the "Green Tag Hunters". "I intended it to help the subsistence hunters."</p> <p>Someone noted that even now Non Residents are allowed to get permits in the corridor and they would want to use ATVs.</p> <p>Knik River area where I grew up has been trashed by ATVs, its not the same, they do a lot of damage.</p> <p>Proponent encouraged to supply clear comments to the BOG by the deadline.</p>
145	Open a nonresident registration hunt for caribou in Units 9 and 17		
Opposed	0	10	<p>Joe Move Dan 2nd</p> <p>Locals are having a hard time finding any caribou now, I'm not inclined to support this. As ADFG says, herd is far below management objectives even with Intensive Management; bull /cow and calf cow ratios aren't real good.</p> <p>I talked to a local pilot who flew around much of the area and could not find caribou to hunt - this proposal isn't a good idea right now.</p>
146	Open a guide-required nonresident drawing hunt for caribou in Unit 17B		
NA			<p>Joe move no action Susie 2nd</p> <p>AC agree, outside of BOG authority</p>
147	Open a nonresident draw hunt for caribou in Units 18 and 19		
Opposed	0	10	<p>Susie Move, Todd 2nd</p> <p>Chair recapped AC concerns regarding Prop 145 and those concerns apply to this proposal as well. Other AC members agree and are opposed.</p>



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148	Allow the use of a snowmachine for harvesting caribou, wolf, or wolverine in Unit 17		
Support	7	2	<p>Susie move Dan 2nd</p> <p>Very very long and vigorous discussion on this proposal.</p> <p>Several strongly oppose the proposal as unethical, especially hard on caribou where many animals are disturbed vs individual wolf or wolverine. For caribou this activity happens in mid -late winter when caribou are most stressed already, hard on pregnant females and fetuses - its not responsible hunting, detrimental to health of animals and ultimately may reduce harvestable population..</p> <p>Others say its better to accommodate a common practice, work toward better compliance, reduce fear of citations to enhance more cooperation and hunt / harvest reporting. Allow some activity and work to educate operators on ethical practices, reduce abandoned animals, reduce enforcement hassles.</p> <p>A question Board, ADFG, Wildlife Enforcement need to address is a clear difference between "chasing (illegal)" and "positioning (legal)".</p> <p>Further, the AC members in opposition say this proposal says "positioning the animal" vs positioning the hunter, hence apparently allows chasing and would be very hard to enforce fairly.</p> <p>One AC member suggested agencies get together, decide what constitutes positioning vs chasing and develop a clear video or video cartoon as an instruction tool.</p> <p>We will need vigorous public education along with this positioning regulation.</p> <p>Some members were willing to separate wolf and wolverine from caribou and offered to support an amended proposal but not for caribou.</p> <p>Another comment was to change language to allow positioning of the HUNTER not the quarry; but this suggestion was not accepted.</p> <p>Some comments suggested the disagreements here reflect differing cultural viewpoints.</p> <p>One of the most outspoken opponents had to leave the meeting before voting commenced.</p> <p>Note from the total vote count, at least 2 other members had left the meeting for other obligations.</p>
149	Liberalize the season and methods and means for trapping beaver in Units 9 and 17		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Dan Move Travis 2nd</p> <p>AC noted ADFG's concern for lost sealing data.</p> <p>Several comments were made that at previous meeting cycles, several GMU 17 beaver trappers have expressed concern for our long and complicated season and potential negative impacts on the beaver populations. Health of the beaver population is a</p>



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			<p>concern and has been a sensitive issue in the past.</p> <p>One very active beaver trapper, fur sewer, and AC member is strongly opposed: "this seems designed just to facilitate big game guides accessing small creeks and rivers with no regard for beaver biology. Kits need to be raised and taught to build, forage etc. This proposal would allow indiscriminate killing of beaver just for big cam hunters."</p> <p>Another member opposed this for: 1) beaver are not vermin and are an important food fur and income resource in GMU 17; 2) APA does not appreciate the moose habitat produced by beavers and their value to the moose population; 3) I have seen for myself that beaver dams are not a major obstacle to adult or juvenile salmon passage; 4) I can't believe APA risks their public image to support such an irresponsible proposal.</p>

3. Comment on proposals for the Federal Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council

WP 18-21: Simplify Caribou regulations and align with current State regulations:

Travis move Joe 2nd

Submitted by Bristol Bay RAC (BBRAC). This just gets the Federal regs lined up with the current regulations, less restrictive and simpler.

SUPPORT 8 yes 0 no

WP 18-22: Rescind Federal public lands closure for Nushagak Peninsula Caribou:

Travis moved Dan 2nd

Submitted by Bristol Bay RAC (BBRAC). Allows a State hunt when herd is big enough - estimated to be over 900 animals.

Local federal caribou planning committee (reps from villages currently qualified to harvest Nushagak Peninsula caribou) was opposed and wanted to keep restriction.

Considerable discussion and disagreement on RAC at the time it was proposed.

Herd is oversized now and could over graze.

Likely to open opportunities to more communities in the area.

At RAC meetings other communities expressed desire to have the opportunity to hunt this herd.

OSM supports this action.

SUPPORT 8 yes 0 no



WP 18-23: Add Customary and Traditional findings for caribou for residents of GMU 9C, 9E for Unit 17 remainder - specifically that portion of 17A and C consisting of the Nushagak Peninsula :

Travis move, Joe 2nd

Submitted by Gayla Hoseth of Dillingham.

Nushagak Caribou popular appears to remain above desired levels.

Designed to open opportunities to more communities in the area since the brood stock for this herd came from the Alaska Peninsula area.

At RAC meetings, other communities are eager to have the opportunity to hunt this herd.

OSM supports this with some wording modifications recommended.

SUPPORT 8 yes 0 no

4. Discussion of Board of Fisheries Call for Proposals for the 2018-2019 cycle. Chair - Nushagak AC needs to plan a spring meeting to develop fish proposals. Proposal Deadline is April 10. Tentatively scheduled for call of chair during March 2018.
5. AC Representation at statewide meeting November 10-12. To be determined when members can review their schedules. Possible representatives include Joe Chythlook, Dan Dunaway, Tom O'Connor, maybe Frank Woods. Please let chair know ASAP.
6. Review and approval of minutes: While BOG is less critical regarding getting final minutes AC prefers to supply final version. By unanimous consent, secretary will submit draft to chair for his review and approval.

X. Set date and location of next meeting: Call of chair during March 2018.

Adjournment: 17:03

Minutes Recorded By: Dan Dunaway
Minutes Approved By: Chairman Frank Woods
Date: 10/27/17



Paxson Fish & Game Advisory Committee
September 28, 2017
Met at the home of Gary Alcott

- I. Call to Order by Chair John Schandelmeier at 6 pm.
- II. Members Present: John Schandelmeier, Gary Alcott, Steve Chmielowski, Alan Echols, Mark Schlenker,
Members Absent: Lee Harper, David Hoffmeister, Greg Swope
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present:

Paxson Fish & Game Advisory Committee			
First Name	Last Name	Profile	Interests
Gary	Alcott		1-4, 6, 9-10
Steve	Chmielowski	Secretary	
Alan	Echols	Alternate	2-4, 6, 9-11
John	Schandelmeier	Chair	1-6, 9-10, 12
Mark	Schlenker	Vice Chair	1-4, 6-7, 9-10, 12

INTERESTS REPRESENTED

- 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

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Not applicable
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Frank Robbins
- VI. Guests Present: Bryan Aber
- VII. Old Business: None
- VIII. New Business: BOG Central John Schandelmeier will represent the AC at this meeting. The AC will meet again prior to this BOG 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
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
Support	5	0	The following will eliminate the community hunts!
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	5	0	See above
94	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	5	0	See above
95	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in Unit 13		
Support	5	0	Remove the hunt
96	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in the Copper Basin area, and establish a registration moose hunt for Unit 13		
Oppose	0	5	We agree with the removal of the community hunt, however, don't add another hunt.
97	Remove the requirement for applicants to have specific customary and traditional use patterns for participating in the community subsistence harvest hunts in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	5	We oppose the community hunt in any form!!
98	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
Oppose	0	5	Can't modify will not work!
99	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters, community subsistence harvest (CSH) moose and caribou hunters, and all members of their household, shall hunt moose only in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	5	
100	Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	5	These 2 proposals would place to many hunters in the field with additional moose take.
103	Change the community subsistence harvest hunt season dates for moose to align to align with the general hunt		
Oppose	0	5	No community hunts
104	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	2	3 abstain Board ties this IM management and number of hunter
107	Open a late resident hunting season for moose in Units 11 and 13		
Oppose	0	5	We don't need another hunt, no biological data
108	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	5	The bull/cow ratio could not sustain the pressure
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	5	0	
114	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	5	0	
115	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Units 11 and 13		
Support	5	0	
116	Allow trappers the incidental take of two furbearer in Units 11 and 13		



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Support	5	0	
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support	5	0	Would support these proposals with bag limits of 5 per day and 10 in possession
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
Support	5	0	Same comment as Prop 119
121	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
Support	5	0	Same comment as Prop 119
122	Modify the Sourdough Controlled Use Area		
Support	5	0	
123	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
Support	5	0	
124	Eliminate the Unit 13-specific proxy requirements		
Oppose	0	5	

We also discussed Federal proposals and are intending to get with other advisory committees to see if we can send a group to the Federal Subsistence Southcentral RAC meeting in Homer.

John Schandelmeier will attend the next Delta Advisory Committee meeting and Mark Schlenker plans to attend the next Copper Basin AC meeting.

There was also considerable discussion on predator management protocols, and checking into other methods of changing/eliminating the community hunt.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Steve Chmielowski
Minutes Approved By: John Schandelmeier
Date: 10/19/2017



**Valdez Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 26, 2018
Valdez Council Chambers**

- I. Meeting was called to order by Chair Hope Upicksoun at 6:34 pm
- II. Members Present: Hope Upicksoun, Tim Bouchard, Nick Crump, Ashley James, Marissa Roberts, Damien James, Charles Upicksoun
- III. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3 Quorum Met
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Approved
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: January 11, 2018 Approved by Committee
- VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: None
- VII. Guests Present: Kyle Rennie, Tursy Lincoln
- VIII. Public Testimony:
Tursy Lincoln of the Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission from Copper Center was present and gave her testimony/public comments on proposals regarding Unit 13 and the Community Subsistence Hunt. Tursy explained the CSH for the committee, clarified the reasoning behind definition changes in Proposal 98 and the criteria required of a CSH permit hunter. Tursy talked about global warming and its effects on the moose rutting season. Tursy also brought up the issue with crowded hunting grounds during caribou and moose season.
- IX. Old Business: none
- X. New Business:

Motion to adopt proposals 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97 and 98 by Nick Crump. Seconded by Hope Upicksoun.

Motion to adopt proposal 99 and 100 by Hope Upicksoun. Seconded by Nick Crump. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt on proposal 101 by Tim Bouchard. Second by Hope Upicksoun.

Motion to adopt proposal 102 by Hope Upicksoun. Second by Nick Crump.

Motion to adopt proposal 103 by Marissa Roberts. Second by Nick Crump.

Motion to adopt proposal 104 and 105 by Marissa. Second by Tim Bouchard.

Motion to adopt proposal 106, 107 and 108 by Hope Upicksoun. Second by Nick Crump.

Motion to adopt proposal 109 by Hope Upicksoun. Second by Tim Bouchard.



Motion to adopt proposal 110 by Hope Upicksoun. Second by Nick Crump.

Motion to adopt proposal 111 and 112 by Nick Crump. Second by Hope Upicksoun.

Motion to adopt proposal 113, 114, 115 and 116 by Marissa Roberts. Second by Nick Crump.

Motion to adopt proposal 117 and 118 by Hope Upicksoun. Second by Nick Crump

Motion to adopt proposal 119 by Nick Crump. Second by Tim Bouchard.

Motion to adopt proposal 120 and 121 by Ashley James. Second by Tim Bouchard.

