Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee 1/6/20 – 6:00 pm UAS Room 108

- I. Call to Order: 6:05 pm by Chairman Kevin Maier
- II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Kevin Maier (Charter Fishing – Freshwater), Peter Robertson (Non-Consumptive Commercial), Ed Buyarski (Sport Fish, Hunting and Personal Use), Thatcher Brouwer (Commercial Fishing), Jason Kolhase (Processor), Melanie Brown (Alternate), Michael Bethers (Sport Fish, Hunting and Personal Use), Jesse Walker (Sport Fish, Hunting and Personal Use), Atlin Daugherty (Hunting Guide), Richard Yamada (Charter Fishing – Saltwater) (on teleconference).

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused): Michael Cole (Alternate), Terry White (Charter Fishing - Saltwater), Forest Wagner (Commercial Fishing), Chris Miller (Commercial Fishing), Kristine Trott (Non-Consumptive Personal), Nicholas Orr (Sport Fish, Hunting and Personal Use) and Jesse Ross (Trapping).

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: Fresh and Saltwater charter fishing, non-consumptive commercial and personnel us, sport fishing, hunting and personal use, commercial fishing, processor, and hunting guide. Also present were representatives from Fish and Game and the community.

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved by unanimous consent.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Previously approved.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Dave Harris (ADFG Commercial Fish), Annie Bartholomew (ADFG Board Support), David Love (ADFG Fisheries), Dan Teske (ADFG Sport Fish), Roy Churchwell (ADFG Wildlife), Robert Welch (Wildlife Trooper)

VI. Guests Present:

Ario (sp?) Student Participant in Government meeting Ben Atlin (sp?) Retired. Interested in committee hearings.

VII. Old Business:

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VIII. New Business:

ELECTIONS:

Jesse Walker moved and Ed Buyarski 2nd to approve the reelection of the current members who are up for election. This includes Thatcher Brouwer, Kristine Trott, Terry White, Mike Bethers and Nick Orr. All expressed interest in being reelected. The motion passed unanimously.

ROCKFISH:

Dan Teske – sportfish biologist, discussed the recent announcement that the sport, commercial and personal use fishery will be closed for non-pelagic rockfish, including yelloweye. Roughly 60 percent decline of abundance of yelloweye on outside. Suspect that the decline is also occurring in inside waters, but no surveys. Sportfish harvest has more than doubled. Eliminate directed commercial fishery and implement non retention for sport fish. Assessment is done with underwater counts, in same areas, every couple of years. It would take board of fish action to change rockfish groupings. Richard is working on a proposal to change the groupings of rockfish. Administrative code reference number 5aac75.995.47. It was asked what the rational for linking all DSR non pelagic to yellow eye abundance? Mr Teske stated that yellow eye makes up a huge percentage commercial harvest.

Commercial Directed fishery are closed. ADFG biologists were not sure if bycatch will be allowed.

Michael Bethers: Will there be any contact with Federal Government? Dan Teske: Yes there will be contact with Federal government and look at bycatch issue.

Jesse Walker: When will we see release devices on commercial vessels? Dan Teske: Would like to see it on commercial vessels, but it would take board action.

HUMPBACKS:

Richard Yamada: Reports that actions that will not immediately impact commercial fisheries. Any regulatory action would need to go through committee. However, there would be additional restrictions with the critical habitat designation. Marine mammal protection act often relates to entanglements. Very few specifics on what it will really mean to have a critical habitat designation.

Ed Buyarski: Would like to see more research. Not more critical habitat.

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Jesse Walker: Proposes that Thatcher Brouwer draft a letter and then approve it by way of email.

Jason Kolhase: We need to take a position

Motion by: Ed Buyarski 1st and Jesse Walker 2nd. Oppose designation of critical habitat.

Richard Yamada: We want a seat at the table.

Jason: Concerned about federal overreach and blanket regulation.

Melanie: These may be the only critical habitat areas if they are successful with aquaculture.

Mike: Does not support a critical habitat area.

FINAL VOTE of drafting a letter: 6 in favor. 2 abstain

RESIDENT FISH AND GAME LICENSES:

Consideration of a proposal from southern POW advisory committee to further refine the requirements to obtain a state sport hunting and fishing license as well as a subsistence permit.

