



**Lake Iliamna AC Minutes
October 23, 2018
Igiugig, Alaska**

- I. Call to Order: by Randy Alvarez, 10:35

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Randy Alvarez, Tinny Hedlund, Elijah Eknaty, Henry Olympic, Bill Trefon, George Alexie, Warren Hill. (Quorum met).

Members Absent (Excused): Jim Tilly, Karla Jensen, Tim Anelon
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
List of User Groups Present:

- III. Approval of Agenda: Hedlund moves, Eknaty seconds. Motion carries 7/0

- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: : Taryn Oconnor-Brito, Lee Borden, Dave Crowley, Travis Ellison

- V. Guests Present: Christina Salmon, Gene Sandone (Telephone, BBEDC member), James Vanlanden (Telephone, ADFG Subsistance)

- VI. ADF&G Staff Updates:
ADFG wildlife update from Dave Crowley:
 - o Stated that moose composition counts have been completed in units 9b and 9c. Counts show increased calf survival and a bull/cow ratio of 30-35/1. He feels the ratio is biased in favor of bulls due to the difficulty of sighting cows and calves during snowless surveys, which the state is working to correct in the data collection. Group discussion around warm temps effecting moose movements and makes for difficult hunting.
 - o Caribou counts completed for unit 9. Data has not been finalized.
 - o Bear counts completed in unit 9 show a slight decrease in population and decrease in harvest but the animals appeared to be bigger.
 - o Calf mortality study has been completed but no data available yet. Discussion, Bill T questioned if state and feds share survey data, Dave C answered yes and explained further.
ADFG Commercial fish report from Travis Ellison:



- 2018 was the largest ever recorded salmon return to Bristol Bay. All the nushagak district rivers exceeding escapement goals (provided escapement numbers) . Egegik was the smallest relative return but still met escapement goals. Discussion by the group that perhaps the ADFG counting towers were taken down too soon, especially on the Kvichak. Potential late runs going uncounted.
- The state is now funding counting towers on the Alagnak, Togiak, and Igushik Rivers.

ADFG Sport Fish report from Lee Borden:

- All rivers had good reports regarding numbers of sport fishing success, except the Iliamna River which numerous reports were received regarding low numbers of Dolly Varden.
- An emergency order bag limit reduction for sockeye was issued for the Kvichak River during a stretch of low returns but was later rescinded when large numbers of salmon arrived. Critical area closures were also issued and later rescinded for same reasons on the Kvichak River.
- Bag limits for sockeye were liberalized on the Alagnak River after a larger than expected return of salmon arrived.
- ADFG conducted a mortality study on catch and release chinook on the Nushagak River. Data revealed a 7% mortality rate on a sample size of 300 fish caught.

VII. New Business:

1. Reauthorization of Brown Bear Tag Fee exemption:
Voted 6/1, motion passes.
2. Lake Iliamna AC Agenda Change Request for Board of Game:
Voted 7/0, motion passes to adopt ACR as amended.
3. Proposals for Board of Fisheries Bristol Bay Finfish meeting: See table.
4. Lake Iliamna AC Joint Board Proposal: See table
5. Proposals for Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Islands/Chignik Finfish meeting: See table
6. Approval of minutes for submission to the Board of Fisheries before the November 14th deadline: AC members voted to allow chairmen Alvarez to approve the minutes.



Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-19, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
140	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
support	6	1	Some discussion about this hunt becoming sport in nature, conflicting with local guides, also much want and waste by locals.

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Bristol Bay Proposals

November 28-December 4, 2018 | Dillingham, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
19	Allow subsistence fishing for salmon with dipnets near Dillingham		
No action	7	0	The AC would not support this in our region for fear of over use by non-locals.
21	Allow subsistence fishing with hook and line attached to rod or pole in Six Mile Lake		
Support as amended	7	0	Strike words "Six Mile Lake", add "Little Six Mile Lake" to park boundary on all state owned waters.
23	Clarify that the holder of two drift gillnet limited entry permits may operate up to 150 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		
support	7	0	Discussion, the committee would prefer the permit ownership laws remain as they are. Allowing one person to fish two permits will harm those permit holders that do not have their own boat.
24	Allow the holder of either two set gillnet or two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate more gear than the holder of a single limited entry permit		
oppose	0	7	See comments on proposal 23
25	Allow an individual holding two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate up to 200 fathoms of drift gillnet gear		
oppose	0	7	See comments on proposal 23
26	Allow the owner of two drift gillnet limited entry permits to operate 200 fathoms of drift		



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	gillnet gear from a single vessel		
Oppose	0	7	See comments on proposal 23
27	Allow the holder of two set gillnet limited entry permits in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik districts to operate 100 fathoms of set gillnet gear		
oppose	0	7	See comments on proposal 23
28	Allow commercial fishing for salmon, with set net gear only, within the section of the Kvichak River that borders Levelock Village land		
oppose	0	7	
30	Increase the maximum length for drift gillnet vessels from 32 feet in overall length to 42 feet in overall length		
oppose	0	7	
31	Delay implementation of the 48-hour district transfer notification period until the third Saturday in June		
oppose	0	7	
32	Extend duration of late-season fishing periods in the Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, and Ugashik Districts		
			No motion.
33	Allow the use of beach weirs in commercial salmon fishing in Bristol Bay		
oppose	0	7	Discussion about how a wier is just another name for a fish trap, which have been illegal statewide for decades and for good reason.
36	Repeal conditions that must be met prior to allowing commercial fishing for salmon in the Alagnak River Special Harvest Area		
support	7	0	
37	Manage the Naknek and Kvichak sections independent of each other based on the harvestable surplus within each section and establish section-specific harvest allocation criteria so that 84% of each section's harvest is allocated to the drift gillnet fleet and 16% of the section's harvest is allocated to the set gillnet fleet		
			No motion. Discussion that this seems to be a repeat discussion and will come up again. Effort should be put into a resolution for this but this proposal does not seem adequate, it would too difficult to enforce and would be easy to manipulate.
41	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		



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oppose	0	7	
42	Reduce fishing time in the Nushagak District commercial salmon fishery when the Nushagak River sport fishery is restricted for king salmon conservation		
oppose	0	7	

Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries & Game Proposals			
March 21-25, 2019 Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
7	Reduce the membership for the Lake Iliamna Advisory Committee to ten and add designations for the communities of Pope Vannoy Landing and Port Alsworth		
Support as amended	7	0	Discussion about how some communities are shrinking while others are growing. The AC should represent the changing populations. Reducing the total number simplifies operations while maintaining fair representation. Proposal as amended will remove Pope Vannoy from having a designated and is given to Port Alsworth. We will now have seven designated seats. One each going to the communities of Pedro Bay, Port Alsworth, Nondalton, Igiugig, Kokhonak, Newhalen, and Iliamna. And Three undesigned seats for a total of ten committee seats.

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Chignik/Aleutian Islands-Bering Sea Proposals	
February 21-27, 2019 Anchorage, AK	
Proposal Number	Proposal Description



Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
134	Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt the management plan in place prior to 2001		
support	7	0	Recommendations to support 134 and 135 as they will restrict the intercept sockeye fisheries to Bristol bay.
135	Repeal the current South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan and readopt an amended version of the management plan in place prior to 2001		
support	7	0	
136	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan so that fishing periods are structured with 24-hour windows where commercial salmon fishing gear is in the water		
	No motion. Discussion, 136 is similar to 134 and 135 in that this will allow for a "window" of time for salmon to pass through the intercept fishery and travel to the other fishing and spawning grounds across the state.		
143	Repeal the immature salmon test fishery in the Shumagin Islands Section		
oppose	0	7	
144	Restrict commercial fishing for salmon in areas both along the coast and in open seaward waters of the Outer Port Heiden Section and the open seaward waters of the Ilnik Section when the preseason Bristol Bay sockeye salmon forecast is 30 million fish or less		
support	7	0	Discussion detailing how this could help share the burden of conservation across the entire region.
145	Restrict commercial fishing for salmon along the coast and in offshore waters of the Outer Port Heiden Section and restrict fishing in offshore waters of the northeast portion of the Ilnik Section		
support	7	0	Discussion supporting this action as it will reduce bycatch to Bristol Bay as well as help stop/lower the over escapement problems to the Outer Port Heiden area and Ilnik Rivers. The district boundaries currently make product quality lower due to the distances the fleet must travel.