Motion to adopt 122, 123, 124 by Nick Crump. Second by Hope Upicksoun.

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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
91	Modify the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for caribou and moose in Unit 13		
Support	4	1	Support: Committee discussed the updated survey and the benefits. An updated survey would benefit for future action taken regarding subsistence hunts. Opposed: Opted to take no action on this proposal due to insufficient knowledge on subsistence and this hunting unit.
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
NA			No action: Committee discussed decisions made during the March 2017 Board of Game Special Meeting and how those changes have not had sufficient time to determine effectiveness of changes made. Committee members feel that no action should be taken on the proposals at this time.
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
NA			No action: Based on action taken under proposal 92.
94	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
NA			No action: Based on action taken under proposal 92.
95	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in Unit 13		
NA			No action: Based on action taken under proposal 92.
96	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in the Copper Basin area, and establish a registration moose hunt for Unit 13		
NA			No action: Based on action taken under proposal 92.
97	Remove the requirement for applicants to have specific customary and traditional use patterns for participating in the community subsistence harvest hunts in Unit 13		
NA			No action: Based on action taken under proposal 92.



98	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions	
Support	3	<p>Support: The committee feels the definitions given in Proposal 98 would be beneficial to the CSH permit and the people who utilize this permit. The definitions provide more clarity as to who is eligible for these permits and can potentially prevent misuse of the permit.</p> <p>Committee members feel that we should take no action regarding this proposal due to not enough information on CSH and Unit 13, and did not have an opinion at this time regarding this proposal.</p>
99	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters, community subsistence harvest (CSH) moose and caribou hunters, and all members of their household, shall hunt moose only in Unit 13	
NA		Committee discussed the regulations for Tier I Caribou and Moose Hunts and CSH in Unit 13. Recent changes for regulations for these permits and possible hunting season changes. Committee decided not to take action for this proposal.
100	Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13	
NA		No action: Based on action taken on Proposal 99.
101	Establish a youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13	
Support	4	<p>Support: The committee likes the idea of a youth hunt for a few days before they go to school. Committee discussed regulations for youth hunting as they are currently. The committee believes a youth hunting season would provide our youth with a safer and less crowded environment to learn about big game hunting. One possible issue would be youth under the age of 10 would have to hunt under their parents permit.</p>
102	Open a nonresident caribou hunting season in Unit 13 and allocate up to ten percent of drawing permits to nonresidents when population objectives are met	
Oppose	3	<p>Opposed: Committee discussed possible outcomes of opening up permits to nonresidents and current permit regulations. Discussed the nonresidents permits opening up to caribou hunting to guide and trophy hunting. Committee members believe that the caribou drawing permits should remain as is and be allocated for residents only.</p> <p>No action: Committee members decided to take no action on this proposal at this point.</p>
103	Change the community subsistence harvest hunt season dates for moose to align to align with the general hunt	
Oppose	3	<p>Opposed: Committee discussed the overcrowding issue during general hunting season, regulations behind CSH, Tier I/II, and General Hunt permits. Committee does not agree with aligning hunt seasons.</p> <p>No action: Committee members decided to take no action on this proposal at this point.</p>
104	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13	
NA	1	<p>Support: Committee discussed antlerless hunts and reasoning for this proposal. Believes it's a good idea, in the case that moose numbers are ideal for an antlerless hunt</p> <p>No action taken due to no major opinion on the Unit 13 antlerless moose season.</p>
105	Eliminate the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 13	
NA		No action: Based on action taken under proposal 104.
106	Eliminate the drawing permit hunt DM324 for moose in Unit 13	
NA		Committee discussed the Unit 13 permit hunt and decided to take no action on this proposal at this time.
107	Open a late resident hunting season for moose in Units 11 and 13	



NA			Committee discussed the late hunting season, the hunting areas, and moose rutting seasons. Committee did not see a need for a late season at this time and decided not take action on this proposal.
108	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 13		
NA			Committee discussed the antler restrictions as they are, genetics of moose antlers and the proposed changes, but did not see the need to make the changes. Committee feels no action is needed at this time.
109	Change the “any ram” bag limit to “full-curl ram” for the Dall sheep permit hunts in Units 13D and 14A		
NA			Committee discussed the area and regulations in nearby units, but have decided to take no action at this point.
110	Change the drawing permit hunt for goat in Unit 13D to a registration hunt		
Support	4		Support: Committee discussed the amount of work entailed in goat hunting in Unit 13D. With the drawing permit, the committee discussed that hunters are being drawn on for these permit hunts and not utilizing those permits due to the difficulty in hunting this area. If changed to a registration hunt and requiring a test to prove knowledge of goats before issuing tags, more willing and able hunters would have the opportunity to harvest in this hunting area.
111	Open a fall season for hunting brown bear and black bear over bait in Unit 13		
NA			The committee discussed what baiting entails, the population of bear, and issues with the bear. The committee decided to take no action on this proposal and does not have an opinion regarding a fall hunting season at this time.
112	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 11		
Support	3		Support: Committee discussed the lengthening the hunting season in Unit 11 would align the brown bear hunting season in Unit 11 with surrounding units. We think this would be a good idea for hunters harvesting across both unit 11 and 13. The committee also believes that there is a good number of bear in that area and it shouldn't be too big of an issue to extend the hunting season. No action taken by committee members due to not having any major opinion for or against lengthening the hunting season in Unit 11.
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	5		Support: Committee discussed trapping seasons, limits, incidentals, other furbearer seasons, and the effects of overpopulation of wolverine. Committee feels that with the abundance of wolverine, extending the trapping season should not be an issue. Extending would decrease some of the incidental take of wolverine, having to turn in those incidentals and waste of wolverine take.
114	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
Support	4		Support: Based on action taken on Proposal 113. No action: Based on action already taken on Proposal 113.
115	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Units 11 and 13		
Support	4		Support: Based on action taken on Proposal 113. No action: Based on action already taken on Proposal 113.
116	Allow trappers the incidental take of two furbearer in Units 11 and 13		
NA			No action: Committee discussed that allowing two incidental furbearers may only encourage trappers to take a furbearer out of season. Trappers may just set out a trap for the incidental furbearers out of season.
117	Reduce the harvest and possession limits for grouse in Unit 11		
NA			Committee discussed the harvest and possession limits as they are and the proposed changes, but decided to take no action at this time.
118	Reduce the bag limit and shorten the season for grouse in Unit 11		



NA			No action: based on action taken on Proposal 117.
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
NA	1		Support: Committee discussed ptarmigan hunting, population and proposed changes. Ptarmigan population is enough that the hunting season can be lengthened. Committee decided on no action and doesn't feel that change is needed at this time.
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
Support	3		Support: Committee discussed population of ptarmigan in each area, accidental take of ptarmigan, and the effects of season changes. Committee decided that the proposal would be beneficial to ptarmigan population and hunters harvesting across these units. Committee members feel no action is needed at this time.
121	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
NA			No action based on action taken on Proposal 119.
122	Modify the Sourdough Controlled Use Area		
Support	5		Support: Committee discussed the previous Controlled Use Area and proposed modified area for Sourdough. Committee feels the modification to the Controlled Use Area in Sourdough would better define the non-motorized areas for hunters wanting to utilize this area.
123	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
Support	5		Support: Committee discussed the previous Controlled Use Area and proposed modified area in Clearwater Creek. Committee feels the modification to the Controlled Use Area in Clearwater Creek would better define the non-motorized areas for hunters wanting to utilize this area.
124	Eliminate the Unit 13-specific proxy requirements		
Oppose		5	Opposed: Committee discussed the proxy hunt issues with people abusing the system. Proxy hunters regulations should be modified in the future to say that a person can only proxy hunt for one person.
152	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
Support	3		Support: Committee discussed moose population, antlerless moose hunts and how often an antlerless moose hunts occur. Committee supports the antlerless hunt in the area based on population. No action taken due to not having any major opinions regarding antlerless moose hunts in Unit 6C
162	Reauthorize resident brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Eastern Arctic Alaska		
Support	4		Support: Committee discussed the tag fee and feels that the brown bear tag fee exemption should be reauthorized due to brown bear population, predator control and incidental take. Committee member decided to not take action on this proposal due to not having any major opinion on supporting/opposing this proposal.
163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	4		Support: Based on discussion and action taken on Proposal 162. No action: Based on action taken on Proposal 162.
166	Modify the hunt structure for the Fortymile caribou herd in Units 20 and 25		
NA			Committee discussed the unit, the caribou population and the migration of the caribou herd through Canada. Committee took no action on this proposal based on



			the future management plans regarding this herd.
67B	Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan		
NA			Committee discussed minimum age for hunting licenses and fees involved. Committee decided to take no action based on no major opinion on Unit 16.

Committee decided to hold our next meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. At the next meeting, we'll discuss Proposals for the Board of Fisheries including the shellfish proposals and deep water release mechanism proposal. Comments for the Board of Fisheries are due February 23rd.

Move to adjourn by Hope Upicksoun. Second by Nick Crump.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:55 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Marissa Roberts
Minutes Approved By: Chair Hope Upicksoun
Date: February 1, 2018



Seldovia Advisory Committee
December 14, 2017
Multi-purpose Room

- I. Call to Order: 1210 by Michael Opheim
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Walter Sonen, Stephen Payton, Allison Miller (Secretary), Jordan Cameron, Keith Swick, Alvin Swick, Michael Opheim (Chair)

Members Absent: Keith Gain, Bryan Chartier

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Approval of Agenda: Miller moves to approve the agenda, Sonen seconds. Motion passes.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: none
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: none
- VI. Guests Present: none
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business:
 - A. Advisory Committee Elections: (3) 2-year seats, (3) 1-year seats, (1) alternate seat.
Sonen moves to open the floor for nominations. Cameron seconds. Motion passes.
Miller moves to nominate all the committee members whose terms have expired. Keith Swick seconds. Motion passes.
Alvin Swick would like to add Bryan Chartier back to the committee as an alternate. Cameron seconds. Motion passes.
Committee members cast votes on ballots provided.
Vote tally:
Michael Opheim: IIIIIII- 7
Allison Miller: IIIIIII- 7
Jordan Cameron: IIIIII- 6
Keith Swick: IIIIII- 6
Alvin Swick: IIIIII- 6
Keith Gain: IIIIII- 6
Bryan Chartier: IIIIII- 6
Stephen Payton: I- 1
Miller moves to elect officers as previously seated, and those members who have served the longest will be 2 -year terms, the rest as 1-year and alternates as follows:
Chair: Michael Opheim
Secretary: Allison Miller



2-year seats: Alvin Swick, Keith Gain, Keith Swick

1-year seats: Michael Opheim, Jordan Cameron, Allison Miller

Alternate: Bryan Chartier

Alvin Swick seconds the motion. Motion passes.

B. Proposal 153: Sonen motion in support of the proposal. Alvin Swick seconds. Motion passes.

Discussion on effectiveness of antlerless moose hunts on Kalgin Island. All vote yea. None opposed. Proposal is unanimously supported.

C. Proposal 154: Alvin Swick motions in support of the proposal. Sonen seconds. Motion passes. All memembers vote yea. None opposed. Proposal is unanimously supported.