Atlin Daugherty: It is easier to qualify for a resident license and subsistence than it is for a PFD. This would align qualification for resident license and subsistence license with the permanent fund dividend.

Jesse Walker: Supports principal of it, but will oppose.

Michael Bethers: Supports it. Has seen the problem in Tenakee.

Melanie Brown: Concerned about what is happening. Has seen the problem with dipnetting and sales at farmers markets it Colorado.

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Michael Bethers: Do you know of cases?

Trooper: We hear lots of complaints. We need to back it up and have proof. Obstacle is bad case law. Court sides with individuals with trailers/boats/ect in locked yard for 12 months. Troopers will not take a position often.

Melanie Brown: It could be a work session.

Ed Buyarski: Is this is a proposal? Can we support this.

Trooper: Not the majority of cases.

Ed Buyarski: Moves that JDAC support the POW efforts to tighten up residency requirements and support their efforts and solution. Atlin Daugherty. 2nd the motion.

Trooper: It would be a long wait for a license.

Jesse Walker: Would it be a headache? Determines if you are a resident. Box of worms.

Atlin Daugherty: There will always exceptions to rule.

VOTE TO SUPPORT EASTERN POW EFFORTS. 6 SUPPORT. 1 OPPOSE. 2 ABSTAIN. MOTION PASSES.

Homer Personal Watercraft:

Dunleavy repealed ban on personal watercraft in critical habitat in Katchemack Bay. Went through in 2001 personal watercraft. 30 day comment period when there should have been a 90 day comment period according to Melanie Brown.

It was stated that the comment period was extended to January 21st.

Melanie Brown: Comment letter should be to our legislators and copied to the governor's office and offers. It could state that the State is going around the process that exists and is disrespectful to biologists.

Michael Bethers: Do we want to get involved in user conflict in Homer?

Melanie: Concerned about precedent.

Melanie: I move that we submit a letter weighing in on this matter to oppose the governor's action to allow personal use watercraft. And a suggestion that it focus on process. (Atlin).

Michael: Is going to sit this one out.

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Richard: This is out of our area. Would like more information.

Melanie: Bad executive government process.

FINAL VOTE: 3 support. 3 oppose. 3 abstain. Motion fails.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The committee will meet in March to consider board of fish proposals. Additionally, it was noted by Roy Churchwell that there are concerns with the Gustavus Moose Hunt and there will be meetings to figure out a solution.

Board of Fisheries & Game Proposals					
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		
Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Proposal #155	9	0	Anterless Moose Hunt Authorization: Roy Churchwell with ADFG stated that there is a stable population and this is an annual authorization to allow ADFG to use this as a management too; if needed, for Gustavus and Berners Bay. Jesse Walker made the motion and Ed Buyarski seconded the motion.		
Statewide King & Tanner Crab Additional Proposal #277	9 Support 1 Abstain		The department did not think there were issues if bycatch with the expanded area. Mr. Kolhase inquired about the seine position on the proposal. No one in the audience knew the answer.		

In addition to the above proposals, the Joint Board will discuss setting a schedule for future Joint Board meetings. Currently, Joint Board meetings are scheduled on an as-needed basis. Advisory committees are welcome to provide recommendations on this topic.

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Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By:	
Minutes Approved By:	
Date:	

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Kenai Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee 11-19-19

Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association

I. Call to Order: 6:35 by Mike Crawford, Chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	Х		
Andrew	Carmichael		Х	
Mike	Crawford - Chair	Х		
Chris	Hanna			
Will	Lee – Secretary	Х		
Monte	Roberts	Х		
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	Х		
Todd	Smith	Х		
Jerry	Strieby	Х		
Joe	Thomas			х
Dyer	Van Devere	Х		
Jon	Essert	Х		
John	Ellanbass	Х		
Eli	House	Х		
Dick	Dykema	Х		

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jeff Selinger

IV. Guests Present: 6

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Unanimous consent to approve the minutes as amended.

VII. Reports

a. Chair's report

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- b. ADF&G
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections.

Unanimous consent to approve the minutes as amended.