I. Miscellaneous Business:

1. Set date and time of next AC Meeting: Tentative early March Teleconference to discuss further Joint Board Proposals.

Adjournment: 4:30pm

Minutes Recorded By: Hill

Minutes Approved By: Chairman Randy Alvarez

Date: 11/14/18



Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee
November, 8th, 2018
Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: 10:04 a.m. by Mitch Seybert, Chair
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Eddie Clark, Mitch Seybert, Mike Enright, Tim Enright, Eric Beeman, Brian Cato, Mark Kosbruk, Kim Rice, Mary West, Tom Bursch, John Christiansen

Members Absent (Excused): Gerda Kosbruk, Tracy Vrem

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:
- III. Approval of Agenda: Eric B moved, Tim E 2nd. Approved unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Tim E moved, Mark K 2nd. Approved unanimously.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Paul Salamone—ADFG UGA & Eg.
Bob Murphy—ADFG North Peninsula
Reid Johnson—ADFG ast. area manager Pt Moller
Lee Borden—ADFG Sportfish
Jason Dye—Sportfish
Gabiella ?—Anchorage subsistence.
Taryn Oconnor-Brito, LBBAC
- VI. Guests Present: Gene Sandone—BBEDC
Chuck McCallum—Lake and Pen Borough
Jared Danielson—CAMP
Peter Most—BB fisherman
Art Winowski
- VII. Old Business: Staff Comments
Bob Murphy: North Pen—average harvest, good esc., ttl. hvst 2.37? million, bulk from Nelson Lagoon to OPH, OPH hvst. 356,000. Peter Pan rebuilding Pt. Moller plant, plan to process in 2019. Silver Bay will buy in 2019. Trident buys



False Pass plant. Increased capacity for N. Pen in 2019. Discussion between Bob and Mitch S about how increased capacity would affect catch/esc. in 2019. Mitch S expressed concern that OPH north line too far north to catch Pt. Heiden fish and more Pt. Heiden fish caught in N. Ilnek section. Also overescapement concerns in Ilnek and Meshik discussed.

Paul Salamone: UGA—3.9M run, 2.7M hvst., 1.16 esc. EG—6.7M run, 4.9m hvst., 1.6M esc.

VIII. New Business:

Game Prop # 140: Motion to Adopt by Eric B, 2nd Tim E. Discussion about incidental take and DLP issues. Called to vote by Mitch S. Passed unanimously. BOF Ak Peninsula proposals. Meeting in Anch Feb 21-26.

Prop. # 144. Mitch S call for comments. No staff comments yet, but dept prob neutral re: allocation. Talked about if prop would help BB on small runs. Discussed if prop would have quality and limit issues.

Prop. # 145: Mitch S asked Bob M if the fishery could be more efficient if Area M fishermen could get fish quickly in the north, and then move the fleet south for quality.

Prop # 146: Bob M to Taryn perhaps get Lisa Fox and Don Wilburn for S Pen and Chignik issues.

Bristol Bay Proposals.

Tim E motioned to take no action on Props 18,19,21,22. No action taken.

Paul S introduced BB props.

Prop #22: Eddie C's subsistence prop. Dept is neutral. Eddie C: hard to get to upper line where fishery starts. Currently less than 1000 fish caught in fishery. Open June 1—15 no others. Paul S: not open 24/7 except above upper marker in EG and UGA. EG has had another couple short openings during season. Eddie C: subsistence is #1, dont get enough. Vote: 10 for, 1 opposed.

Prop #27: Dept neutral. Eddie C : permit prices fluxuate with salmon prices, not stacking. Family members leaving fishery and historical sites are lost. Kim R: same situation as Eddie. Also no problem with stacking on our side of the bay. Mitch S asked for other ACs comments and Taryn gave Nush, Nak, Iliamna ACs outcomes. Mitch S: UGA and EG have own situation. Eddie C: Life as normal when stacking, Dillingham had one bad apple. Vote called: for 5, against 5, neutral 1.

Paul S prop # 29: Dept supports, discussed methods for determining abundance. Mitch S: kings vs. trawlers, Tim E: Dead kings fall out of smaller mesh nets, wasteful. Vote: carried unanimously.

Paul S prop # 31: Dept does not support. Vote: opposed unanimously.

Paul S prop # 32: Run timing has been later. Tom B: option of extending EO? Paul S: only in UGA. Eddie C: ties managers hands. Ditto from Mitch S. Vote: opposed unanimously.

Paul S prop # 33: Dept neutral. Eddie C: Naknek AC thoroughly discussed and voted against. Vote: opposed unanimously.

Paul S Drift stacking props: Dept neutral. Mitch S: should stay status quo.



Drift stacking detrimental to local villages. Art W: bad proposal. Mitch S: 25 % of the boats catch 50% of salmon. quality better if catch spread out among more of fleet. Tom B: opposed as young people have a harder time entering fishery. Vote props 25,26: opposed unanimously.

Prop # 23: 10 in favor, 1 against.

Prop # 30: Motion to adopt by Eric B. Mitch S: bigger boats put people out of business. Quality is already the best it has ever been in BB. Eddie C (?) :42' boats cheaper than 32' boats. Gerda (?): Worried about area M boats coming to BB. Vote: 2 in favor, 9 opposed.

Taryn: Procedures for approval of minutes prior to BOF meeting. Mitch S: who will approve minutes? Mitch S nominated to approve minutes. Vote to have Mitch S approve minutes: carried unanimously.

Jason Dye Proposal # 62: Not particularly beneficial. Tim E: motioned to take no action.

Taryn: HQ : what Board meetings to fund LBBAC to attend? Mitch S: BB, AK Pen, maybe Joint Boards.

Taryn: AC encouraged to look at AC committee proposed regs. Also should I get S Pen and Chignik managers for our next AC meeting? Mitch S: Yes.

Taryn: Will put Joint Board and Statewide props on next meeting.

Mitch S and Taryn: next meeting 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 14.

Adjournment: 12:45 p.m.

Minutes Recorded By: Eric M Beeman
Minutes Approved By: Mitch Seybert_
Date: 11/14/2018_____



Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes
November 13-14, 2018
ADF&G Office
570 4th Ave. Bethel, AK

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

CALL TO ORDER: James Charles Chairman, 1:05pm; Recessed at 7:00pm on 11/13; Reconvened at 8:55am on 11/14.

ROLL CALL: Present: Phillip Peter Sr., Jackson Williams, John Twitchell Sr., John Andrew (Trapper John), Sandra Nicori, George Berry, Henry Parks (phone), Earl Samuelson Sr., Nick Henry, James Charles, Nelson Napoka. (Excused: William Brown, Nicholai Pavilla Sr.)

INVOCATION: James Charles

INTRODUCTION:

- ADF&G Staff: John Chythlook (SF, phone), Chuck Brazil, (CF, phone), Colton Lipka (CF), Keith Oster (WF), Dave Runfola (SD), Jen Peeks (Boards)
- Other Agency Representatives:
- Members of the Public: Tonya Epchook (Org. Village of Kwethluk), Richard Long, (Org. Village of Kwethluk), Jacob Tobeluk (Nunap IRA), Pat Samson (Translator), Martin Andrew (Kwethluk), Chariton Epchook (Kwethluk), Martin Nicholai (Kwethluk)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Trapper John, 2nd Jackson Williams

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 25-26, 2017: Motion by Henry Parks Approved unanimous as corrected, 2nd by John Andrew.