VIV. Meeting adjourns at 1246.



Seward Fish and Game Advisory Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2017

1. Call to order 7:00
2. Roll Call:
Members Present: Bacon, Campbell, Carpenter, Casey, Clemens, Dubuc, Foldager, McCracken, Smith, White
Excused: Flood, Hatch, Hubbard
3. Approval of Previous meeting minutes: unanimous
Motion to adopt meeting agenda: unanimous
4. Correspondence: Diane Watson notified the AC about the 10/17 work session of BOF. Up for consideration is making Seward the meeting place for LCI BOF meetings in 2019. Will get an answer back on Tuesday. There have been letters of support from various organizations in Seward including Chamber of Commerce.
5. Introduction of committee members, agency reps: Jeff Salinger ADF&G Soldotna, AWT- Ken Acton
6. Citizens comments: none
7. Old biz:
Ken Carpenter gave a recap of kids' fish day. Success overall. Was able to solicit loaner rod donations, lots of prize donations- Fish House, Bass Pro Shops, Trustworthy Hardware, & Shimano. Safeway and 3 Bears donated food for the event. Grand prize drawing was held for a charter fishing trip. Attendees came from all over the state, including Valdez, Fairbanks and Soldotna. Ken sent thank you letters to donors
8. New biz:
Meeting authorization:
Casey moves, McCracken seconds authorization for Diane Dubuc to attend PWS BOF meeting on December 1 – 5 in Valdez

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92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
Support	10	0	Motion to adopt by Smith Smith has concerns with community subsistence hunt, cites ample general hunting opportunity in areas open to CSH, concerned about abuse Carpenter: 252 communities register for the hunt, and most are from near Anchorage. Also concerned about CSH abuse. What about game checkpoints? AWT: this constitutes a roadblock: illegal under AK state law



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			<p>Smith: CSH was put in place for increased opportunity to Ahtna people, now is being capitalized on by a more urban population</p> <p>Smith motion to write an RC, Carpenter seconds it.</p>
100	Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
Support	4	3	<p>Motion to adopt by Foldager Foldager does not want hunters to be restricted for moose hunting based on where they goes to hunt caribou. Campbell concurs, does not agree with locking moose hunters into an area where they choose to caribou hunt.</p> <p>Clemens mentions one favorable thing about the regulation is that it takes pressure away from other areas. Hunters must make that tradeoff when they decide to participate in the Tier I caribou hunt.</p> <p>Foldager: the current regulations force hunters who want both moose and caribou to spend greater amounts of time in the field hunting that area which can be cost prohibitive (money and time)</p> <p>3 Abstained</p>
155	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	6	3	<p><u>Proposal 155</u> Motion to adopt: Casey Casey: would like to see the regulation remain on the books, eliminating it would be too permanent, hard to reintroduce. Leaving it on the books allows ADF&G to open it if the numbers are high enough White: Has hunted here a lot & doesn't think there are enough animals there to support a hunt.</p> <p>1 Abstain</p>

Schedule next meeting: April 2018

Move to adjourn 9:41

Minutes taken by Andy Bacon
Verbally approved by Chair
10/27/2017



Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee
Agenda
October 26, 2017 – 12 noon
Community Building

1. Wade Ryan called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.
2. Roll Call
Wade Ryan, Chair
Jacob Ivanoff, Secretary
Matilda Hardy, Member
Alexander Niksik, Member
Frank Katchatag, Member
Wes Jones, Member
Morris Nassuk, Member, attempted to attend but the plane left his village before he could board. He tried to participate by teleconference but there was too much static for him.
3. Jacob moved seconded by Matilda to Approval of Agenda
4. Jacob moved seconded by Wes to Approve of Meeting Minutes – 12/8/16 Meeting Minutes approved on 12/22/16
5. Fish & Game Staff present
Bill Dunker and Hazel Smith participated in person; Letty Hughes and Justin Leon participated by teleconference.
6. Guests present – None; Clarence Towarak participated towards the end of the meeting.
7. Election of Officers,
Wes made a motion seconded by Frank to keep Wade as Chair and Jacob as Secretary.
8. Old business - None
9. New business – Board of Game

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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
1	Modify the definition of bag limit		
No Action			
2	Modify the definition of youth hunt, allow youth hunters to obtain their own harvest ticket, and remove the hunter education requirement for youth hunters		
No Action			
3	Modify the definition of regulatory year		
Opposed	0	6	Wes made motion Jacob seconded to approve. Wes said due to the complexity of the



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			proposal he is against.
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
No action			
5	Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine		
No Action			
6	Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers		
Opposed	0	6	Jacob moved Wes seconded to approve. Wes stated it opens the ability to abuse trapping towards specific harvested animals.
7	Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide		
No Action			
8	Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license		
Oppose	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Jacob to approve. Wade doesn't like the proposal due to the amount of conflict with DOL. Wes stated that there are already so many rules with land and shoot.
10	Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game		
Oppose	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Matilda to approve. Wes stated it starts meddling with making adjustments for all game.
13	Clarify the regulation that prohibits the use of a "cellular or satellite telephone" to take game		
No Action			
14	Prohibit the taking of bears in dens		
No Action			
17	Prohibit the use of airbows for taking big game		
Support	6	0	Wes moved seconded by Matilda to approve. Wes said that if we take up the airbow method that it does not align with a normal use of a bow.
24	Define the term "equipment" for bear baiting		
No Action			
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Frank to approve. Wes will vote against because our current requirements of harvesting the bears is sufficient. Wade agrees with Wes that we have no issues with the current regulations
26	Animals harvested under auction and raffle permits will not count against the regular bag limit		
No Action			
27	Modify the required hunt procedures for applying for drawing permits		
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
28	Modify the Board of Game nonresident drawing permit allocation policy		
No Action			
29	Remove the bag limit restriction for resident relatives accompanying nonresident relatives within the second degree of kindred		
No Action			
30	Allow nonresident hunters to harvest brown bear, sheep or goat on behalf of their Alaska resident second degree of kindred relative's permit		
No Action			
31	Establish a preference point system for drawing hunts		
No Action			
32	Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts		
No Action			
33	Establish a ten percent nonresident moose drawing permit allocation		
No Action			
34	In drawing hunts with a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents, all nonresident permits will be issued from the nonresident allocation		
No Action			
35	Allow nonresidents and residents to apply as a party for hunts having separate permits for residents and nonresidents		
No Action			
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Support	6	0	Jacob move seconded by Wes to approve. Wes said the difficulty of obtain duck stamps for Federal and if the Federal stamp was removed it aligns the state with it.
42	Remove the nonresident guide requirement for moose and black bear hunts		
No Action			
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded by Wes to approve. Wade stated we have proxy hunting everywhere else. Wes asked if there was limit on the hunt and supports the proposal.
44	Allow the take of moose by proxy in moose hunts having antler restrictions		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded by Frank to approve. Wes asked if we cannot currently proxy hunt in our region. Bill stated that in 22A there is no proxy hunt allowed.
45	Require antlers be sealed for all antler restricted hunts		



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Oppose	0	6	Jacob moved seconded by Wes to approve. Wes will vote against because it will require the Department will have to seal the antlers, it will add undue cost to the Department.
46	Modify the transfer of possession regulations as it pertains to guided and transported hunters		
Oppose	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Wes to approve. Wes said that it keeps the guides inline if opposed.
47	Modify the transfer of possession regulations		
Opposed	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Matilda to approve. Wes stated it keeps everything inline if opposed.
48	Modify the transfer of possession regulations to include reporting requirements		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded Matilda to approve. Wade said it will be smart because the state can keep a record the transfer of meat.
49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded by Matilda to approve. Wade asked how much the permit will be. Bill stated that it will be free. Jacob said it will help the state keep track of the hide and sale. Wes asked if the main goal is to see what is the harvest in the state for the Department to keep tab of the harvest of bears.
50	Provide clarification for allowing guides to register additional guide use areas for taking predators, and to restrict the take of predators in those guide use areas		
No Action			
51	Change the implementation date for removing additional guide use areas under intensive management		
No Action			
52	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose and caribou under intensive management until harvest and population objectives are met		
No Action			
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
No Action			
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
Opposed	0	6	Matilda moved seconded by Jacob to approve. Wes stated that it does have some good components but it's hard to see a justification. Jacob asked if they already use the household size as a point system. Bill said they do not. Jacob stated there would be to many changes that would need to take place if this was adopted.
55	Combine the regulations allowing the take of big game for religious ceremonies and ceremony potlatches		
No Action			
56	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
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
57	Change the definition of “community” or “group” for community subsistence harvest hunts		
No Action			
58	Modify the salvage requirements for moose and caribou taken under community subsistence harvest hunts		
No Action			
59	Consider all customary and traditional uses as eligibility criteria for Tier II and community subsistence harvest hunts		
No Action			
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
Opposed	0	6	Jacob moved seconded by Wes to approve. Wes stated that the way we need to go is to have a hunter’s certificate. It is unrealistic to have our young residence to obtain a hunter education certification. Wade stated that education is good but with the state budget it is not feasible.
62	Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild		
Oppose	0	6	Wes moved seconded by Jacob to approve. Wes thinks this is a poor way to go to release sterilized cats. Cats become an invasive species. Wade thinks that no one should be releasing any type of animals into the wild.
63	Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded by Wes to approve.
66	Update the Board of Game’s policy for accepting agenda change requests to make it more consistent with the Joint Board Petition Policy		
Support	6	0	Wes moved seconded by Matilda to approve.
67	To comply with recent statutory changes, review and update regulations with minimum hunting age requirements		
Support	6	0	Wes moved seconded by Matilda to approve.
68	Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order		
Support	6	0	Jacob moved seconded by Frank to approve.
69	For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose		
Oppose	0	6	Jacob moved seconded by Wes to approve. Wade said this is a good idea for some areas but for our area is unnecessary. Wes think it would be a good idea for areas that require specific antler size or brow tine.

163	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A	
Support	6	0
	Wes moved seconded by Jacob to approve.	



Area Biologists Bill Dunker and Letty Hughes gave updates to the AC on current projects in the Southern Sound Area and upcoming areas of research. Bill also gave updates on personnel changes in Region 5. Justin Leon, Fisheries Biologist was going to give a presentation but the AC moved quickly.

Elder Clarence Towarak relayed his concerns to the AC about certain proposals and wanted to know how they voted which he agreed with.

10. Adjourn at 3:21 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Jacob Ivanoff, Secretary

Signature Date

Minutes reviewed/approved by: Wade Ryan, Chair

Signature Date



Minutes

Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 19 & 20

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Carney at 2pm

The Roll Call & Quorum

- Lime Village – Rick Breckheimer attended by telephone/ Faron Bobby was absent.
- Stony River – David Bobby & Charlie Gusty were absent
- Sleetmute – Doug Carney was present / Terence Morgan was absent
- Red Devil – Barb Carlson & John Zeller were present

Sleetmute rep /chair Doug Carney Appointed Frank Egnaty to serve in Terence Morgan's place.
The 5 members present establishes a quorum.

Others Attending -

- Josh Peirce, Area Biologist
- 17 community members, besides the SHAC members, attended the meeting –a large turnout for any meeting in Sleetmute.

Members' Concerns - Chair

- Any agenda additions to Other Business for this meeting? *Besides comments on the statewide proposals, SHAC will address the ACR1 that was submitted by Henry Hill.*
- Any proposals besides the ones listed - *None*
- Anything for future meetings? *Nothing brought up.*

Approval of Agenda –Approved

Reading & Approval of Minutes - from the Dec.8, 2016 teleconference meeting. The minutes were approved as read, with one change pointed out by Josh Peirce. It is the **McGrath Native Village** that pays \$150 for each wolf & bear brought in – **not** the McGrath City Council.

Fred Bobby - Bear control program needed in Lime Village area

Freddy was absent, so the Chair gave a short narrative of Fred's concerns. He wants to see bear control occur in the Lime Village area. Folks up there are having bear trouble. Fred's smokehouse had the whole back torn off by a bear, and fish eaten. Fred's wife had run into a brown bear as she was entering the washeteria in Lime.

Chair –

- *The next Region III meeting is in spring, 2020*
- *Reviewed handouts for SHAC members and community members to use during the meeting.*
- *Discussed the possibility of splitting 19A into 2 subunits*

Josh Peirce



- Had some handouts, including printed versions of his power point presentation.
- Josh gave a short history of the moose closure.

Nov. & Feb Moose counts moose surveys

As Josh went through his power point SHAC and community members asked questions and took part in the discussion.