Nomination for Fishing Guide Seat Jerry Streiby → Jerry Streiby

Guide Alternate Seat
Chris Hanna → Chris Hanna

Hunting Seat

Scott Miller → 8 Votes

Cody Rutter → 9 Votes → Cody Rutter

At Large Seat
Scott Miller → Scott Miller

At Large Alternate

Eli House → Eli House

Elections are closed

ADFG Biologist Jeff Selinger came to give us data on moose population and harvest on the peninsula. He also spoke on predator management as it was asked by a committee member.

Brown bear harvest on the peninsula numbers were presented.

39 total harvest & 6 additional non-hunting for a total harvest of 45

Sheep numbers are down and goat numbers are healthy, movi is possibly around, but there has been some possible issues with testing from past samples.

No real sheep data on the Kenai and no studies have been done on the Kenai Sheep.

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Break @ 8:20pm

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

Next meeting is on 11/26 at Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association starting at 6:30pm

XIII. Other

Adjourn:

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Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 6-14, 2020 Fairbanks, AK						
Proposal Number	Proposal	Proposal Description				
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	()				
Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.						
Support	12	0	No Counts last year, but the hunt can be close by EO and on average about 7 cow are taken out of 30 permits			
162	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B					
Support	12	0	No Count last year, but population is healthy. There have been some different opinions on carry capacity from different biologist, but the island has been supporting the recent population.			
163	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C					

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 9:10pm

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Support

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Minutes Recorded By: Will Lee	
Minutes Approved By:	
Date: 11.19.2019	

We would like to keep AM550 open as a management tool if

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Koyukuk River Fish and Game Advisory Committee December 16, 2019 Pikes Landing, Fairbanks

I. Call to Order: 2:30 pm by Chairman Jack Reakoff

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Undesignated: Jack Reakoff

(Donald) Shaun Bergman

Allakaket: Clinton Bergman

Charles Ned

Vincent Simon

Bettles: Gary Hanchet*
Hughes: Hugh Bifelt**

Huslia: Jack (Jackie) Wholecheese

Shawn Huffman**

Darrell Vent

Members Absent: Harding Sam & Jared Sam (Alatna), Wilmer Beetus (Hughes) Currently there is 1 undesignated, and 1 Bettles/Evansville seat that are vacant Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Christy Gleason & Holly Carroll*(DCF), Sara Longson, Glenn Stout & Doreen Parker-McNeil (DCF), Brook McDavid (SUBS), Lisa Stuby (DSF), Nissa Pilcher (BDS)
- IV. Guests Present: Jeremy Havener* & Vince Mathews(FWS), Virgil Umphenour, Tina Moran, Marylynn Bergman
 - *indicates they participated via teleconference
 - **due to plane schedules, these two members came in after the meeting had started. Quorum was established before they were able to get there, so quorum was never lost.
- V. Approval of Agenda, approved, no additions
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 4/10/19 teleconference & 12/11/2018
- VII. AC Concerns & Members of the Public Concerns

 Darrel- concern with moose numbers around Fairbanks, limiting of ceremonial harvest of moose.

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Vincent- concern about moose and caribou numbers and would like to see predator control; a lot of families didn't get animals and those that did had to travel far

Charles- same concerns as Vincent; many didn't get moose and went pretty much every day, (Vincent- the moose weren't moving during the season- the moose were staying in the lakes due to the weather, normally they are on the river.) 2nd year in a row that it was a bad moose year for Allakaket. Weather is a lot warmer

Jackie- climate change. Had a big flood last spring, and it was warm all fall so the moose weren't moving, they were staying in the lakes. Elders say it was the first time there was a lot of water in the lakes and that was where the moose were. Those that went into the lakes many still didn't get their moose. Would like to see a federal proposal for a spring hunt. (Addressing Virgil- would like the guides to slack off a bit; really like the economic stuff you bring to the village but we can't afford to buy the meat from town). We seem to be losing our breeding stock (Glenn to discuss this further in the meeting)

Shaun-concern; lack of moose

Clinton- same concerns; would like to see big animal control, Kanuti and south fork pack control. Went all the way to Huslia and only saw 2 cows; Huslia elders said they were in the lakes, and went there and still didn't see anything