OFFICER ELECTIONS: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary

- Chair: Nominations for Chairman: John Andrew, James Charles, Phillip Peter Sr. Voted by secret ballot.

Chair: Phillip Peter Sr. elected

- **Vice-Chair: Trapper John**, only nomination. unanimous consent. Passed
- Secretary: Nominated Sandra Nicori and Jackson Williams...both declined due to hearing loss. Father Martin nominate, but declined. Nominated Nelson Napoka. Earl Samuelson closed nominations.

Secretary: Nelson Napoka

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ TESTIMONY: *3 minutes per person*

- Martin Andrew: BOF Proposals 105, 106, 110, 118, 120 were supported by the Org. village of Kwethluk. He commented that FP19-10, contradicts the request of 110.
- Father Martin: Requested that if members of the public call into the meeting he would like to honor the public.
- James Charles: Thanked the AC for allowing him to be chairman over the years. "Myself and Trapper



John are the only ones from the original group."There used to be a lot of members from the public representing their villages and on the ADF&G Boards (John White and Greg Rozcicka). It is good for us to address these problems; that there is enough subsistence catches. I know when I was first born the villages were smaller; population growth has been everywhere. It is very important that we can harvest what we need."

- Trapper John (John Andrew): Thanked James Charles for being the chairman all these years. Trapper John reviewed several of the BOF proposals. He commented that there may be conflicts, if there was division in these issues it may not be approved by the Board [BOF]. We need to address the non-salmon spawning tributaries.
- Pat Samson: who do we talk to when there are planes that are harassing birds and game? James Charles suggested getting the tail number, plane description, the color, the time flying etc. Earl Samuelson commented that photos are also helpful.
- Earl Samuelson- Thanked James Charles for serving for 42 years.
- Tanya Epchook (Org. Village of Kwethluk)- Commented that she supports BOF proposals: 105, 106, 110, 118, 120. Regarding BOG Prop. 133- she requested an extension beyond 10 days. She support BOG Proposal 139.
- Richard Long (Org. Village of Kwethluk)- Support BOF Proposals 105,106,110,118,120...please take them seriously and make good considerations. Also 133 and 136. We need more than 10 days of hunting from Tuluksak on down.
- Henry Parks- thanked James Charles for his service. Thanked federal management for giving fish.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Board of Game Proposals:**

- GMU 18 Overview: Keith Oster (ADF&G) provided an overview of wildlife in Unit 18.
MUSK OX: ADF&G surveyed approximately 950 musk ox on Nunivak Island, goal is 550. On Nelson Island about 200 musk ox are no longer on the island. ADF&G is not certain as to why.
- MOOSE- Unit 18 Remainder- Population and habitat surveys conducted. Upstream of Marshall moose are eating 90% of available food. Mt. village downstream moose are eating 20% of food available. ADF&G commented that they don't like to see above 50% of food being eaten. Moose are slowly declining. The decline is going to move down the river and may have to have regulations.

On the Kuskokwim- The AC discussed with ADF&G the estimated number of moose. Sandra Nicori commented that the weather may have been a factor. Jackson William commented that there are predators in Akiak. Saw a wolf in town, saw a bear near town. George Berry commented that there was a wolverine in Napakiak eating puppies. Phillip Peter- commented that when he hunts



on the Yukon he noticed near Russian Mission and Marshall that the moose were thin. He commented that the state/federal hunts were confusing and suggested that announcements be held on the radio. Peter commented that some were being poached and some people were misreporting. Earl Samuelson suggested working with the chair and vice chair to put rivers in Yugstun on the maps

- Moose and Brown Bear Reauthorization: 133 & 139
- Board of Game: Western Region Proposals DUE May 1, 2019

John Andrew- when we go moose hunting there has been a lot of water so bull moose have been away from the river. We were asking instead of Sept. 1 we could start on Sept. 14 or 15 [RM 615] Jackson agreed with Trapper John, also would like to extend the season that may be better. John Twitchell commented that the weather was changing and bugs were flying around and may have moved the moose to the water.

- 1.) Push RM 615 from Sept. 1 to Sept. 14/15. 2.) Extend the RM 615 season. Possibly move start date to Sept. 5. (Earl Samuelson will start drafting a proposal)
- Address increase in wolf population around the Kisaralik. (Jackson)
- Address the beavers, may be why fish population is declining. (Jackson)

Sandra Nicori- one of the reasons why wolf and beaver populations are coming in is our changing lifestyle. Used to use bears for skin boats. Part of the problem is our changing lifestyle. They are not hunted like they used to be.

- **Board of Fish Proposals:**

- Kuskokwim Area Fishery Overview: Colton Lipka (ADF&G). Preliminary 2018 estimates indicated that Chinook salmon was below average, sockeye was above average, chum salmon was late but average run and coho salmon was below average.

James Charles commented on Bristol Bay runs. They were catching high numbers of sockeye. They didn't tell us which species were low. They had record number of sockeye. Heard when certain salmon are high in Bristol Bay, the next year is good for the Kusko.

Phillip Peter commented that he caught really big chum. He observed that it looked like the chinook and chum salmon were reversing their run times. Sockeye were late in the Kusko, entering in the first part of July.

Jackson Williams commented that it would be helpful if other villages had test fisheries. Phillip Peter commented that if we hire people from Eek or Tuntutuliak to do test fishery it would be good. He added that he doesn't trust the sonars. Test fish down river is better "...because than we know."

Earl Samuelson commented that he was listening to Region 2; they want a 2nd opinion on the fish



count. He added that Mary Peltola commented on using traditional knowledge on determining the fish count.

Earl Samuelson provided suggestions for the fishing schedule in 2019.

- o Kuskokwim Proposals: 105-120, 122
- o Statewide Proposals: 161, 162, 163, 164

• **Federal Fishery Proposals**

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- Discussion of Lower Kuskokwim AC seat structure:

Jen Peeks provided an overview of the LKAC structure and history of its formation. James Charles commented that Kwethluk has 2 members because at that time the population was high. People thought Napaskiak was going to be high too, but their population has not been growing as fast as Kwethluk. Bethel was with the AC too at one time.

Henry Parks- So that was back then, but we are growing. It would be good for me if we had one member from Kwethluk and one member from Napaskiak.

Jen clarified process through Joint Board.

James Charles suggested that each member also have alternates.

- Elect AC Representative and Alternate to attend the AYK BOF meeting: January 15-19, 2019.

Jackson- Nominate Phillip Peter to attend, alternate Earl Samuelson

- Member comments:

James Charles- our populations were very small as a kid. Our populations are growing. There used to be no roads to airport. We want everyone who needs the resource to have some. That is why ADFG is always cutting off what we want.

John Andrew- would like to see a later moose season. Bears are raiding the fish camps. Thanked the group, the new chair and secretary. Thanked people from Kwethluk, should include elder and young people.

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133	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 18		
Support	11	0	Keith Oster overview.



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			Motion by James Charles, 2 nd by Parks
139	Reauthorize the resident brown bear tag fee exemptions in Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A		
Support	11	0	Keith Oster provided overview. Jackson Williams moves to make unanimous consent.

Minutes Recorded By: Nelson Napoka

Minutes Approved By: [Signature]

Date: 12/28/18

Minutes Approved By: [Signature]

Date: 12-28-2018



Federal Subsistence Board

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
FP 19-08			
Oppose	0	11	
FP 19-09			
Support	10	1	Similar to BOF Prop. 113.
FP 19-10	11	0	Similar to BOF Prop. 115. Henry Parks- same as the state proposal.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: 12:56, November14, 2018



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
Minutes of January 2, 2019
MTA Building in Palmer 7 p.m. start time

Dan asked if anyone had fish proposals to consider. None were taken up.