Some of the points made, and discussion involved the following -

- He started with a map of 19A, explaining the different hunt areas and where predator control occurs
- Went over the Nov. 2016 and Feb. 2017 moose surveys
- Spoke of the \$150 bounty the McGrath Native Village Council offers for bear and wolves
- Explained that a harvestable surplus is generally considered to be 4% of extrapolated # of moose.
- ANS and harvestable surplus were explained and discussed
- Spoke of Tier II – explained conditions / younger folks can't get points for a permit
- Spoke of twinning rates and what they indicate –good feed = fat & healthy cows = more twins
- 20% calf survival is at the low end of maintaining a population, but don't want it any lower
- 40% of a wolf population can be killed every year, and wolf numbers will have bounced back by the next year
- 19A Intensive Management goals / 7600-9300 in 19A - presently at 6300
- Drawing hunts pros & cons were discussed

BOG Statewide Meeting / Nov. 10-17 / ACR 1 Discussion, proposals & comments

Discussion was led by the Chair-

Chair - Before addressing the proposals in the book, we'll discuss **ACR1** submitted by Henry Hill.

The BOG changed from a 2-year cycle to a 3-year cycle.

We are in Region 3 – the Interior – we were in cycle in 2017 – Region 3 meeting was last Feb.

The next Region 3 meeting is in 2020.

So this ACR is an attempt to get the BOG to consider an opening before 2020.

Oct. 4 - BOG will have a teleconference to decide whether or not they will accept this ACR.

Sept 29 is the comment deadline – The public, including SHAC has the opportunity to comment on this, urging BOG to accept or not accept the ACR.

SHAC voted to OPPOSE ACR1, urging BOG NOT to accept the ACR - or if accepted - to table it for an opening no earlier than fall, 2019.

It is clear that although people in our area would like to see a hunt, they are cautious about having an opening, when numbers are still so low in the closed area of 19A.

The Chair asked for and was given approval by SHAC members to write and send comments on the ACR by the deadline of Sept. 29 to BOG for the Oct 4 teleconference, and to address a possible registration hunt opening as needed at any future BOG meeting, including making SHAC's hunt recommendations available to BOG if ACR 1 is accepted OR when it is appropriate for a hunt opening that would occur not before fall, 2019.

Comments on ACR 1 were sent to BOG before the Sept. 29th Deadline.

BOG accepted ACR 1, and put it on the Feb. 2018 meeting schedule as Proposal 165

SHAC comments on Proposal 165 for that meeting are at the end of these minutes.

Discussion went on for 2-3 hours, and was both thorough and productive.



The committee allowed the public to take part all the way through, to make sure all were clear on several points – How registration permits work, ANS, harvestable surplus were all important topics for those unfamiliar with them.

Gail Vanderpool suggested that SHAC learn how McGrath and GASH control hunting in their areas – Hunters must register in villages, fly in & out with scheduled airlines to state maintained strips, and their meat must stay with them.

Sandra Derendy – We need to be conservative and not open too soon or allow too much hunting. Maybe hunters should be required to bring the meat out on the bones.

Doug Carney – Without law enforcement, with an opening even more abuse will occur in 19A, since with the new registration hunt there will be some legitimate hunting going on in 19A.

No one present wanted to see the herd lose the little ground it has gained, and would rather see the area remain closed, rather than risk a hunt that would destroy that.

From this discussion, SHAC used its list of hunt options, added others, and came up with conditions SHAC believes would contribute to a cautious, prudent, and limited registration hunt opening.

Using the list of options for a hunt, the latest survey information, and through discussion of this list and other issues, SHAC agreed on a list of conditions for a registration hunt. SHAC believes these conditions would offer a hunt in the area that would possibly allow the herd to continue to grow, as well as limit the ability of some forms of hunt abuse and possibly over-harvest of moose in the area. This list follows SHAC comments on Proposal 165 at the end of these minutes.

Half hour break for dinner at 6pm.

Resumption of meeting at 7 p.m.

- BOG proposals for the statewide meeting were considered and voted on- (1-17) 4, 5, 10,11, 12,13, 14, 15 / 41, 42, 52, 54
- If any members have other proposals for BOG or BOF meetings that you want to discuss, say so now and we'll add them. *Josh suggested a couple.*
- Proposal discussion & comments

Barb Carlson - Fisheries update

- Barb went over 5 ACRs for BOF – 3,4,5,6,7. SHAC voted unanimously to allow Barb to write comments and testify –reflecting the support or opposition that SHAC gave these ACRs- if they become proposals.
- **Following discussion, she asked for and got approval from SHAC to make comments on the ACRs as well as to submit a proposal for SHAC to allow dip netting in the Kuskokwim drainage.**
- A short discussion on how BOF proposal 276 /RC46 will go into effect the summer of 2018, if we are again in times of Chinook conservation. This will allow some limited harvest of Chinook with a permit, if fishing above Aniak.

BOF ACRs Discussed & voted on -

ACR 3 – Oppose – Will make the possibility of targeting Chinook in times of conservation even worse than what was seen with 4” mesh nets.

ACR 4 – No Action –only affects communities below the Kolmokoff River – the locals there need to decide this one.



ACR 5 – Oppose – This is already being done very well through Emergency Order with lots of lead time to let people know about the coming closure.

ACR 6 – Oppose – This is already being done well by Emergency order. Making it a regulation may limit managers' options in unforeseen ways.

ACR 7 – Oppose – This may be needed in the non-salmon spawning tributaries down in the tidally influenced part of the Kuskokwim Drainage, but serves no purpose above the tide area, except to limit ability to catch non-salmon species during Chinook closures.

The meeting adjourned at 9pm on Sept.19, and reconvened at 9am on Sept.20.

There were additions and changes made to SHAC's recommendation list for the registration hunt that the committee approved. The hunt opening was changed from 7 to 5 days, and the permit cap wording was changed to "Up to 75 permits." Also the trigger for a closure was added – "when bull: cow ratio drops to 35 bulls: 100 cows."

Other Business – none

SHAC comments on Proposal 165 (ACR 1) for Feb. 2018 BOG Meeting

SHAC OPPOSES Proposal 165 - (as it did ACR 1)

In ACR 1 the author claims to be a subsistence hunter and though he has lived in Sleetmute 31 years, ADF&G records show that between 1993 and 2017 this "subsistence hunter" had a hunting license only in 2004 and 2005, and got a permanent ID card in 2009. (ADF&G records only go back to 1993.) The above statements are the only ones in the ACR, which are not repeated in Proposal 165.

Issues to address in both the ACR and Proposal 165- (Proposal text excerpts are in quotes – ***comments are bold & in italics***)

- "Permits would be available at the store in Sleetmute." ***The author could have said "My store", where he sells gasoline, groceries, and has a B&B. It would be financially profitable for the permits to be available in his store.***
- "The fish and game survey of spring 2017 showed there is a harvestable population for the first time since the closure in 2006." ***'Harvestable surplus' is what he must be thinking of.***
- "This hunting season should have been available in the 2017 cycle of the Board of Game for Interior-Northeast Arctic Region, however weather conditions did not allow for aerial surveys to validate this opening until the board cycle was past." ***SHAC had its meeting Dec.8, 2016, after the Nov. 2016 composition count, and did not put in an ACR then. The Feb. 2017 GSPE survey shows a rather low density. A harvestable surplus does not mandate an opening, and neither does an aerial survey. A Tier II hunt has always been available. It was considered by the 4 communities in the area, and rejected in 2006.***
- "The advisory committee was not able to put an agenda change request together because of all the summer activities of its members." ***SHAC had no intention of making an Agenda Change Request, but summer activities do make meetings difficult, as does the hunting season. The area biologist had also decided that rather than hurrying a meeting before the Sept 11 ACR deadline with the purpose of putting in an ACR for an opening, he wanted to have***



a face-to-face AC meeting to explain in detail what a limited opening could be like, so folks in the area could get a good picture of it. To ensure people showed up for the meeting, the biologist and SHAC chair planned on a meeting in October, and then had to make it earlier due to Josh’s schedule, and PFDs coming out.

- *Later, on September 19-20, 2017, the SHAC meeting in Sleetmute, went as planned. The biologist gave the latest moose survey information. The biologist and SHAC Chair explained how the registration hunts could have conditions to limit the take of animals.*

Feb. 2017 Survey power point

Some things to be aware of when studying page 2 of the Area Biologist’s survey power point –

- Do not confuse the label "West" at the top of the table to mean all of what we have been calling the Tier II portion of 19A - TM680 containing 5735 sq. miles. The "West" of this table contains only a portion of what we call 19A West.
- The label "East" does mean all 4289 sq. miles of 19A East –the closure area we are discussing in Prop 165.
- Those composition surveys that have been done in 19A East -the closure area - have been done in the best habitat area, as the map shows. This applies to the Nov. 2016 survey as well. This survey area is within the Wolf Control Focus area,(WCFA), and also the Bear Control Focus Area (BCFA).
- **In the Nov, 2016 comp. survey - the high 58 bulls:100cows and 55 calves:100 cow ratios** were found within the Bear Control Focus Area, which contains 534 square miles. This area is about 12% of 19A East, and 15% of 19A East, (less the LVMA.) **Keep in mind, that this is where the composition counts have been done in recent years – yet the hunt opening would be in all of 19A East.** The 1.4 moose per square mile is comparatively high within 19A East, but is not unimpressive when considering what the habitat could and did support until the late 1990s.
- The other 84 or 88% of 19A East has extremely low moose concentrations of 0.5 per square mile.
- **The Nov, 2017 comp. survey - 36 bulls:100 cows, and 34 calves:100 cows** shows much lower ratios compared to last year.
- **The table below** , (included in the Nov. 2016 comp count memo), shows comp counts from previous years, with the Nov.2017 comp count added

Regulatory year	Moose	Cows	Calves	Calves: 100 cows	Bulls	Bulls:100 cows
2007–2008	200	111	50	45	39	35
2008–2009	124	77	21	27	26	34
2009–2010	129	69	25	36	35	51
2010–2011	212	127	24	19	61	48
2011–2012	164	97	30	31	37	38
2013–2014	244	119	59	50	66	55
2016–2017	273	128	71	55	74	58
2017-2018	300	176	60	34	64	36

The bull:cow ratio is almost exactly what SHAC has recommended, (35bulls:100 cows), for a trigger to close any hunt that BOG may choose to open.



There is now a harvestable surplus in 19A that is greater than the ANS for the GMU. By regulation, the Tier II hunt will have to be changed to another sort of hunt at the Region 3 BOG meeting cycle in 2020. *There is however, no regulation that forces a hunt opening in the closure area, and no particular need to open a season out of cycle.*

- The Feb. 2017 ADF&G survey shows 0.5 animals per square mile in the closure area, which is a very low concentration of moose.
- There are 2 separate, identified herds in 19A that have been managed separately since 2006.
- There are several legitimate reasons / differences for separating GMU 19A into 2 subunits, and this also bears serious consideration. As things stand now, with one ANS and one harvestable surplus for all of 19A, along with other issues, a separation would make sense.

Some background on the 19A hunt closure

The 2006 moose closure originated with the four village councils in the area, (Lime Village, Stony River, Sleetmute, and Red Devil), and some members of the “Old” Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee, (CKAC). This course was taken after watching the continuing moose population dive during the two, (2004-2005), registration hunt seasons. At the 2006 Region 3 BOG meeting, BOG voted to make eastern 19A a closure area, and western 19A was put into Tier II. There was no harvestable surplus in the closure area at that time.

CKAC members from Stony River and Sleetmute wanted a closure on moose hunting, with any future harvestable surplus to be used to build the herd rather than having a Tier II hunt. These 4 village traditional councils made resolutions in support of this.

Since the closure went into effect in Fall, 2006, the SHAC Chair and the last 2 biologists have been making a list of hunt condition options to include in any future hunt opening.

The Nov. 2016 & Feb, 2017 survey results have not led to any movement in these villages for an opening. The only proponent of an opening that SHAC is aware of is this proposal’s author, and one of his employees.

The timing, conditions, and decision of whether or not to open a moose hunt in this closure area is of great importance to the communities that SHAC represents, so members of the public were encouraged to take full part in the discussion with the committee much more than usual, while surveys were explained, and hunt conditions were considered.