Jack – 12 ½ feet of snow last year. Saw only half as many tracks, calves, yearlings, older moose were killed off. Moose concentrated in the valleys due to high snow fall in the hills this year already, and wolves galore. I am calling moose and I have wolves come up to me; moose aren't making calls because every time they do they call in wolves. We have way fewer moose, a lot of predators, and a lot of snow. Then it rained 1 1/4" and the sheep and caribou don't like that. Have tons of rabbits which just helps the wolf numbers

Jackie- moose migrating down to the mouth of the Yukon (Glenn noted that the moose probably aren't redistributing but some pops are doing well and some aren't)

Darrell- moose aren't moving till later. Transporters are also moving in, and they aren't taking the best care of their meat and it is going bad. Virgil is helping and we are fortunate to have him out there, but the transporters aren't doing a good job.

Public Comment

Virgil- moose hunting was tough this year. Contracts with clients they get a back leg, the rest goes to the village, and the local guides that live in Huslia take care of the elders. We get the meat the day after it is killed and hang it in the smokehouse. Have noted that wolves and bear numbers are going up. Weather conditions were not good this year and had the least

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successful year this year. Going to focus on spring bear hunts in the area. Have a couple proposals I would like you to look at; 47, 52 & 80 82 (Arctic Village; EIRAC Chair would like ACs to comment on prop 82 and Virgil had said he would bring it to the ACs attention).

Gary- a lot of bears; would like to see the ability to sell bear parts to help encourage people to take them. Had to chase off some pretty persistent bears this last year. Like virgil said, bears always go back to where they know they are successful.

Jack- noted that he had Sidney Huntington come to a meeting and he said that the brown bears are going to move in, they are going to take out all of the black bears and they are going to rule here unless you go out and control them now.

Vincent- discussion of ghost bears that come to town because they wake up hungry; bears stay out later too because of the warmer weather

Jack- older bears stay out later also because they cant get weight on

After Shawn and Hugh had gotten to the meeting they were asked to give their AC report

Shawn- hunting not very good, personally I hunted 10 days and other partners hunted 20 days and we only got one moose between the three of us in the Hog. The moose that I did see wouldn't come to calls, and ran away. Saw a lot more wolves. Slightly more black bears and a lot of brown bear sign and visually saw three of them. A lot of rabbits, not as much as last year but a lot of lynx sign. Also seeing a lot of coyotes, I shot two, and know of another two that were taken. Jack noted that there is a large coyote near wiseman being picked up on trail cams

Hugh- noted he saw bats, a large group, which is not normal in Hughes. Don't bother going down the Hog now for a moose. Hunted, went to Huslia 2x, drove all over, didn't get a moose. Wolf pups coming into town, come right in my dog yard. Grizzly's, first time I haven't seen fresh tracks near Hughes this last time it snowed. Haven't seen caribou around either. Flooding this year brought back the beaver, now seeing them all over. Lakes were full, another issue with moose hunting, too much water. Spent \$2000 on gas for fuel. This is starting to be the normal thing now.

Fishing was good. Koyukuk got a good king run and fishing all over was good. Didn't see the dead fish from the heat stresser- the floaters were closer to Huslia and the mouth.

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Staff Updates

Fishery; Staff update

Holly Carroll- Summer Season

AC would like to discuss submitting a proposal to allow hook and line for subsistence gear. After discussion, the AC would like it from where it is legal now up to Galena including the Koyukuk but excluding the Dalton Hwy in the subsistence areas. The AC had discussed a proposal for the entire rest of the river the previous year but think that the local ACs should decide if they want this in their area and submit their own proposal.

DCF/Holly to help Jack draft proposal which will come back to the AC during the next cycle for final approval.