Members Present: Bob Marshall, Don Dygert, Hans Nordstrom, Andy Couch, Dan Montgomery, Neil DeWitt, Tim Stephens, Mel Grove, Austin Manelik
All other members absent.

Department staff: Tim Peltier ADF&G Area Game Biologist, Public Gary Calhoun

Public Testimony: Gary Calhoun — 3 homesteads in the Willow Area. Weir in Deception Creek used to have kings, silvers, dogs, humpies, trout, but not much left anymore. Bears used to eat fish, but now all fish gone and all moose calves gone. ADF&G put out several cow permits — no cow moose harvested this year. Feels weir is impacting the ecosystem and removing might allow king salmon to recover. Doesn't know that he has seen any king salmon upstream on Deception Creek for 10 years.

Mel Grove — asked if the king salmon were being killed at the Deception Creek Weir.

Motion to accept agenda. Approved without objection.

Starting **Southcentral Alaska Game** proposals. Proposal Motions made by Mel Grove and second by Tim Stephens:

54 — would allow crossbow in special use hunt areas where muzzleloaders or shotguns and bow and arrow are currently approved hunting tools. Bob feels crossbows can make 100-yard kill shots on a moose. Neil is in favor of. Hans likes the proposal. Austin likes the use of a primitive type hunt — will vote in favor. Andy likes this proposal — as it would apply to the Palmer- Wasilla restricted hunt area. Motion supported 9-0-0.

55. Would remove aircraft language on sheep hunting. Hans will support — the Advisory Committee has consistently been opposed to this language as long as he has been on the Committee. Dan will support proposal he does not know if anyone has been prosecuted under current regulation. Motion supported 6-3.

56. Mel mentioned that some nonresidents could be hunting and harvesting predators. Don believes Alaska has so much federal land that can not be managed the same as state lands — that as Mel said he believes it could be good to continue allowing nonresidents to hunt. Dan mentioned Unit 16B where there is a high number of surplus bull moose and sees no reason to restrict hunting to just residents. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

57. Andy Couch did not feel comfortable without additional information on making an allocation vote — will not support proposal. Dan sees this as transportation to hunt early. ADF&G says with regulation change the controlled use area would go away August 15 -



August 25. Dan mentioned that he was in this area before and that harvest occurs very quickly once motorized use was opened. Motion opposed 1-8-0.

58. No action.

59. Andy feels so few hunters are participating in this hunt late in the season and it is permit already with on overharvest. He would prefer the longer hunting opportunity remain — this benefits hunters who may only rarely get a permit and have not harvested a caribou earlier in the season. ADFG does not necessarily need this amount of time to tag caribou with no hunting season. Dan feels caribou numbers are down and that season could be shortened and perhaps switched to bulls only. Motion opposed 4-5.

60. Austin harvested a goat from the late hunt that he thought was fine eating. Dan mentioned that he has had goats from other hunts in November when male goat meat was poor. Don opposes because the drawing season would be impacted. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

61. Dan mentioned this would create a drawing opportunity in an area that currently only allows one day of registration. This would allow for a bit more opportunity for people who live a distance from Seldovia by drawing permit. Motion supported 9-0-0.

62. Creates separate early and late season hunt opportunity — late season registration does not need to occur in Seldovia. Motion supported 9-0-0.

63. Motion opposed 2-7 Concern about the road regulation.

64. Andy feels the population may not be able to take both a spike fork and brow tine liberalization. Dan likes this regulation and supports. Don will support this one, but not the brow tine change as population. Motion supported 9-1-0.

65. Dan feels genetics are depleted with this type regulation. Several members believe some liberalization may be allowed but were concerned that too many bulls could get killed. Dan can remember when 4-brow tine moose were quite plentiful in the interior — but feels with current regulation those moose are no longer in the population for the most part. Neil wondered about how many wanton waste moose are being killed and left. Andy will oppose as he feels adding the spike fork was already sufficient. Motion opposed 4-5

66. See discussion in 65 Motion opposed 4-5.

67. Dan feels a lot of additional illegal moose that did not fully meet the criteria for legal points may be killed. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

68. Motion opposed 0-9-0.

69 Would remove the drawing trophy hunt and change to a general hunt opportunity. This would provide more opportunity for additional hunters to participate, but antler size would likely



go down. Motion opposed 4-4-1. Some prefer opportunity to harvest 3-browline moose as in proposal 70.

Member comments: Mel asked about postponement of non-motorized access issue on the Maclaren River area.

Next meeting to occur January 23 at MTA.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:14.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch

Approved by: Herb Mansavage, Chair

Date Approved: 2/20/2019



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2019
MTA Building in Palmer 7 p.m. start time

AC Members Present: Herb Mansavage, Don Dygert, Hans Nordstrom, Andy Couch, Birch Yuknis, Chad Lipse, Neil DeWitt, Tim Stephens, Mel Grove, Austin Manelik,

Absent Excused: Dan Montgomery, Chris Alderman, Mont Mahoney, Bob Marshall

Absent: Danny Lewis,

ADF&G present: Tim Peltier and Chris Brockman — game biologists from Palmer office

Public present: Bill Shank

State Wide Stocking Plan Comment:

Andy Couch made a motion that the Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee comment on the statewide stocking plan that the Mat-Su king salmon stockings at Deception Creek and Eklutna Tailrace be reconsidered to see if king salmon smelt stockings in the Mat-Su area can be closer to the numbers originally called for in 2019. Chad Lipse seconded. Neil Dewitt Commented that any overage stockings (Ship Creek) could be applied to the numbers originally called for at the Tailrace. Andy Couch also commented that there was public concern over king salmon eggs being taken from the Deception Creek / Willow Creek system when king salmon numbers were so low there last year. Motion carried unanimously 10-0-0. Herb tasked Andy Couch with writing a letter concerning these comments — He will have it done Thursday Jan 31.

Game Proposals

70 This would allow a general season with 50 inch or 3-brow tine moose legal. Advisory Committee Proposal with an antler restriction. Motion favored 8-2-0.

71 Motion by Neil DeWitt 2nd by Andy Couch There was quite a bit of discussion — but ADF&G did not have department comments for this are — but Tim Peltier thought the department was attempting to open the area to general harvest while at the same time aligning antler restrictions. Don not for this proposal because ADF&G is in control of situation with a drawing.— but he has a problem with doing away with 3 brow tine legal moose. Mel would like to see harvest of 3 brow tine moose continue — and feels ADF&G might loose money by going to a general hunt. Andy prefers proposal 70 that allows 3 brow tine harvest. Motion favored 7-3-0.

Proposal 72 opposed unanimously 0-10-0. Birch objected to any kind of new community use hunt — although not requested as part of this proposals — a community use hunt is listed as the last other solution considered. This proposal requests a resident only registration hunt with an additional restriction that those receiving a registration permit for this hunt may not hunt bull moose in other unit during the calendar year.



Proposal 73 Birch objected to the thought that a person could not hunt moose elsewhere. Andy like an option like this that seeks to reduce effort to some effect. Difficulty is in the antler legal size. Motion opposed unanimously 0-10-0.

74 Andy Couch had trouble understanding this proposal — not written in regulatory language. No Action see proposal 76.

75. Would allow harvest of any moose — other than cows with calves by permit with muzzleloader or bow and arrow.. Neil made an amendment that new hunt be allowed only from August 22-29. Neil was wondering if the muzzle loader should be restricted. Motion opposed 0-9-1.

76. Members commented that this was simple and allowed hunters to choose what type weapon they preferred. Andy mentioned that if anyone was worried about harvesting too many moose in the future — the number of permits could be adjusted down the following year. Motion favored unanimously 10-0-0.

77. Motion favored 10-0-0. Would allow additional harvest opportunity for some antler less moose.

78. ADF&G would create any bull drawing hunts for residents only in all subunits of units 7 and 15. Motion opposed 2-4-4.