At this meeting SHAC discussed possible hunt options if/ when a hunt is approved by BOG, and agreed on what should be included in the list of recommendations. These recommendations are made to help ensure the possibility of continued herd growth, while allowing a limited take of animals. SHAC believes each of these recommendations is vital for these considerations.

Three Primary issues of importance to SHAC and area residents concern hunt opening and closing–

- *There is no compelling reason to consider an opening out of cycle.*
- *When/if survey numbers show a lowering moose population, at a specified point, (such as a low bull-cow or calf-cow ratio), the area would return to a closure, rather than going into Tier II.*
- *That permits **NOT** be made available at the Hill Enterprises Store, but at the Sleetmute Traditional Council office.*



SHAC , STC, and community members oppose an opening earlier than fall, 2019.

The rationale for this is that 2019 would be 5 years after the Bear Control program ended in 2014, and this would give an extra generation of cows the opportunity to have calves.

This is similar to what was done in McGrath, where there was a 5-year moratorium on hunting moose after the Bear Removal Program was done in that area.

- In its comments, SHAC made clear its opposition to ACR1, and asked the Board not to accept it at the Oct.4 BOG teleconference.
- STC also sent BOG its comments of opposition to both ACR1 and Proposal 165.
- The Sleetmute Traditional Council comments made it clear that SHAC represents the people of Sleetmute and the area, and that the author of ACR1/ 165 does not.

Since BOG did vote to accept ACR 1, and also to address it at the Feb, 2018 BOG meeting as Proposal 165, SHAC urges the Board not open a hunt out of cycle.

Whenever an opening is approved, SHAC urges the implementation of its list of hunt opening recommendations printed below.

SHAC's Hunt Recommendations for an Experimental Tier I / Subsistence Registration Hunt in 19A/East

Considerations -

- **Moose herd #s are very low in the Closea Area / 0.6 moose/sq. mile**
- **There is a lack of law enforcement in the area**
- **Most likely will not get a checkpoint installed.**
- **Boat hunters claiming they killed moose in 19B, but actually killed in 19A will continue & increase.**

Conditions -

- On the Kuskokwim River, (GMUs 18 & 19), **only one permit hunt can be applied for in a season.** This presents enforcement difficulties, (There is no Wildlife Protection Trooper in Aniak). It may be difficult to verify that persons getting permits for this hunt don't already have permits elsewhere. **Make it a large and presumptive penalty for having more than one permit, or other violations of the hunt restrictions.**
- Hunters accessing the Holitna Watershed by boat, (at least within the Holitna Hoholitna CUA), can hunt moose in 19A and 19B only if they possess this 19A registration permit. (2008Region 3 BOG Meeting / SHAC Prop13)
- **5- day hunt opening /Sept. 1-5.** Have the hunt coincide with other permit hunts in GMUs 18 & 19 / Have 19A east hunt opening occur at same time as 19A Tier II , GMU 18 reg hunt, 19D registration hunts.
- **Permits will be issued in July, and issue dates will be determined by the area biologist.**
- **The area biologist should be authorized to issue as many as 75 permits , and adjust the number issued up or down, according to moose survey results**
- **The 1st hunting season should not occur before Fall, 2019.** After the McGrath Bear Removal Program, there was a 5-year moratorium on moose hunting in that area, so that there would be another generation of cows mature enough to bare calves. SHAC would like to see the same delay for a hunt happen in 19A.
- **In the 1st hunt season, 30 permits will be issued for 1 antlered bull.**
- **10 permits will be issued in Stony River, and 20 in Sleetmute**
- **Permits will be issued in July at the Traditional council offices on 2 successive days - 1 day in Sleetmute, and 1 day in Stony River.** (Dates in July are to be decided by the area biologist)Wording should be, "permits available within the hunt area- **in person only**"
- **Only one permit will be issued to a household.**



- **Proxy hunters for elders will be allowed for this hunt.**
 - **Hunt reporting must be done within 15 days of hunt closure.** Failure to turn in a report will result in no permit eligibility for the next season.
 - **It is understood that if or when moose #s in 19A East become low – the area will return to a closure, rather than going into Tier II.**
 - **The trigger for return to a closure is - *If/when the bull:cow ratio drops to 35 bulls : 100 cows, the area returns to a closure.***
 - Composition counts should be done each year to see how population is doing –(Bull:cow/ calf:cow)
 - Law enforcement is low in the area –have it increased during the reg. hunt and during the 19B season.
- Other conditions considered - but not agreed on or recommended -**
- No commercial services allowed – no guiding, outfitting, transporting services to be used
 - Access for hunt only by scheduled commercial aircraft to publicly maintained strips in one of the villages, (SLQ, Stony, RD)
 - A checkpoint @ mouth of Holitna.
 - Make this hunt a winter subsistence hunt – open in Nov. or Feb.
 - Cap on the number of moose taken (20), with 1 or 2 days to report success.

Adjournment: 10am, Sept.20

Minutes Recorded By: Nissa Pilcher & Barb Carlson
Minutes Approved By: Doug Carney
Date: 01/10/18



**Togiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee
October 3, 2017
Togiak Traditional Council Office**

- I. Call to Order: [10:30am] by [Moses Kritz]
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Moses Kritz , Roger Wassillie, Peter Lockuk, Joe Alexie, Walter Kanulie, Mickey Sharp, Kenneth Nukwak, Tessa Nikerson-until 4:45, Frank Logusak-until11:55, Norman Gloko-11:10-4:45, Bill Sanchez-Alternate, Thomas Dock-Alternate
Members Absent: Gust Bartman-Excused, Julius Henry, Darren Byayuk, Lester Moore
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:7
Frank moves to seat the alternates, Peter 2nds, Unanimous approval
- III. Approval of Agenda: Frank Moves open Agenda, Tessa 2nds, Unanimous Approval
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 4/10/2017 meeting, Frank move to approve, Walter 2nds, Unanimous approval
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Joe Witkopp (AWT), Taryn O'Conner-Brito (Boards), Neil Barten (Wildlife), Jason Dye (Sports Fish), Tim Sands (Com Fish), James Van Lannen (Subsistence)
- VI. Guests Present: Jimmy Coopchiak (Togiak Traditional Council), Theo Pauk (Togiak), Bob Dubey (TogiFisheries), Susanna Henry(TNWR), Andy Aderman (TNWR), Pat Walsh (TNWR)
- VII. TEK Mulchatna Caribou Project Presentation: Jamie Vanlannen-
 - Participatory GIS (local people mapping traditional knowledge)
 - 13 communities involved
 - Draft report due by November 15th
 - Jamie got weathered out of meeting and would like to re schedule a time to meet face to face with members of the Togiak community. Hard to explain report over phone.
 - Maybe end of October or beginning of November. Gayla will coordinate with Jimmy Coopchiak.



VIII. Elections for Togiak Designated seats and Undesignated seats: Franks moves all members be nominated to sit another term, Thomas 2nds.

Moses K asks if there are further nominations, there are none.

All members are re-elected (unanimous support from AC and public)

IX. Staff Updates:

Taryn- Reminders about on time public comment deadlines for Board of Game Statewide Game and Central/Southwest Region meetings.

Frank L. has herd comments and concerns about sportsman stripping eggs from chinook. It needs to be investigated and needs to stop.

- Jason Dye agrees, it is 100% illegal and unacceptable.
- Trooper Wittcop- agrees, it is illegal, unacceptable, and unethical. Member of public has supplied him with pictures of 3-5 fish. Doesn't have much to go on. Has met with lodge owner, and is working with guides. Not sure how many fish were stripped. Would appreciate any information the public could provide. This is an ongoing investigation.
- Frank L. expresses his concern over the disrespect showed by the stripping of the fish.

Norman Gloko would like to remind the troopers that when they fly low with helicopters it scares off game that is being hunted.

Frank L. would like to remind everyone that ADF&G and AWT are working to grow hunting species and are not against us.

Moses Kritz would like to bring the meeting back to order, and reminds AC that it is currently time for Staff Updates.

Tim Sands-

- Pretty normal biological info for this fishing season
- Schedule was regular. One extended weekend.
- Some restrictions out west due to increased effort in Osviak- amount of effort believed un sustainable. ADF&G will keep an eye on the western sections.
- Escapement 190,000 and total harvest was average
- Lots of off year pinks
- Chinook harvest up a little, but still low.

Moses K. comments that in the mid-60s and early 70s there was good effort out west. This had dwindled down until 2-3 years ago when it increased again. Used to be mostly chums out west.



Fran L. adds that salmon had been coming from the east, but they seem to be coming from the west now. Also, blue jelly fish are coming in with them. He has never seen this before.

Bill S. is interested in what data ADF&G is using to determine how much effort is too much.

Tim S. allows that there are not great numbers to base on. Over 10,000 chums and over 5,000 sockeye were harvested. Says these systems are small streams, not lake systems. There may be some interception happening, but his gut feeling is the streams may be affected. Will re visit this with more info next meeting when the AC discusses fisheries issues.

Bill S. believes they are Togiak fish being intercepted

Moses K. says next meeting will be primarily a finfish meeting AC will re visit the issue then.

Roger W. wants to know why ADF&G doesn't count at mouth of river.

Tim says there are too many resident fish like dollies that interfere with the sonar counts, and the water is too murky for a counting tower, so they count up river a bit where the water is clear.

Moses Calls 10 min break 10:55

Frank L. signed off 10:55

Staff Updates Continued:

Neil Barten-

- Caribou- Calf mortality study in progress. Seeing predation by bears, wolves, and some eagles.
- Nutrition is good, conditions are good, but calf survival is not good.
- Mulchatna IM meeting in Palmer will discuss expanding area for managing wolves to help predation of caribou on calving grounds
- Moose- Nutritionally doing really well. When surveyed 34/35 cows were pregnant. Survey later saw 31 with calves. Only 4 calves are known to have survived. The study will likely be expanded to include calf mortality.
- AK Hares- Rick (small game biologist in palmer) is studying them. Would like info on Alaska hares.

Andy Aderman-

- Refuge counted moose last October. Population estimate was 1,700 moose
- There was no snow, so collared animals were used as a control group for the count.
- A population range of 800-1,200 is believed to be ideal for long term.



Moses- Wonders if the AC should propose to extend the fall and winter seasons by a week.

Thomas- Is concerned that wolf control could wipe out wolves needed to cull the sick and weak from the moose herd.

Neil says wolves targeted are primarily working the caribou calving grounds.

Kenneth would like to know if 17a survey included Tuklung mountains.

Andy says Tuklungs are mostly 17c

Kenneth says hunters often ask where 17a starts on the river

Andy says it is about drainage directions, and it can be difficult down on peninsula but the moose aren't really down there.