- VIII. New Business
 - IX. Charles Ned will represent the AC at the Region III BOG. Darrel will already be there and they can assist each other.
 - X. The next AC meeting is set for late November in 2020

Adjourn

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March 0-14, 2020 Pan Danks, 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
	lt and Huffm	an were lat	e to arrive due to plane schedules. The vote count reflects who was in the
,			ing as the committee did not take up the proposals in order.
44		•	d traditional use findings for migratory birds and waterfowl in Units 12, 19, modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunities
S	8	0	Common knowledge that migratory birds and waterfowl are used for customary and traditional uses in the Koyukuk River drainage
54	Reauthoriz Alaska	e resident g	rizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast
S	8	0	Support to encourage the take of bears in the interior
57	Allow resid	lents to take	game from a boat under power in Unit 21
S/A	10	racidant ma	We have very little opportunity to take a moose before it runs off while hunting on the river. When the boat is moving, to make it stop it changes where you would be aiming at the animal and the changing of speeds and re-centering on the animal for a fatal shot both takes time. The idea for this proposal isn't to take animals on full step, but slow down. With the current regulation, when you have to come to a stop, the moose will be gone. It takes a lot of gas to get moose, and we depend on them. A boat is inherently not a stable platform to shoot and that wounding loss could be a factor for those that would choose to do this. Unless the board requires you to land the boat like they do in SE, a boat in a river is never a stable thing to take a shot from. We are taught to follow blood trail, if you shoot at it, you look for a blood trail, and that to learn quickly how to ascertain if you should take a shot or not. AC unanimously chose to amend to slow down to idle; so people aren't on full step taking shots at moose.
61 S	8	0	Discussion on who could hunt during this season, local residents will be competing with nonlocal residents that have the money to get out there. It was noted that there is very small amount of state land in this area that would be open for nonlocal residents. We are starting to get moose that don't even smell anymore during the

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			late season. Decreased activity level due to the warm weather; have the most fat on them. Breeding activity has sort of shifted to the night and overcast days. Department asked about hunting during a different time; like November. Members did not want to; after the rut they don't have the fat and they are a lot tougher. During the rut the moose are good and healthy with lots of fat.	
			The wolf control that was done a couple years ago really helped with the moose population.	
			TKEG believe that most of the moose that will be encountered by hunters aren't going to be the large breeding bulls with the cows. The moose that will be encountered will be the younger ones that are able to be called because they got thrown off the large groups of cows.	
			Department noted that the last time the predator control was done, the big animal was not able to be taken, the communities did not want the department to take them. If something has changed in the communities, it is a discussion that can be had. Department also noted that the issue with the population is due mostly to bears eating the calves in the spring and not the hunters in the fall, and that the bull cow ratio is being met, but the population objective and the harvest management objective are not.	
62			the Unit 21B, Upper Nowitna Corridor moose drawing permits to residents vailable nonresident permits to residents	
0	0	10	The Koyukuk river moose management plan that is in place and this proposal goes against this plan. These areas are remote, there are already plenty of resident hunting opportunity, the meat is typically distributed to elders and those that live remotely who also help the moose population by taking predators. Residents can still go into this area under the general season or the registration hunt, they just have to destroy the antlers.	

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
63	Repeal the	Dalton High	way Corridor Management Area
0	9	0	Refer to comments for proposal 64
64	Highway C	orridor Man	highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton agement Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of of furbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA
S	9	0	There is a member on the committee that resides within the corridor and has trapped for within it for years, both on state and federal lands although can only use snow machine and not any other vehicle on federal land. The corridor was intended to involve large game animals and not furbearers under the trapping regulations. The board should adjust the regulations to allow people that reside in or near the corridor to continue their subsistence trapping activity. If the regulations are repealed, then the statute has no teeth. The legislature should not be in the practice of managing game species and allocation; that is the prerogative of the Board of Game. Feel it would be a regression in predator harvest and a detriment to the local people who reside there and live with the ramifications. The BOG should have the prerogative to have the allowances for trapping, and we feel that you should tweak ONLY the bits that need to be tweaked to support the intent of the law.
65	Establish a	new resider	nt, general season for caribou in Unit 20F
0	0	10	Don't believe that the herd could support an increase in bag limit at this time. Also concerned with habitat limitation due to changing food for this herd and herd predators since the herd numbers are half the size it used to be in the 90s.
66	Extend the	resident car	ibou season and reduce the bag limit for Unit 24A Remainder
0	0	10	This could muddy the waters
67	Increase th	e bag limit f	or brown bear in Unit 21D
S	10	0	Department isn't thinking that this will increase the take of bears much, not many hunters choose to take more than one bear even over bait of which there is a fall and spring baiting season. The brown bear population is healthy, and it would help the moose, caribou, and black bear population if more browns are taken. Grizzly's are currently digging the black bears out of the dens as we speak near Hughes. Virgil noted