79. Advisory Committee proposal to require hunter safety in 15 C drawing hunts.. Motion opposed 3-7-0.

80. Motion opposed unanimously 0-10-0. Would limit to only 2—4 permits.

81. Motion opposed 1-9-0.

82. Would reauthorize antler less moose hunt on Kalgan Island. Motion favored 10-0-0.

83. Motion favored 10-0-0.

84. Very few permits currently available — members had trouble with an open general season even with archery. Sheep are in decline currently according to ADF&G. Motion opposed 0-10-0.

85. ADF&G has no data for us. Andy will support the advisory committee proposal to be more conservative in black bear hunting. Motion opposed 1-7-2.

86. Motion opposed 5-4-1.



87. Would close ptarmigan season in Unit 15C. Chris mentioned there is an area around the Caribou Hills where ptarmigan hunting pressure is relatively high. When there is small production in the spring bird numbers will be down. Motion opposed 0-7-3.

88. Motion favored 8-0-2. one abstained was unfamiliar with current regulations.

89. Motion favored 0-9-1. Did not have data.

90. Would allow youth hunting in Skilak Loop Management Area. Motion favored 8-0-2. Abstain was unfamiliar with area.

91. Members had quite a few concerns. 1/2 mile is a considerable distance. landowner could be the state or certainly someone besides the person with a residence. It is hard to even know how close a person is to a 1/2 mile. Motion opposed 0-10-0.

92. Herb supports. Andy mentioned proposal is asking for a conservative opportunity if there are no conservation concerns. Motion favored 6-4-0.

Next meeting on February 6 get statewide fishery proposals you would like to talk about to Herb. with ADF&G comments for Kodiak and Anchorage game proposals we will be working on them as well.

Birch will make a determination by Friday February 1. February 20 meeting Birch has agreed to take minute on this date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55p.m.

Minutes taken by Andy Couch

Minutes Approved by: Herb Mansavage, Chair

Date Approved: 2-20-2019



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee
MTA Building in Palmer
February 6, 2019

Meeting Called to order at 7:01 p.m By Herb Mansavage

Members Absent: Danny Lewis, Dan Montgomery- Excused

Austin Manelick arrived late.

Motion to accept agenda. Accepted with no objections

Statewide Fishery Proposals

161: Would require weekly or biweekly reporting of commercial, charter, Subsistence, or personal use permit harvest of all salmon species. To Broad. Data is already collected by charters, but often not tabulated in time to be used effectively inseason. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

162. Biweekly reporting — if it could all be tabulated does little for in season management — data already collected from charter logbooks is not tabulated in a timely manner. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

163. Motion favored 14-0-0. Committee does not want to see waste of valuable fishery resource.

164. Motion favored 14-0-0. see comments on 163. Committee did not consider other uses other than the sheepish.

165. Would allow switch of registration of boat after sport charter season is over. Point is made in this proposal that commercial fish boat users are already allowed to participate in the subsistence fishery. Charter boats should possibly be allowed the same opportunity to take friends on a boat. Birch asked how difficult it would be to change registration? Motion opposed 7-6-1.

166. Andy had problem that people could be fishing for other species and accidentally catch a rockfish without even attempting to catch a rockfish. Other members felt if a person had a deep water release and was attempting to use it no problem. Mel mentioned it is just like having a lifejacket. Motion supported 13-1-0.

167. Would allow use of 2 flies statewide. Chad felt there would be no harm — especially for trout fishing. Andy felt that there would certainly be more salmon snagged in a place like the Russian River. Don mentioned possible requiring a smaller hook. Chad thinks this should be towards trout — one of the proposers is a fly shop owner. Birch thinks that some of these single. Andy mentioned that a lot of the fisheries identified in the proposal are high use



fisheries and productive fisheries. Hans mentioned that in some trout fisheries . Motion favored 9-5-0.

168. ADF&G proposal that seeks to clarify a regulation. Motion favored 14-0-0.

169. Neal mentioned that the Anchorage AC opposed this proposal. Andy mentioned that MSY management can be good for dominant stocks — however in a mixed stock fishery like Upper Cook Inlet less productive stocks would be significantly and negatively impacted. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

170. Andy mentioned this would take away all the stock of concern designations — and in addition would not work to help the stocks in weak or poor conditions. Motion opposed 0-14-0.

171. Birch thinking he want to support. Hans thinking he wants to support. Andy mentioned the change of some of the priorities in the allocation criteria. Motion supported 14-0-0.

172. Members mentioned that definition included crossbow. Others mentioned that this definition was specific to fishing. Don wanted to use his crossbow for harvesting pike. Birch mentioned supporting the Department. Bob does not want to see this definition transfer to hunting. Motion supported 13-1-0.

173. Chad mentioned that he learned of one business that was pulling crab pots but releasing crabs. Andy mentioned this looks like it provides opportunity without resource harm. Motion supported 14-0-0.

174. Birch wanted oppose since it was a board generated proposal. Andy felt this would help clarify and make for better regulations. Hans wanted oppose as board generated proposal. Motion opposed 2-12-0.

175 —178. Neil Dewitt said the board had already voted on these proposals. No Action.

179. No Action

180. No Action

181. Would have allocation impacts. 0-9-3. (some members stepped out momentarily.

182. Motion opposed 0-8-6. One member felt this would lower the bar for escapement. One member wanted to take no action as had little knowledge of the fishery or what the proposal would do. Some disliked fact proposal was board generated.

Board of Game Proposals

131 - 137 antler less moose authorizations

131. motion supported 14-0-0.



132. ADF&G has 8700 moose with Feb. 2017 count in 14A. and doing new survey soon — providing good view conditions. Motion supported 14-0-0.

133. Andy mentioned Matanuska Valley AC does not have jurisdiction over Unit 18 antlerless moose hunts.. Motion supported 13-0-1. Abstain vote was a statement about no need to make unnecessary vote that does not count for authorization purpose.

134. Out of Area No action.

135. No Action. Out of Area.

136. No Action. Out of Area.

137. No Action Out of Area.

138. No Action. Out of Area.

139. Reauthorization of Brown bear tag exemption. Motion supported 14-0-0.

140. Unit 11, 13, 16A, 16B, 17 Brown Bear tag exemption reauthorization. Motion supported 14-0-0

141. Brown Bear tag exemption reauthorization: Units 4, 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, 26C. Motion supported 14-0-0.

Next meeting: Thursday February 21 Kodiak Proposals , Following meeting Wednesday February 27 agenda to be announced.

Member Comments: Birch spoke about the Fairbanks AC Facebook page as if it was something he would like the Matanuska Valley AC to have. All of us realize when a committee member talks about the AC doing something, it is up to that committee member to go to work. No Committee member objected to Birch establishing and running a Facebook page for the advisory committee.

Andy mentioned the AC still has work on fishery proposals to do this winter. He also mentioned that he is expecting to be absent the next two meetings, and that Birch had agreed to resume secretarial work for the next meeting.