X. New Business:

1. Comments on proposals for Board of Game Statewide Game, and Central/Southwest BOG.
(see table below)



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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
4	Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds		
Support	11	0	<p>Neil- Proposal would change the definition of edible meat for large game birds</p> <p>Gayla- YKC Council to AMBCC made proposal. Trying to keep people from wasting edible portions. Was submitted once before but included Ptarmigan, and there was push back.</p> <p>Moses K.- real good proposal. Would support.</p> <p>Thomas D. moves to support Roger W. 2nds AC supports unanimously</p>
25	Require harvest tickets for all brown bear hunts statewide		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Neil- proposal would require harvest tickets for brown bear</p> <p>Peter L. moves to oppose proposal 25 Roger W. 2nds Motion passes unanimously (AC unanimously opposes proposal 25)</p>
41	Exempt rural subsistence hunters from the requirements for obtaining a waterfowl conservation tag		
Support	9	0	<p>Gayla H- proposal would remove the necessity for someone to by the \$10 state duck stamp for the spring subsistence season. This would not apply to the fall season. You would still need to get a stamp for that.</p> <p>Moses K.- would support. Local people fall on hardship quite a bit.</p> <p>Thomas D. moves to support proposal 41 Kenneth 2nds AC unanimously supports proposal 41</p>
43	Allow the taking of Emperor geese by proxy hunting		
Support	9	0	<p>Neil- would allow proxy hunting for Emperor geese.</p> <p>Thomas moves to support proposal 43 Walter 2nds AC unanimously supports proposal 43</p>



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49	Require a permit before brown bear skulls and hides with claws attached can be sold		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Neil- Department proposal, which seeks to require permit for sale of brown bear hides and skulls.</p> <p>Moses K.- what will the permit cost? Neil- it will be fee.</p> <p>Thomas- could I get a permit on the phone? Neil- the details haven't been sorted out yet. you probably could get a permit when you get the hide sealed. The department is just looking for data. You currently can sell hides and skulls with claws attached Bill S. doesn't think it is necessary.</p> <p>Walter K. moves to oppose proposal 49 Peter L. 2nds AC supports motion unanimously (AC unanimously opposes proposal 49)</p>
53	Reevaluate the customary and traditional use finding for migratory game birds statewide		
Support	9	0	<p>Neil- this proposal would open the door for the board to find findings that could open the door for more hunting later.</p> <p>Thomas D. moves to adopt Walter 2nds AC unanimously supports proposal 53</p>
54	Modify the Tier II subsistence hunting permit point system		
Oppose	0	9	<p>Neil- relates to tier II hunt questions. Seeks to change some questions on the application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could dilute rural preference and local preference. • If proposal passes someone from outside area would have a better chance at hunting. • Tier II is used when the department can't allow an open hunt because there are not enough animals to go around. You have to apply to hunt. • Unit 17 currently doesn't have any tier II hunts, but that may not be the case in the future. <p>Walter moves to oppose proposal 54</p>



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			<p>Peter 2nds</p> <p>Bill S.- wants more info</p> <p>Neil- it is complicated, but the proponent is pushing for change in criteria to be less dependent on local needs to get a permit.</p> <p>Gayla H. says it is the last paragraph that she doesn't like.</p> <p>AC unanimously supports motion (AC unanimously opposes proposal 54)</p>
60	Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course		
Oppose	3	6	<p>Neil- proposal would require hunter education for any hunter over the age of 12, and require anyone under 12 be accompanied by someone who had completed the course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the road system there are some requirements. In western Alaska it would be hard to implement. <p>Moses K.- Would not be good for rural Alaska. Will not be supporting. It would be a hardship for families who hunt together. We hunt with our kids when they are 4-5 years old and we teach gun safety, and not to waste.</p> <p>Roger W. wants to know about an incident that happened in unit 17 this year.</p> <p>Joe W.- a man accidentally shot himself with his own gun.</p> <p>Moses K.- suggests as an alternative schools could help with gun safety.</p> <p>Kenneth N. Communities could do this on their own too.</p> <p>Susanna H.- the refuge offers opportunity for hunter safety.</p> <p>Roger W. moves to support</p> <p>Joe A. 2nds</p> <p>Further discussion:</p> <p>Bill S.- this will be difficult if it is mandatory. Doesn't see how it could be done.</p> <p>Walter K.- if this becomes a regulation all of us will need hunter ed.</p> <p>Peter L. won't support</p> <p>Bill S.- Voluntary education is great, but not mandatory education. What if they don't get out here. Doesn't think it could work for everyone.</p> <p>Walter K.- the resources are there, and we can organize this on our own.</p> <p>Cody L.- Hunter education course takes 2-4 days 2-3 evenings and a shooting</p>



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			<p>day.</p> <p>Neil B.- there are about 12 instructors in Dillingham. If a community wants to set up a class they can call Neil.</p> <p>Moses calls for roll call vote:</p> <p>Moses- no Roger- yes Peter- no Bill- no Joe- yes Walter- no Kenneth- yes Thomas- no Mickey- no (Proposal 60 Fails 3-6)</p> <p>Tessa and Norman are no longer on line.</p>

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72	Establish archery-only registration hunts for moose in Units 9, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17		
oppose	0	9	<p>Neil- proposal seeks to allow a 7 day archery hunt following the regular season in 17b, and 17c. 50" antler restriction would remain. This wouldn't apply to 17a.</p> <p>Bill S. (jokingly) only has one question... if you wound it with an arrow can you shoot it?</p> <p>Joe W. says only if it is running at you... then it is a DLP, and would need to be turned over to the state.</p>



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			<p>Moses K.- wants to hear from Kenneth. Kenneth N. hasn't read it. Neil B. – 17c doesn't have any nonresident hunting. In 17b this would apply to nonresidents. He isn't sure how many local people would take advantage of the hunt. Kenneth N.- doesn't think he would use a bow to hunt moose.</p> <p>Kenneth N. moves to oppose proposal 72 Bill S. 2nds Motion carries unanimously (AC unanimously opposes proposal 72)</p>
76	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	11	0	<p>Neil- Proposal would re authorize brown bear tag fee exemption.</p> <p>Thomas D. moves to adopt prop 76 Peter L. 2nds</p> <p>No further discussion AC supports unanimously</p>
136	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	11	0	<p>Neil- proposal would reauthorize antlerless moose in Unit 17</p> <p>Walter moves to support Peter L. ? 2nds AC Supports Unanimously</p>
137	Change the resident, fall season dates for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
No Action			No Action due to action on prop 138
138	Extend the resident, fall season for moose hunting in Unit 17A		
Amend & Support			<p>Neil- proposal would lengthen fall moose hunt by 5 days on the end</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deeper into rut, bulls are more vulnerable • Neil doesn't see this as a conservation concern due to current population



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary discussion is that the department thinks this would be fine • More surveys will take place in October. <p>Moses- suggests the AC amend the proposal to extend 7 days rather than 5 due to population estimate. He sees reason to be concerned about a crash.</p> <p>Peter L. moves to adopt proposal 138 Thomas 2nds</p> <p>Further discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jimmy C. would support the extension citing lots of moose recruitment. He doesn't want to see a crash due to overpopulation. <p>Joe A. moves the AC amend proposal 138 to extend the season 7 days Roger W. 2nds</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill wonders if 7 days closer to the rut will cause poor meat quality? • Moses doesn't think one week will be too bad • Jimmy is interested in past habitat work in 17a • Andy A. says that past habitat surveys have suggested about 450 square miles of moose habitat. 2-3 moose per square mile is considered ok. This is how the population goal of 800-1200 moose was concluded. <p>Amendment carries unanimously Proposal 138 as amended carries unanimously</p>
139	Lengthen the nonresident moose hunting season in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Neil- Proposal seeks to lengthen nonresident hunting in 17a by 5 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would limit nonresidents to 20 permits • Would set season as Sept 1-20 (start earlier and go later) • Neil isn't worried about biological implications due to current population • Could help meet management objectives for unit 17a • Department will likely support <p>Jimmy C. is against it. It will compete with locals. Bill S. is against it. Likes hunting without the competition. Moses K. agrees; nobody else was around when Togiak started talking about</p>



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			<p>moose management. Now the resource is big, and the community feels protective of it. Has concern for current moose numbers, but still objects to proposal.</p> <p>Norman G. also is against seeing nonresident expansion.</p> <p>Norman moves that AC oppose proposal 139 No second at this time.</p> <p>Pat W. says that by regulation originally proposed by AC the nonresident hunters use a geographical area that doesn't conflict with local hunters. He urges an open minded approach to this proposal.</p> <p>Moses K. isn't sure. Maybe the AC shouldn't say no just to say no. Moose numbers are high. Has concerns about future sport hunting proposals. Doesn't know.</p> <p>Roger W. Thinks proposal could cause population drop due to sport hunters calling in big bulls close to the rut.</p> <p>Moses K. wants to know about antler restrictions for sport hunts. Neil B. says that that hunt requires a 50" antler. The 20 bull limit will remain as well.</p> <p>Thomas D. wants to know how many of the 20 are usually taken Neil B. says last year, 10. Year before that it was 4. Three years ago it was also 4. That was the year it opened. This year there have been 3 reported so far. Teo P. wouldn't support.</p> <p>Norman moves the AC oppose proposal 139 Thomas D. 2nds Motion passes unanimously (AC unanimously opposes proposal 139)</p>
140	Open a guide required, nonresident registration hunt for moose in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Neil-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals are allocative in nature between sport users • Board of Game handles allocation issues, so department will be neutral. <p>Moses K. says that currently the village council isn't very involved in sport hunt</p>



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			<p>issues, but he wonders what Jimmy C. would think.</p> <p>Kenneth- wants to hear more about the proposal, and how it relates to registration.</p> <p>Neil- Right now 20 permits go to draw hunt. The proposal seeks to allocate up to 10 of these to a registration hunt in which the registered hunter would need a guide.</p> <p>Kenneth- possibly more hunter participation would result due to a guide marketing this hunt.</p> <p>Pat W. the Togiak refuge won't support the proposal. It is only in the interest of the Guide.</p> <p>Walter moves to oppose proposals 140 and 141 Tessa 2nds Motion passes unanimously (AC unanimously opposes proposals 140-141)</p>
141	Allocate a portion of the nonresident drawing permits for moose in Unit 17A to guided hunters		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Neil-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals are allocative in nature between sport users • Board of Game handles allocation issues, so department will be neutral. <p>Moses K. says that currently the village council isn't very involved in sport hunt issues, but he wonders what Jimmy C. would think.</p> <p>Kenneth- wants to hear more about the proposal, and how it relates to registration.</p> <p>Neil- Right now 20 permits go to draw hunt. The proposal seeks to allocate up to 10 of these to a registration hunt in which the registered hunter would need a guide.</p> <p>Kenneth- possibly more hunter participation would result due to a guide marketing this hunt.</p> <p>Pat W. the Togiak refuge won't support the proposal. It is only in the interest of the Guide.</p> <p>Walter moves to oppose proposals 140 and 141 Tessa 2nds Motion passes unanimously</p>



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			(AC unanimously opposes proposals 140-141)
142	Shift the resident fall hunting season dates for moose in a portion of Unit 17A		
Support	0	11	<p>Neil- Proposal would lengthen fall season by extending through September 20th for the portion of 17c west of the Weary river.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The question the department has is will an extended season compromise management strategy in 17c? • Extending in 17a seems like a good idea, but there isn't the same amount of data in 17c, and the data available doesn't suggest the population is growing at all. • The department has concerns with calf recruitment and bull cow ratio. • Parts of 17c are seeing high rates of calf predation. Of the 34 cows that were pregnant when collared only 4 calves survived. • The department plans to collar calves out there to get better info. • ADF&G can't justify supporting this proposal at this time. <p>Tessa N. strongly supports. Not everyone is getting their moose. The moose move around after the season closes.</p> <p>Kenneth N. in the summer the moose are coming from the mountains, and valleys and creeks. They are not on the river banks. They are in the birch trees and on up from there. The traveling is tough. This could help. Predation control on bears could also help.</p> <p>Gayla H. another option considered was a boundary change, but the process would be long, so we decided that changing dates would be simpler. Also, there is a typo on the proposal book for this proposal. The proposal relates to 17c not 17a. She will need to check her proposal to see if the mistake was on their end or if it happened after the proposal was submitted.</p> <p>Neil B. – 17c and 17a have very different conditions. Neil is worried as a manager about the moose population in 17c. He doesn't want to take more than is sustainable. Next cycle things might be different, but now the department doesn't think the data suggests a healthy population in 17c. Surveys suggest that only calves up by Beverly lake survived. Calf survival is a worry. Even if the area of 17c west of the weary was part of 17a it would be an area of concern.</p> <p>Kenneth N. points out most of the animals collared were on the lower Nushagak and in the Muklung hills.</p>