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			there are a lot of bears there and they are hard to get.	
68	Open a fall	bear baiting	g season in Unit 21C	
S	10	0	Bear baiting regulations questioned; currently 21C has a spring baiting season, but no fall season. This would align with neighboring units. Harvest in 21C is low and populations are good. Our AC fought the federal governments proposed rule that called bear baiting predator control, it is a food source.	
69	Allow brov	vn bears to b	be taken over bait in Unit 21C	
S	10	0	Refer to comments for proposal 68	
70	Change the	e season sta	rt date for taking brown bear in Unit 24A to align with Unit 25A	
0	0	10	Harvest rate and the quality of the bear taken that early is not good. The resource could be used better than this. A portion of this area is also too close to the road.	
71	Allow brov	vn bear to be	e taken over bait in Unit 24A	
S	10	0	6 bear bait stations currently registered, don't believe this will increase the take of brown bears much based on data for similar GMU subunits.	
72	Increase th	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 24B		
S	8	0	There are a lot of bears in this area and they are an underutilized resource. People want to sell moose antlers, but the bear claws can bring in a lot of money as well. Also, the big animal is pretty powerful and we have to watch what we do with the hide and claws and skull [in relation to being able to sell parts with an increased bag limit]. We use black bears for subsistence uses, we are finding more and more big animal that are taking out the black bear. We are competing for the same resources with the big animal. AC requested assistance from the Department; there is a lack of reporting so if we could get some assistance with understanding the rules and regulations for bears it would be helpful. Create a flyer to help educate folks on the bag limits, season dates and sealing requirements. Department noted if people aren't reporting their take, then the department can't fully understand what is going on for the population. We also won't be able to allocate the population adequately when there	
73	Eliminate t	the RB601 br	are leaner times. Town bear registration permit hunt for Units 21D and 24	

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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, Voting Notes
S	8	0	Those big brown bears do nothing but hunt. Any way we can encourage people to take more bears is good. Requirements for sealing discussed. Dept noted that the department pays local residents to be fur and bear sealers if anyone was interested. Spring bears have too many worms, summer bears taste like fish, fall bears are good because they have been eating berries. A bear is just as good as it eats.
75	Develop a 24	feasibility as	sessment for intensive management of wolves and bears in Units 21D and
S	8	0	The author noted that they just wanted to make a statement about the issues we are having, want it in writing that we are having a problem. Virgil noted that 26 years plus at his base camp, he used to be able look at the flats, and now there are 30 40 feet high trees and can't see the flats. There is a large difference between the lands now and back then. The land ownership is so checkerboard up there; a lot of corporation land. Most of the issue is with the brown bear, we take care of the black bears.
76	Establish a	non-intensi	ve management predator control plan in Unit 21 for bears and wolves
S	8	0	We used to have a lot of caribou in our area before the pipeline; we don't see them anymore so we would like to see the caribou in our area protected especially with our moose populations not doing so well
82	Establish the Arctic Village Sheep Management Area in Unit 25A, open a new resident and nonresident drawing hunt for sheep within the area, and change the bag limit for the resident registration permit, RS595		
N/A			Virgil gave a synopsis of past regulations and uses of the area and the history of the proposal. It was noted that people from Arctic Village at a meeting were against this proposal, and it is so far away from our area that we don't want to weigh in. This is going to be very contentious and we should defer to the Yukon Flats AC's decision on it.
84	Extend the sheep season in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area within Units 24A, 25A, and 26B		
0	0	10	Author isn't from the area, isn't aware about the horrific winter kill for sheep (and moose) last year we had, and then we have already had three big snow this fall- the first before the sheep had bred. We have a lot of predators, we don't have the ability to add additional harvest to this population right now, and while we don't have the area biologist here to

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes		
		give us more information, we doubt the biology backs it up either.			
85	Open an archery only registration sheep hunt in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area				
	in Units 24A, 25A, and 26B				
0	0	10	See comments for proposal 84		
141	Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B				
TNA			This proposal was discussed briefly. The AC ultimately decided that this is a localized issue and the local ACs should weight in.		