Don mentioned there were some additional game proposals the AC would need to work on.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Minutes taken by: Andy Couch

Approved by: Herb Mansavage, Chair

Date Approved: 2/20/2019



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee
February 21, 2019
MTA Building Palmer**

- Call to Order: 7:03 pm by Herb Mansavage
- Roll Call:
Members Present: Herb Mansavage, Birch Yuknis, Austin Manelick, Dan Montgomery, Tim Stephans, Neil De Witt, Danny Lewis, Mel Grove, Hans Nordstrom, Don Dygert

Members Absent (Excused): Chris Alderman, Dom Nichols, Bob Marshall, Andy Couch, Mont Mahoney, Chad Lipse

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight

List of User Groups Present: Public and ADF&G
- Approval of Agenda: Dan motions, Don 2nds
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Feb 6th approved with no objections, Jan 30th herb approved himself to get in before onitme deadline, (There was the one change on proposal 89, it was written correctly as 0-9-1 which is opposed. not passed.
- Fish and Game Staff Present: Chris Brockman (Wildlife Biologist 2)
- Guests Present: William Shank
- **Board of Game Proposals:**

110	Modify the nonresident bow and arrow goat hunt structure in the Lake George area in Unit 14C from a drawing hunt to a registration hunt		
Oppose	5	5	Neil Motions, Hans 2nds. Austin asked if this would take from the resident quota? Dan said he talked to the area biologist and he said that this harvest would not count agaisnt the current harvests quotas. Birch said he could support if that language was in the proposal. Harvest is not expected to be minimal. Birch asked the Departmetn why they want to change this as it was implemented just a season ago?
111	Lengthen the hunting season for moose in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
Support	10	0	Neil Motions, HanS 2nds. Don talked to JBER. They want a set date. Consensus was JBER wants it and it is on JBER
112	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
Support	9	1	Neil motions, Hans 2nds. Department was asked if this there is



			any biological concern and if this is the best tool for herd management. Department indicated no biological concern and this is a great tool for herd management. Danny does not believe that cow hunts are good for the herd
113	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	9	1	Neil Motions, Hans 2nds. See notes for 112
114	Open a youth drawing hunt for Dall sheep in Unit 14C		
Oppose	0	10	Neil Motions, Hans 2nds. We had the department clarify "Youth hunt." Mel won't support, as it punishes those without kids. Don feels there are already enough permits for this area. Why should this be a special hunt with a different definition of youth hunt?
115	Establish a separate Dall sheep drawing for second degree of kindred hunters in Unit 14C		
Oppose	1	9	Neil motions, Austin 2nds. Birch states that a nonresident(NR) is a NR. Dan stated this would add 3 permits.
116	Change the brown bear hunt in Unit 14C Remainder to a registration hunt with a bag limit of one bear every year		
Support	10	0	Neil Motions, Dan 2nds. Department states that there is no biological concern for brown bears in this unit. Neil stated that the Anchorage AC had some Anchorage Assembly members come to a meeting and ask for help in harvesting of more brown bears.
117	Extend the hunting season for black bear in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
Support	10	0	Neil Motions, Austin 2nds. Don says there is a low success rate here. Again JBER wants it and it is on JBER. More opportunity.
118	Open a registration black bear hunt for shotgun and muzzleloader only in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Anchorage Management Area (As Amended)		
Support	7	3	Amendment one Add Rainbow Valley(10-0) Amendment 2 add Archery(7-3) Neil states there have been bear attacks here. Proposal as originally written passed 10-0. Later in the meeting some wanted to amend to add Archery. The 3 dissenting votes were mainly based on that this proposal had already been voted on.
119	Open a registration black bear hunt for shotgun and muzzleloader only in the Upper Campbell Creek hunt area in the Anchorage Management Area(As Amended)		
Support	7	3	Amend to add Archery. Hans asked the department if there was any biological concern here. Department said no. Proposal as originally written passed 10-0. Later in the meeting some wanted to amend to add Archery. The 3 dissenting votes were mainly based on that this proposal had already been voted on.
120	Open a black bear baiting registration hunt for shot gun or muzzleloader only within the Anchorage Management Area (As Amended)		
Support	10	0	Amend to add Archery. Birch had faith the department could keep this hunt manageable. (Not overharvest)



121	Allow the harvest of bear with the use of bait in Unit 14C Remainder		
Support	10	0	Dan motions, Neil 2nds. More opportunity
122	Require hunter education for small game hunting in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
Support	7	3	Neil Motions, Dan 2nds. Again JBER wants it and it is there base. Tim felt the base already has enough safety meetings to be able to hunt there and that there have been no accidents in the past.
123	Open a year-round season with no bag limit for unclassified game in the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Management Area in Unit 14C		
Support	10	0	Neil Motions, Austin 2nds. Department clarified unclassified game.
124	Extend the trapping season for beaver in Unit 14C		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Austin 2nds. Department states that there is no biological concern in this area for beavers.
125	Modify the Birchwood Management Area boundary in Unit 14C		
Support	10	0	Neil Motions, Dan 2nds. Sometimes we like to support the department. Boundry clarification.
126	Allow additional moose harvest opportunity in Unit 16A by providing an antlerless hunt and/or an "any bull" hunt		
Oppose	1	9	Department stated that this was a BOG generated proposal because the Department's surveys came out after the proposal deadline so the BOG had to make the proposal. Birch stated he is against Board generated proposals. That there are other avenues rather than the Board generating the proposal.
127	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
NA			No Action as not familiar with and not our core area. Birch did want to state that he feels all registration permits should be available online and not just at local locations.
128	Modify the Clearwater Creek Controlled Use Area description		
Support	9	1	It was brought up that this is the proposal Rod Arno (Alaska Outdoor Council) spoke about at an earlier meeting. The additional information from online was read aloud. The Department stated that the BOG spent considerable time on this proposal in Dillingham. Austin likes having areas where people who can't afford or don't want to use expensive offroad vehicles can go.
129	Clarify the ability for trappers to transport furbearers or lawful parts of game as trapping bait within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (As Amened)		
Support	9	1	This was a difficult proposal because it is not really a proposal, but a request for clarification. Amended this proposal (9-1) concerning the 3rd to last paragraph. This amend was to allow for the intent for the regulation to pertain to hunters and that an exception for Trappers should be created.
130	In drawing hunts with a separate allocation for residents and nonresidents, all nonresident permits will be issued from the nonresident allocation		



Oppose	4 6 Neil Motioned, Austin 2nd Currently only Kodiak brown bear would be affected Don stated. Hans is for Non resident being a nonresident. No separate pool and no taking from the resident pool. Dan brought up that currently only 4 permits are taken from the resident pool, although he did not know how or what order they were taken.
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Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Birch Yuknis
Minutes Approved By: Advisory Committee
Date Approved: 2/27/2019



**Matanuska Valley Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2019
MTA Building Palmer**

- Call to Order: 7:01 pm by Herb Mansavage
- Roll Call:
Members Present: Herb Mansavage, Birch Yuknis, Dan Montgomery, Tim Stephens, Neil DeWitt, Danny Lewis, Bob Marshall, Hans Nordstrom, Don Dygert, Mont Mahoney

Members Absent (Excused): Austin Manelick, Chris Alderman, Dom Nickles, Andy Couch, Mel Grove, Chad Lipse

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Eight, Ten Present

List of User Groups Present: ADF&G, General Public
- Approval of Agenda: Dan motions, Neil 2nds. No objections
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Dan Motions, Neil 2nds. No Objections
- Fish and Game Staff Present: Tim Peltier Wildlife Biologist III
- Guests Present: Cabot Pitts and Robert Cassell
- New Business: The AC agrees that Dan Montgomery, Herb Mansavage and/or Neil DeWitt may speak for the AC at the upcoming BOG meeting in Anchorage March 14-19 and at the Joint Board meeting March 21-25 in Anchorage. The upcoming Board of Fish meeting in Anchorage March 8-12 the AC agrees that Neil DeWitt, Andy Couch and/or Herb Mansavage can speak on behalf of the AC.