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			<p>Walter K. moves to support 142 Thomas 2nds</p> <p>Further discussion-</p> <p>Bill S.- why doesn't ADF&G support shifting the dates back 5 days? Neil- In the 90s we moved the season back because the moose were more vulnerable later in the season. Also, there is concern that more hunters may put pressure on the area west of the weary after the remainder of 17c has closed.</p> <p>Question is called on 142 AC unanimously supports 142</p>
143	Open the resident winter season for moose in a portion of Unit 17C by emergency order only		
No Action			<p>Neil- this proposal seeks to move to a floating season for the winter moose hunt in the area of 17c west of the Weary River. This would be used to wait for the best snow conditions as done in 17a.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right now the seasons in 17b and 17c are fixed, so its variable on snow conditions • The department can't currently support because of concerns about over harvest. • We need to continue to work on more data. <p>Kenneth wants to know why there is a lack of info on the KMO side. Neil- The info for all of 17c was poor until this year. The department started a calf study this year, and planned to get over there. It didn't work out. Only so much money and opportunity. New capture crew, and new drug. Also, the department had to start with the IM area, but there are plans to extend the study. Still working on it. Kenneth N. notes that 5 years ago he saw over 100 moose in the area on Dec 31. They move around a lot. Pat W.- the refuge mostly sees the same as ADF&G. He is concerned that this proposal could basically double access because if DLG hunters don't get a moose in the regular 17c season they could hunt again in the portion west of the weary during the floating season. Gayla H.- suggests the AC could make an amendment to make it a registration</p>



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			<p>hunt, and restrict the hunter to one or the other.</p> <p>Neil B. – Notes that it is possible that it is possible more hunters would opt of the area with the floating season, but with amendments restrictions could be placed.</p> <p>Moses K- maybe KMO could wait until they meet with ADF&G and AWT, and until moose build up. If we want to conserve moose we should not do this, because it provides too much access.</p> <p>Gayla H- frustrated with population numbers. It is a good food source. We need to work on the issue. Maybe next cycle we should restrict this to watershed residents only.</p> <p>Tessa N.- it should be shut down to nonresidents too.</p> <p>Moses K.- When Togiak was in trouble ADF&G sat down with Togiak VC to come up with a plan. It is time to do this with KMO.</p> <p>Tessa would support prop 143</p> <p>Moses K.- would need hard justification to support this. No motion has been made on this proposal. Does the AC want to take action?</p> <p>No one wants to move proposal. No action.</p>
144	Allow the use of motorized vehicles for moose hunting in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Neil- proposal would allow the use of motorized vehicles in upper Mulchatna controlled use area (17b) which has been closed since about 1990.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADF&G doesn't have a position yet • Neil hasn't dealt with changing controlled use areas before. • He spoke with others who had been involved in the process when the area was created. They said the reason it was put in place was to protect habitat. <p>Teo P.- 4 wheelers and ATVs destroy habitat. It is an issue in Togiak, and we are trying to provide trails and maps. It's something Togiak village council has been worried about locally. Could be a headache for corporation lands.</p> <p>Moses K.- This may get more support if the tribe proposed it.</p> <p>Teo P- wants to know if Neil has seen trails during aerial surveys.</p> <p>Neil B.- has seen a few, but the area is pretty pristine.</p> <p>Joe W.- isn't aware of any existing trails. There are trails near New Stuyahok, and Ekwok, but not further up river. He also notes it is easy to put an ATV in a skiff, and anyone could use this, not just locals.</p> <p>Moses K.- will not support proposal 144.</p> <p>Peter L. moves to oppose prop 144</p> <p>Walter K. seconds</p>



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			AC unanimously supports motion (AC unanimously opposes proposal 144)
148	Allow the use of a snowmachine for harvesting caribou, wolf, or wolverine in Unit 17		
No Action			<p>Neil- proposal seeks to allow the use of a snow machine to position caribou, wolf, and wolverine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caribou are pretty group oriented, this could stress out the herd. The department hasn't really discussed implications for wolf or wolverine. <p>Moses K.- if there is a law against herding how can we do this? Gayla H.- it is allowed in unit 22, 23, and 26a. The FSB is considering a similar proposal. Teo P.- Positioning is not necessarily herding. Pat W.- The refuge opposes this. it is harmful to caribou. Caribou already lose 30-40% of their body weight in the winter. It is currently unlawful to do this on refuge land. Kenneth N.- Hunters are doing this already. Hunters could be cited if changes are not made. Moses K.- Maybe for wolves and wolverine, maybe not caribou. On the east side people have chased caribou, and they have learned. They will run from a mile away. In the past we stocked them, we didn't chase them. We caught them without a snogo, on foot. Pat W. has had success without chasing them. Bill S. Suggests the ac doesn't take action. There is no motion on the table. No one wants to make a motion. No Action</p>
149	Liberalize the season and methods and means for trapping beaver in Units 9 and 17		
Support	11	0	<p>Neil- Proposal seeks to liberalize the season for trapping beaver in unit 9 and 17.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would allow you to destroy a dam • There would be no closed season • There would be no sealing requirement, so ADF&G wouldn't know how many were taken. • Last year at the Nushagak AC meeting there was concern raised by at least one person on the lower Nushagak about beaver populations on the Lower Nushagak. <p>Moses K.- there are blocked up streams. This is not good for salmon habitat. There is not much trapping now. Could be liberalized in the Togiak Area. There</p>



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			<p>are many more beaver in Togiak area then there used to be.</p> <p>Thomas D. moves to adopt Peter L. 2nds</p> <p>No further discussion AC Supports Unanimously</p>

2. Discussion of possible muskox subcommittee. Neil- procedure would be for a group to get together and discuss the details.

Moses K.- Walter Kanulie and Peter Lockuk can represent the AC. They will work with the Traditional Council to set up a meeting with ADF&G.

3. Discussion of upcoming Board of Fisheries Call For Proposals Moses K- is hearing about 3 proposals the AC wants to discuss at the next meeting.

1. Proposal to keep Kulukuk section open until Friday.
2. Proposal to revert to past regulations on Setnet 1000 foot limit
3. Proposal to do away with the King Line

Moses will see that they get drafted for the next meeting; Cody Larson at BBNA has offered to help with this. Gary Cline at BBEDC is also willing to help with generating proposals.

AC representation for Statewide Game- Moses cannot attend, but plans to appoint someone to go. He will let Taryn know who will be going in his place.

AC Minute approval- by teleconference October 23rd. Moses will set up with Taryn

- XI. Set date and location of next meeting: Next Meeting fisheries issues, call of the chair after the holiday season.

Adjournment: 6:00pm



Minutes Recorded By: ___Walter Kanulie___
Minutes Approved By: _Togiak AC___
Date: ___1/31/18___



**Tok Cutoff/ Nabesna Advisory Committee
October 24, 2017
Slana School**

- I. Call to Order: 5:17 p.m. by Ernie Charley
- II. Roll Call: Members Present: Ernie Charley, Wayne Shaffer, Eddie Green, Keith Webster, Amanda Abraham
Members Absent: Robert Harrington, Cole Ellis, Christy Ellis
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Ernie Charley seconded by Wayne Shaffer
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:
- VI. Guests Present: James Abraham, Lorrie Bertrand, Cecil Sanford- Shank, Jamie Emerson, Jessie Ellis , Teresa Alba Department of Fish and Game Board Rep for Tok area.
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business:

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	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
6 Support	5	0	Unlawful methods of taking furbearer: exceptions. agree with proposal
70			Remove the Bettles Winter Trail travel exception for public use within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area
55 Oppose	0	5	Taking Game for religious purposes Should not be able to hunt for religious purposes. Take all reference of religion out.
56 Oppose	0	5	Community Subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions. Take out Community Hunt and turn it into a General Hunt.
57 No Action			Community Subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions No action taken because of action taken on proposal 56
58 No action			Community subsistence harvest hunt area and permit conditions: Salvage of game meat, furs, and hides.



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	No action taken because of action on proposal 56		
60	Hunter education for hunters 12 years and older		
oppose	0	5	Do not agree all hunters should have to take mandatory Hunters Ed. Keep current regulation as is.
92	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunts for moose and caribou		
support	5		Make it a general hunt
93	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose and caribou in Unit 13		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92.
94	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for caribou in Unit 13		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
95	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in Unit 13		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
96	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest hunt for moose in the Copper Basin area, and establish a registration moose hunt for Unit 13		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
97	Remove the requirement for applicants to have specific customary and traditional use patterns for participating in the community subsistence harvest hunts in Unit 13		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
98	Modify the community subsistence harvest permit conditions		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
99	Remove the requirement that Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters, community subsistence harvest (CSH) moose and caribou hunters, and all members of their household, shall hunt moose only in Unit 13		
oppose	0	5	The current regulation is working.
100	Remove the requirement for Unit 13 Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
No action			No action because of action taken on proposal 99
101	Establish a youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		
oppose	0	5	Do not support a special hunt for any group. Keep season as is.
102	Open a nonresident caribou hunting season in Unit 13 and allocate up to ten percent of drawing permits to nonresidents when population objectives are met		
support	5		Support this as long as the caribou population can support a non-resident hunt.
103	Change the community subsistence harvest hunt season dates for moose to align to align with the general hunt		
No action			Reference action on proposal 92
104	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
oppose	0	5	Do not support hunting cows
105	Eliminate the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 13		
support	5	0	Refer to action on Proposal 104



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
106	Eliminate the drawing permit hunt DM324 for moose in Unit 13		
support	5		There is already a general hunt
107	Open a late resident hunting season for moose in Units 11 and 13		
oppose	0	5	Already have a general hunt and access to moose in the winter would be too easy.
108	Change the antler restrictions for moose in Unit 13		
oppose	0	5	No reason to change current regulation
109	Change the "any ram" bag limit to "full-curl ram" for the Dall sheep permit hunts in Units 13D and 14A		
support	5	0	Make it consistent with the rest of the drawing hunts in that area
110	Change the drawing permit hunt for goat in Unit 13D to a registration hunt		
support	5	0	We agree with proposal
111	Open a fall season for hunting brown bear and black bear over bait in Unit 13		
support	4	1	More opportunity to harvest bears
112	Lengthen the hunting season for brown bear in Unit 11		
support	5	0	Align seasons with other units
113	Lengthen the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
support			
114	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Unit 13		
support			
115	Extend the trapping season for wolverine in Units 11 and 13		
support	5	0	Agree with extending season
116	Allow trappers the incidental take of two furbearer in Units 11 and 13		
support	5	0	Reference action on proposal 6
117	Reduce the harvest and possession limits for grouse in Unit 11		
support	5	0	Protect grouse population
118	Reduce the bag limit and shorten the season for grouse in Unit 11		
support	5	0	Action per proposal 117
119	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
support	5	0	More opportunity to hunt and in align with sub-units
120	Align the hunting seasons and reduce the bag limit for ptarmigan in Units 13E and 13B		
No action			Acton taken on 119
121	Lengthen the hunting season for ptarmigan in Unit 13B		
support	5	0	More opportunity to hunt and in align with sub-units
122	Modify the Sourdough Controlled Use Area		
support	5	0	Clarifying access
123	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
oppose	0	5	It adds more restrictions to access to trail usage
124	Eliminate the Unit 13-specific proxy requirements		



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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	5	0	No other unit has it

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Amanda Abraham

Minutes Approved By: Ernie Charley

Date: 10/27/2017



Tyonek Fish & Game Advisory Committee Minutes 10.26.2017

Chair called meeting to order at 1:15pm at the Tyonek Tribal Center. In attendance were Alex Pfoff (Chair), Gwen Chickalusion (Vice Chair/acting Secretary), Chad Chickalusion, Tim Chuit, Ernie Standifer, Benjamin Carswell, and John Standifer.

Chair floored discussion on all proposals members felt were relevant and warranted support/opposition/commenting.

The following Board of Game proposals were discussed and voted on:

Proposal #2

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #14

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

We feel any proposal of this nature should be addressed by region, not statewide. We do not feel that our bear population warrants this change.

Proposal #7

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #8

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Much of our community flies to and from our homes on a regular basis, not performing 'recon' for hunting or trapping purposes. The no fly/hunt on the same day can be burdensome for us.