Adjournment: 7 pm

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MatSu Valley Advisory Committee & Sub-Committee Meeting 2/12/20 & 2/19/20 Mel Grove's Hangar

I. Call to Order: @7:08pm by Herb Mansavage

II. Roll Call

Members Present: (2/12/20 Sub-Committee Meeting) Birch Yuknis, Danny Lewis, Dan Montgomery, Don Dygert, Casey Dinkle, Austin Manelick, Chris Alderman and Mel Grove Members Present: (2/19/20 Full Committee Meeting) Birch Yuknis, Danny Lewis, Dan Montgomery, Don Dygert, Austin Manelick, Herb Mansavage, Andy Couch, Aaron Bloomquist and Me Grove.

Members Absent (Excused): (2/12/20) Herb Mansavage, Andy Couch, Chad Schierman, Dom Nickles, Neil DeWitt and Chad Lipse.

Members Absent (Unexcused): (2/12/20) Nick Reeves

Members Absent (Excused): (2/19/20) Chris Alderman, Chad Schierman, Casey Dinkle, Dom Nickles, Chad Lipse.

Members Absent (Unexcused): (2/19/20) Nick Reeves

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: (2/12/20) 3 Number Needed for Quorum on AC: (2/19/20) 8

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Chris Brockman (2/12/20)

IV. Guests Present:

Mike Harris, Gary Colbath, Steve Bartelli and Bob Cassel. (2-12-20) Mike Harris, Landon (last name)

V. Approval of Agenda

Agenda Approved Unanimously

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from last week by Aron - Andy seconds.

Dan: Helps adjusts the minutes according to his notes.

Herb: No objections.

Birch makes motion to making list for proposal to talk about this evening: Andy Seconds.

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report
- b. ADF&G

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c. Others

AC Members on Public comment:

DON: Ask about data on JBER Archery only data from the last 10 years. Birch.

Birch: Says ever registration can be archery.

Aron: Crossbow Limits? Mike Harris: You must have a doctors note. No age cross bow.

Andy Couch on BOF meetings: Fish opportunities have returned to the Matsu Borough. Board moved cook inlet fish in Kenai, means more fish in cook inlet. Projections for low tier of sockeye run on the ken, less fishing in the middle of the

fishery. more fish in-river.

VIII. Public Comment

Department Staff:Chris Brockman

Mike Harris: Alaska Bowhunters oppose 49, support 50, support 53,

Made comment in support of Alaska Bowhunters Association:only 11 archery hunts creating more opportunity. Mike - Anchorage AC: supported 50- 53 unanimously. Stated feel based arguments versus fact based arguments.

14A - 2009-2018 data for 10 year period

Total Harvest with all weapons - 4861

Bow Kills in regular general season - 130/2.7%

Early Archery - 421/8.7 %

Overal Archery Harvest - 11.4%

Only one archery moose hunt in the state Eklutna registration hunt for moose. Annabel over last 10 years 1639 participated - 38 harvested. 14 of this made requirements of spike fork or 50inch requirements. 7 of those moose have no antler data on. Very low success rate. Middle fork of Chena river and other places, why not support fact based arguments versus feel based arguments.

Moving on to sheep.

As per ADFG data provided by ADFG Staff (two separate biologist cross referenced) in Palmer - Over the last 10 years in general season over the counter hunts -

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approximately 6948 total hunters took sheep – 89 successful in take of sheep with a bow. Approximately 700 sheep harvested per year - 8-12 harvested with archery equipment. That is less than 1% success rate with archery equipment in the open areas - Over the Counter Game Management Units.

-DS140-141 DS240-241(Archery Only Draw Tags) in the last 10 years in the archery only draw tags 516 archers participated – 44 were successful = 12.3% Success Rate were. These are any ram/sheep success these are not full curl requirements. 2009-2018(not including 2019 as data is still coming in) of those sheep harvested 10 sheep were legal by full curl - 6 legal by age as far as "trophy size" is concerned. 28 of those taken were rams or any sheep lesser than full curl.