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals March 15-19, 2019 Anchorage, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended,	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes



Oppose, No Action			
93	Increase the bag limit for deer in Unit 8		
Oppose	3	7	Neil Motions, Hans 2nds. ADF&G is neutral and feels there is "probably" no biological concern. Dan feels the current harvest is adequate and the Department can manage it. Don states some areas are hunted harder and this could lead to overharvest in those areas. Neil states that one bad snow year can wipe out the herd. Danny supports this proposal, he has hunted Kodiak for 35 years and there are lots of deer.
94	Lengthen the hunting season for goat in Unit 8 Remainder		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Dan supports for those people who want a long hair goat. ADF&G states there is currently no biologic concern, and an EO can close the hunt.
95	Change the bag limit, lengthen the season, and implement reporting requirements for goat in Unit 8 Remainder		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Dan supports. It is a Kodiak AC proposal and they know their backyard. Taking of Nannies can really help control the population. Don concurs with Dan. Plus Nannies taste better.
96	Establish a new registration hunt for goat in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	10	Neil motions and Hans seconds. Birch opposes this as this is an enforcement issue. Dan states that the Kodiak AC did not support this. Neil sees this as a special hunt on private land.
97	Allow the use of muzzleloaders for goat hunting in Unit 8		
Oppose	2	8	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Herb feels the muzzleloader take would be minimal. Don brought up what the Kodiak AC's amendment was. Our AC feels that proposals with options are more difficult to vote on, should present two proposals and we can vote on each individually. Birch brought up that a muzzle loader can also be used in the regular drawing for this area.
98	Lengthen the fall hunting season for brown bear in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	10	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Don mentions that the early part of October was taken away on the Alaska Peninsula to limit the harvest of sows. Department feels that is why the Oct 25th date was implemented to let the sows den while the boars are still out. Dan mentions that the Kodiak AC opposed and he won't support, the current system works. Birch states if you want more daylight apply for a Spring hunt.
99	Allocate at least 90% of the Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits to residents		
Support as amended	6	4	As amended. (Herb Amended to 80/20 resident/Nonresident split) The author of the proposition was present. Bob Cassel was on this AC two years ago. He quit the AC because two years ago he went to the BOG with this issue and nothing was done. Bob feels the current system for Brown bear permits does not follow the Alaska Constitution. Bob was also not happy with the



			<p>recent policy for allocation adopted by the BOG that put residents on the same level as nonresidents. Dan feels that this proposal would decimate the guide industry on Kodiak. Also that nonresidents may be eliminated from some hunts if there are not 10 permits in a draw to give at least one (10%) to a nonresident. Dan feels that the guide industry is vital to the Kodiak economy. Herb compared this to the lower 48 prestigious tags. There residents have a better chance for those tags than nonresidents. Brought up that even if this were to pass the draw odds for residents would still be low, just not as low. Dan brings up that the Kodiak AC voted this down and that the current system has been in place since 1976/77. Neil brought up that the Anchorage AC amended to 75/25. Don brought up that the guides there have Federal concessions and that limits where they can go. Don opposes on the economic impact to Kodiak and the State. (Non resident tags being more expensive and the Pittman/Robertson match) Hans does not feel that just because something has been this way for a long time (Kodiak Brown bear Tag system) doesn't make it right and that residents need to be more of a priority. Dan states that the current system has managed the brown bear population on Kodiak well. Birch does not feel that the guide industry would be decimated because if the guide offers a quality hunt at a quality price residents would use them for these basically once in a lifetime tags.</p>
100	Create a separate drawing for second degree of kindred brown bear permits in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	10	<p>Neil Motions, Hans seconds. Birch states that a nonresident is a nonresident. That there is a nonresident hunting license and a resident hunting license, there is no second degree of kindred license. Dan is opposed because our AC recently voted to keep the second degree of kindred in the resident pool for the draw. Don is against because what if the hunts are undersubscribed? Could give this pool of people greater odds than a regular nonresident or a resident.</p>
101	Create a resident tag for Kodiak brown bear from the nonresident permit allocation		
NA			<p>No Action based on the comment in the proposal book that the BOG does not have authority to change tag fees.</p>
102	Eliminate nonresident opportunity for the RB230 and RB260 registration permit brown bear hunts in Unit 8		
Support	6	4	<p>Neil motions, Hans seconds. Dan is opposed. This is a road system hunt and would eliminate nonresidents. Herb is for this proposal. Good opportunity for residents. Danny states that the resident local hunters are weekend hunters, that the nonresident guided hunters hunt more often. Dan brings up that the Kodiak AC voted this proposal down. Dan had numbers</p>



			for prior year harvest indicating an increased nonresident participation and a decreasing resident participation.
103	Transfer under-subscribed nonresident Kodiak brown bear drawing permits to the resident drawing permit allocation		
Oppose	3	7	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Neil brought up that the Anchorage AC voted this down.
104	Allow residents to return Kodiak brown bear drawing permits in advance of the hunting season to be reissued to residents		
Oppose	1	9	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Neil brought that the Anchorage AC voted for this proposal. Birch does not like penalizing someone on opportunity over harvest. Don states that the Department expects a certain number of people to not participate and if the Department starts reissuing these permits eventually the Department will be issuing less permits in the future, and the Department agreed. Herb could support if there was a provision for a last minute emergency exception, he likes the idea of more opportunity.
105	Adjust the boundaries of the Kodiak brown bear drawing hunt areas for Kiliuda Bay and Ugak Bay		
Oppose	1	9	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Don is opposed. This proposer is a nonresident guide who wants to align the State and Federal boundries. a self serving proposal. Dan brings up that guides on Kodiak can only apply one person for each drawing tag. That this would make a smaller area.
106	Provide educational material to encourage Kodiak brown bear hunters to harvest boars and penalize hunters for taking sows		
Oppose	2	8	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Birch feels that more information is good. Don states there already is a video, it may just need to be updated. Dan brings up that these hunts are usually once in a lifetime hunts so a penalty for future hunting here is not much of a deterrent. The Department was not sure if guides are already penalized in some way for shooting a sow with a smaller skull. (Apparently in the past this may have been in place, a sow with a large skull may be a non breeder and therefore not an issue)
107	Prohibit shooting from a boat while hunting in the Ugak Bay area in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	10	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Don brings up that the Kodiak AC new of no known reports of this being an issue. Birch brought up if they want it in one area do it Unit wide. Dan said if one bay make it the whole unit. The Department is of course neutral but that boat based shooting leads to increased wounding loss.
108	Create a controlled use area on the Ayakulic River in Unit 8		
Oppose	0	10	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Birch states if one river do all the rivers in the unit.
109	Require all snares on the Kodiak road system to have a breakaway mechanism		
Support	10	0	Neil motions and Hans seconds. Don gave us a lesson on



			breakaway snares and the poundages. Birch asked if this is a specific area or if so far from a road, just that it should be defined better on what specific area. Danny has taken hunters for buffalo there and a client one time shot a buffalo with a snare on its leg that had been there for a long time. Dan mentions that the Kodiak AC wants this and voted 12-0 for this proposal.
146	Change the bag limit for Tier II moose hunts to any mose and establish a resident antlerless moose drawing hunt in Unit 16B		
Oppose	2	8	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Dan asks the Department why is there even a Tier II hunt in a Unit that is over the population objective. The Department states that the Tier II moose are different than the Fall moose. These are moose that come down from the hills and that the Department wants more direction from the BOG. Also that the Tyonek and Yenlo hills AC's probably would not vote for antlerless hunts and therefore have to use a Tier II. Birch feels the Departments population objective is too low for this area. Dan concurs. Birch brought up that predator management has eneded for this unit as well. Dan feels that overharvest near the accessible points will occur. Herb has hunted this area for a long time and he sees lots of moose. Neil wants to know if any of these "hill" moose are from 16A? The Department does not feel that many moose from 16A cross the Kahiltna to get to 16B.
147	Change the hunting dates for Brown Bear in Unit 9B as follows:		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans seconds. The Department supports 147 over 148. The AC likes the extra week of opportunity over 148.
148	Change the hunting season dates for Brown Bear in Unit 9B as follows:		
NA	NA		See 147
149	Establish seasons and bag limits for mule deer statewide, excluding Sitka black-tailed deer, as follows:		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans Seconds. Every once in awhile we like to support the Department. Don brings up the Department needs animals to test and one way to get them is if they are harvested.



Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries & Game Proposals

March 21-25, 2019 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
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12	Require members to reside within the committee's geographic area		
Support	8	2	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Herb states no offense to Neil but he has to support. Birch concurs. Birch wants clarification on "reside?" six months and a day etc...
15	Amend the emergency closure process to exclude advisory committees that have not meet within the last three years		
Support	10	0	Neil motions. Hans seconds. Good to support the Department every so often.
16	Expand the functions of the advisory committees to encourage the involvement of youth and elders		
Support	8	2	Neil motions. Hans seconds. Birch wanted a more concrete definition of encourage.
19	Simplify the process for removing advisory committee members for having unjustifiable absences from meetings		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans seconds.
22	Allow advisory committee members to discuss and vote by email, excluding actions for antlerless moose reauthorizations or emergency order closures		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Can make minutes at last meeting of year easier.
25	Remove redundant provisions for advisory committee officer regulations and clarify duties of the secretary		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans seconds. It is hard to be secretary and try to participate in meetings effectively.
28	Allow advisory committee representatives to be at the board table during deliberations for those proposals the advisory committee authored		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans seconds. Good to have no misintrepaton.
32	Repeal the provision for Board of Fisheries members attending advisory committee meetings to be in compliance with the statutory requirement for holding board meetings in specific areas of the state		
Support	10	0	Neil motions, Hans seconds. May encourage BOF members to show up at AC meetings.
38	Require the Board of Fisheries to schedule shellfish regulations for any that have been closed by emergency order for 24 consecutive months		
Support	6	4	Neil motions, Hans seconds. If a fishery has been closed for two



			years the BOF needs to meet to address this issue.
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Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Birch Yuknis
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage, Chair
Date Approved: 3/1/2019



**McGrath Fish & Game Advisory Committee
September 27, 2018
Captain Snow Center, McGrath**

- I. Call to Order: 12:10 by Chairman Roger Seavoy

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present:
 - Lewis Egrass- McGrath
 - Steffan Strick- McGrath
 - Dan Esai - Nikolai
 - Roger Seavoy - McGrath
 - Ken Deardorff – McGrath
 - Vern John – Nikolia Alternate
 - Mike Tierney – McGrath Alternate
 - Ray Collins – McGrath**Ray jointed at 12:25

Members Absent (Excused):
 - Andrew Runkle
 - Clinton Goods
 - Peter Snow
 - Mark Cox
 - Jesse Grady
 - Jimmy NikolaiMembers Absent (Unexcused): none
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

- III. Approval of Agenda: Yes
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 10/3/2018 Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Louise Standish & Josh Pierce (DWC), Colton Lipka (DCF), Nissa Pilcher*(BDS), and Dave Runfola* (SUBS)
*Via teleconference

- VI. Guests Present: Brett Gibbons DPS; Kenton Moos, FWS; Elsie Ivey, Barry Solie, Francis Mitchell, Jim Stam, other members of McGrath community

- VII. Old Business:
Chairman Seavoy read letter received from USF&WS re; staffing of positions in McGrath at Innoko Refuge office. Kenton Moos, USF&WS manager addressed the committee and



expressed his hope that they would be able to provide more resources in the future and that they had hired Kellie Peirce for the ranger position here.

VIII. New Business:

Dan Esai requested a checkpoint at Blackwater on Big River to make sure of antler restrictions in RM650 hunt. Consensus was that it would be more efficient to use a satellite phone to call Brett Gibbens if it appeared there was a violation. Gibbens could then check at the AC slip on arrival of hunters in MCG.

Additionally, Roger shared comments on the duties of the AC boards and asked for comments from the public. Barry Solie suggested the board include sunset provisions in some of their proposals where restrictions may apply.

ADF&G Staff updates;

Josh made the point that the board needs to prepare proposals for next year, by May 1, 2018. He suggested some ideas of what those proposals might look like. He said we need to submit a new proposal to continue predator control. Seavoy suggested we reduce the mandatory minimum remaining wolves from 40 to 25 and increase the area of the wolf focus area. He encouraged area pilots to assist Josh in drawing the updated 19D east map for the proposal.

Josh also suggested we look into a winter moose hunt, and a Farewell Registration hunt in order to gather more data on the actual harvest in the Farewell area.

BOG INT proposals to submit during the next cycle

1. A motion was made to approve creation of proposals for , continued predator control, a winter moose hunt in 19D and 21A, and a registration hunt in the Farewell area. Moved by Egrass, 2nd by Strick. Approved 8/0 (note; Collins voting now)
2. A motion was also made that the moose hunt in 21A should be a registration hunt in order to gather more data from that area. Moved by Strick, 2nd by Egrass. Approved 8/0
3. A motion was made to require transport of all meat of moose, caribou, bison, while still on the bones, in all areas of GMU 19 & 21. As pertains to GMU 21, Josh wanted to talk with the GASH committee to get their input. Moved by Dan Esai, 2nd by Egrass; Approved 8/0
4. A proposal to allow the taking of bears by foot snaring was submitted by Seavoy. Discussion ensued, and it was decided to table this issue for the time being.



5. It was once again proposed to keep the lynx season open to March 31 to harmonize it with the open season on wolverine in the same area. Brett Gibbens said it would make enforcement much easier and, as pointed out several times before, there is no biological reason to not do this. Moved by Strick, 2nd by Egrass; Approved 8/0

6. A proposed winter caribou hunt in all of 19D and 21A. Antlerless caribou only. Limited registration permit. ADF&G will set quota of about 40 animals/year. No aircraft use. Season to run January 1 through February 28

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105	Allow use of set gillnets with 7 ½" mesh to harvest salmon other than king salmon and other non-salmon fish species on the Kuskokwim River for subsistence purposes during times of king salmon conservation		
Oppose	0	8	It was felt that this proposal was an obvious attempt to actually increase king salmon take rather than protect king salmon
106	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes within 50 feet of each other in that portion of the Kuskokwim River drainage from the north end of Eek Island upstream to the mouth of the Kolmakoff River		
No Action (NA)			
107	Allow the use of dipnets in the Kuskokwim River drainage subsistence salmon fishery		
Support	8	0	
108	Add dip nets as legal gear for subsistence fishing in the Kuskokwim Area		
NA			
109	Close waters marine waters immediately adjacent to the mouth of the Kuskokwim River to subsistence fishing during times of king salmon conservation		
Support	8	0	Conserve king salmon
110	Close all fishing in non-salmon spawning rivers of the Kuskokwim River within five miles of the confluence during times of king salmon conservation		
NA			
111	Increase maximum gillnet mesh size to 8 inches in both subsistence and commercial salmon fisheries		
Oppose	0	8	Obvious attempt to increase king salmon take
112	Allow subsistence fishing for with dipnet gear during times of king or coho salmon conservation		
NA			



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113	Close king salmon fisheries on the Kuskokwim River by emergency order on June 1		
Oppose	0	8	Thinly disguised effort to increase the harvest of sheefish and likely transient king salmon during the current closed period

Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals March 15-19, 2019 Anchorage, AK			
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127	Open a registration hunt for moose in Unit 19A		
Oppose	0	8	<p>This proposal was before the committee last year to be considered by the BOG out of sequence. At that time the SHAC committee did not support the proposal to hear it out of sequence and insisted on restrictions should this issue be resubmitted. This committee supported SHAC in their position.</p> <p>Once again we support SHAC.</p> <p>The McGrath Committee can support proposal 127 if, and only if, it contains the restrictions and amendments stipulated by the SHAC committee.</p>



Alaska Joint Board of Fisheries & Game Proposals

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4	Move the Stony/Holitna Advisory Committee from the Western Region to the Interior Region		
Support	8	0	Committee felt that it is only common sense to be listed in the region where the committee is located.
5	Designate two seats on the Stony/Holitna Advisory Committee for the community of Georgetown		
Oppose	0	8	

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Ken Deardorff

Minutes Approved By: Roger Seavoy

Date: 11/8/2018