Proposal #5

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

We feel that this proposal adds confusion to an already confusing set of rules defining legality of moose. A 'point' by its basic geometric definition, does not have these bizarre requirements.



Proposal #45

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

This would not be practical in our community, as there are no ADF&G representatives that are present on a consistent reliable basis. Even if there was, we feel that it would be a misuse of resources, as people with illegal moose, would simply not go through this process.

Proposal #41

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #54

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #69

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

This information is already made available, and along with many other things in safe and responsible hunting practices, we feel this burden of knowledge falls on the hunter.

Proposal #84

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #85 – Motion made to support if amended to keep the youth YM541 as is

Vote (support if amended): 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #86

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #87

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain



Proposal #88

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #89

Vote: 0 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstain

Proposal #90

Vote: 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Discussion on need to fill seats of members that have since moved out, let's find people who are interested in joining and being active in committee, especially in youth generation. Next meeting to occur should hold elections.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 3:30pm, 2nd by Tim Chuit. All in favor, meeting adjourned.



**Upper Lynn Canal ADF&G Advisory Committee
17 August 2017
Haines, Alaska**

Call to Order at 5:00 pm by Tim McDonough

Roll Call:

Members	Present/ Absent/ Teleconference
Tim McDonough (TM) - Chair	P
Ryan Cook (RC) - Vice Chair	P
Derek Poinsette (DP) - Secretary	P
Darren Belisle (DB) - Skagway	A
Stuart DeWitt (SW) - Haines	P
Shannon Donahue (SD) - Haines	P
John Hagen (JH) - Haines	T
Daniel Hotch (DH) - Klukwan	A
Kip Kermoian (KK) - Haines	P
Will Prisciandaro (WP) - Haines	P
Luke Rauscher (LR) - Skagway	A

Members Present: 8

Members Absent: 3

Number Needed for Quorum: 6

Quorum Present: Yes

Fish and Game Staff Present

Commercial Fish: Wyatt Fournier, Mark Sogge

Sport Fish: Rich Chapell

Wildlife:

Others Present

Emily Files - KHNS

Agenda

Agenda approved unanimously.



Previous Meeting Minutes

17 AUG minutes approved unanimously.

Officer Elections

KK nominates TM for Chair.
TM nominates RC for Vice-chair.
WP nominates DP for Secretary.
All approved unanimously.

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting November 10 - 17, 2017 Anchorage			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
1			Modify the definition of bag limit
2			Modify the definition of youth hunt, allow youth hunters to obtain their own harvest ticket, and remove the hunter education requirement for youth hunters
Support as Amended	8	0	Amendment: Hunter Education should still be required.
3			Modify the definition of regulatory year
4			Change the definition of edible meat for large game birds
5			Change the definition of a moose antler point/tine
Support	6	2	Cons: Does not thoroughly define how the 2" from base measurement is taken.
6			Allow the incidental take of up to two furbearers per year during an open season for other furbearers
7			Allow the use of bow and arrow to harvest beaver under a trapping license statewide
8			Remove the same day airborne restrictions for taking wolf and wolverine with a trapping license
9			Modify the land and shoot requirements for harvesting coyotes
10			Repeal the restrictions on the use of aircraft for taking big game



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting

November 10 - 17, 2017 | Anchorage

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
60			Require hunter education for hunters 12 years of age or older, and those under 12 to be accompanied by someone who has successfully completed the course
61			Add Lesser Hedgehog Tenrec to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit
62			Allow the release of sterilized, feral cats into the wild
Oppose	0	8	Feral cats are harmful to wildlife.
63			Prohibit the release of feral or stray domesticated cats into the wild
Support	8	0	Feral cats are harmful to wildlife.
64			Eliminate domestic sheep (<i>Ovis aries</i>) and goats (<i>Capra hircus</i>) from the "Clean List" and require a permit for possession with stipulations if located within 15 air miles of all sheep habitat
65			Close an area ¼ mile on either side of the Taylor Highway to hunting during caribou season, and limit the number of permits
66			Update the Board of Game's policy for accepting agenda change requests to make it more consistent with the Joint Board Petition Policy
67			To comply with recent statutory changes, review and update regulations with minimum hunting age requirements
68			Create a new regulation to allow season openings and increased hunting opportunities in-season by emergency order
69			For all antler restricted hunts, require hunters to view an educational video for identifying legal moose
Support	8	0	Also should show pictures of local illegal antlers. Or the actual antlers.
150			Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose Hunts in Unit 1C
Support	5	3	PRO: Valuable wildlife management tool. Con: "We should never allow hunting of cows."

Adjournment: 720pm

Minutes Recorded By: DP
 Minutes Approved By: TM
 Date: 10/26/17



01/09/2018 Upper Tanana/Fortymile Advisory Committee Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM at the Tok Fish and Game conference room. Committee members present were: Leif Wilson, Frank Entsminger, Jake Combs, Peter Talus, Matt Snyder and Thor Jorgensen. A quorum was present.

After the addition of Proposal 166 Board of Game for comment to the agenda, it stood approved.

Also attending were staff members: Jeff Gross and Bob Gingue. Doug, Barb and Gordy Pine were there as well.

Minutes from October 25th meeting had been previously emailed to the committee members. Frank moved to approve, Matt seconded. Motion passed 6 – 0.

Staff Updates There have been around 600 caribou taken in the Steese Highway area with a few along the Taylor Highway. The predator control program will run through April 2018.

Letter to Northway Village Council Jaime Marunde attended the RAC meeting representing Northway Village Council and made some inaccurate statements during her testimony. Leif felt the need to respond to the RAC due to some of her statements as well as copy to the village council. The committee members discussed her comments and the letter Leif had compiled. Frank moved to send the letter, Jake seconded. Motion passed 6 – 0.

Fortymile Herd Management Coalition Goals & Action Items: Frank gave an overview of the last meeting with an increased harvest quota but one that still allows the herd to grow. He said that most folks felt this way including the Canadians. Jeff stated that Fish and Game would be reviewing the latest data prior to the next meeting January 24 & 25. They have been seeing thinner adults and lower pregnancy rate in 3 year old cows. Density in the summer range is also a concern. With all the research being done and dollars being spent, to not do anything at all is wrong. Maybe increase the harvest x4 for a few years and check the numbers again. Hopefully the herd will expand their range to accommodate the growth of the herd. If the herd is stabilized, then it could be expected to have a larger harvest quota for years. Lower harvest numbers in Canada than Alaska is to be expected in the Yukon, probably only 5% of the number of hunters as Alaska and the majority of the time the herd is there, the animals are not as accessible in the fall. Leif went around the room and had all members state their views with Frank so he can represent the committee at the next coalition meeting.

BOG Proposal 166 Peter moved to support, Thor seconded. The proposal appears to be an opening for discussion on increasing harvest of Fortymile caribou. Some ideas were to possibly lengthen the season by opening July 20th or so. 1 Bull and 1 Cow in the fall and a third any caribou in the winter. Possible harvest quota of 3000 for the fall and total of 5000 for the year, keeping an eye on the bull/cow ratio, with the normal being 35 bulls/100 cows.

BOG Proposal 160 Frank moved to support, Peter seconded. Motion passed 6 – 0.

The committee reviewed the results of the statewide Board of Game proposals.



Next meeting, Tom Seaton wants to come down and maybe Darrin too for a discussion on wood bison being moved to our area.

February 27th was set for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50PM.



Minutes of Yakutat Fish and Game Advisory meeting 11/13/17

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

Roll call Present were Bob Fraker, Scott Chadwick, Larry Bemis, Jeff Fraker, Glenn Israelson (Vice Chair), Reggie Kirkovich, Sheri Nelson (Secretary), Casey Mapes (Chair)

Absent were Dave Stone, Herb Holcomb, Jerimiah Pavlik, Jonathan Pavlik, Jesse Pavlik. Also absent were alternates, Pat Robbins, and Sam Demmert. 8 of 13 committee members present, quorum established.

Available on teleconference were Nicole Zieser, Matt Catterson, and Stephanie Sell representing ADFG.

In the Audience were Susan Ohlers representing USFS, Lowell Peterson, Roy Shodda, Sam Johnson, Harold Robbins, Rusty Bogren, Tony and Verna Glacia.

Elections-

1) Nominations were opened for 3- one year seats, and two- one year alternate seats. Bob Fraker, Jeff Fraker, and Dave Stone were nominated to fill the 3 one year seats By Chadwick, 2nd - Israelson. All ayes, 0- neys.

Sam Demmert and Pat Robbins were nominated by Chadwick to be alternates, 2nd Bemis. All Ayes, 0- neys.

Old Business

2) Chadwick moves to ask for re-authorization of Antlerless moose hunt on Nunatak bench, Israelson 2nd. 7 ayes, 1 opposed (Bob Fraker) Was no discussion.

Communications and Audience participation.

3) Susan Ohlers explains that AC proposal submitted to the RAC committee was modified, and has moved on to be heard by the Federal subsistence board in April. If passed, this will move back the Federal subsistence moose hunt on the East side of the Dangerous River to Sept 16. Was discussed that we need to find out how to proceed with a follow up proposal to BOG to move back the non resident hunt as well, leaving intact the 2 week head start for subsistence. Harold Robbins expressed concern that it might inspire more non resident hunters to come to Yakutat, the rest of the comments were all positive, and in favor of the earlier hunt.

Cooments on Board of Fish proposals

4) Proposal 59 - Chadwick moves to oppose, Israelson 2nd - 8 ayes, 0 neys. Motion carries.

Proposal 74 - J Fraker moves to Support, Chadwick 2nd- 8 ayes, 0 neys. Motion Carries.

Proposal 92 - J Fraker moves to oppose, Chadwick 2nd, 8 ayes, 0 neys. Motion Carries.

Proposal 129 - Chadwick moves to Support, Kirkovich 2nd, 8 ayes, 0 neys. Motion carries.

Proposal 135 - Chadwick moves to support, Israelson 2nd, 7 ayes, 1 ney (J Fraker) Motion carries.

At this point of the meeting, Bob Fraker leaves the meeting.

Proposal 136 - Nelson moves to support, Israelson 2nd. 6 Ayes, 1 ney (Chadwick) Motion carries.



Proposal 162 - Israelson makes motion to support, Kirkovich 2nd, 4 support, 2 ney (J. Fraker, L Bemis) 1 abstain (Chadwick) Motion carries.

Was discussed that the intent of the motion was to formulate a plan to replace lost commercial fishing area for gillnetters if there is to be further closures within the Situk estuary. Was discussed that the area proposed has a low incident of king harvest, and is further from the Lost River terminus. Much discussion was had on what the net length in the proposed area should be. Was stated that 75 fathoms was decided upon because of existing net lengths being either 75, or 20 fathoms. Was decided that 20 fathoms was to short. Was favorably discussed that 25 fathom might be a reasonable option, based on it being the current status in the Yakataga district. Was decided to attempt to negotiate an agreeable solution in committee. Fraker stated his opposition based on concern that he felt we were asking the dept. to close an area, and open a new one. Mapes stated that was not the intent, it says IF further closures happen, and they are likely, given poor stock returns, then were asking for a replacement area.

Proposal 163 - Chadwick moves to support, J Fraker 2nd 6 ayes, 1 ney (Nelson) Discussion was had on the history of board generated proposal. So far, the use of it has been very limited. Was felt that it does give opportunity to those who want to fish harder, but not much effort is expected.

Proposal 164 - Chadwick moves to support, Bemis 2nd. 7 ayes, 0 neys

Proposal 179 - Israelson moves to oppose, J Fraker 2nd, 7 ayes, 0 neys. Decided it was ridiculously complex and confusing

Proposal 183 - Chadwick moves to support, Bemis 2nd, 7 ayes, 0 neys.

Proposal 196 - Chadwick moves to oppose, Fraker 2nd, 7 ayes, 0 neys.

5) Chadwick moves to adjourn, Israelson 2nd, 7 ayes, meeting adjourned at 9:45 Pm.

Casey Mapes- Chair