All Draw tags for Sheep including rifle hunts:

-In all draw tags for sheep including all weapon forms over the last 10 (2009-2019) years 3946 hunters participated – 1411 sheep were harvest which is about 27.9% success with any weapon requirements.

Second Data Set from Separate Biologist

-In the past 2009-2018 10 years 124 sheep across the state have been taken with archery equipment. That includes all hunts.

13A - 1893 hunters participated in sheep hunting for 10 years. - 239 killed sheep - 3 with a bow. - 0 other weapons took sheep - two of those were blank. (2009-2018) Understanding how the reporting works and combing through data is difficult in a short amount of time. Could be slight variances in data due to reporting, years, and data subsets accounting for long periods of time. ADFG would have to spend time fully developing the data behind the questions I asked via Palmer ADFG.

2009-2018 - 23,750 hunters participated in all hunts across the state for Approximately 30% success rate - 7626 sheep harvested. - Approximately 124 of those taken with a bow.

Approximately 5 of Alaska's top resident bow hunters account for 28 of these sheep harvest in the last 10 years. These are the less than 1% of archers in the state.

Eklutna- Any Bull Archery only

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2009-2018

1639 people hunted

38 harvested / 2.3%

7 unrecorded antlers

31 recorded

14 were spike, fork, 3 brow tines or 50"/1.1% of effort-success

Sara Harris: Alaska Bow Hunters association.

Landon Albertson: Submitted proposal for 14A-B may 31 closer for brown bear, proposed to continue on through June 31st. He hunts those units and believes they should extend those dates for better opportunity to harvest.

Aron: Highest density of bear baiters in the state. May have a good shot to pass.

Birch: Pro- kill brown bears.

Andy: Suggest to have the AC support his.

Gary Colbeck: Alaska Bowhunters Association

Steve Bartelli:Opposes Exclusive use opportunity for user groups. All users are equal.

opposes 49, 50,138,53,89,133,154, 58. Opposes

Bob Cassel: Resident Opportunity.

IX. Select representative(s) for board meeting

a. Dan Montgomery

Adjourn: 10:12pm

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes		
	re Septembe	r 2019, whei	n abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining		
	_		rum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2		
		Members a	bstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the		
committee red					
44		•	d traditional use findings for migratory birds and waterfowl in Units 12, 19,		
	20, 21, 24,	and 25, and	modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunities		
45	Prohibit the	Prohibit the use of moose, caribou and reindeer urine as scent lures in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region			
Support	6	3	Chris: How much chronic wasted has been reported in Alaska?		
			None. He mentioned		
			supplier mentioned Baitem907 uses real urine from Canada.		
			Birch:Noted it might exclude synthetics, need board clarification for		
			synthetics.		
46	Establish ir	ntensive mar	nagement programs for bear across the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	Not focused enough region. Void intensive mangaement, rely on		
			department		
			suggestions for management.		
47		Prohibit nonresident hunting of any prey species under intensive management in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region until harvest or population objectives are met			
Oppose	1	8	Dan – Excluding individuals from killing bears and predators		
			Birch- Like concept – If harvest objective isn't being met then open		
			it up.		
			Don:we may be against this because of incidental take.		
			Aron:Guides do 90% of IM management.		
48	Extend the	season for t	aking wolves in Units 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
Support	9	0	Dan doesn't think the wolf season should close at all. He supports		
			this.		
			Don: Thinks we should extend season state wide.		
			Casey: Agrees		
49			stern Arctic Region, allow the use of crossbows in archery only hunt areas		
			permanent identification cards		
Support	2	7	Dan:Bow Hunters Association are opposed		

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
			Birch: Opposed as there is already an exemption for age restrictions. Don't need a magnification for 100 yards.
			Mel: Archery is still tough. Chris: 100 yards is effective range of a crossbow. Traditional bow hunters are against this. They believe a vertical compound is more challenging. More kids and older individuals want to see this passed for more opportunity for them. Thinks there will be more individual proposals in the future.
			Don: Magnification on top of crossbow.
50			rchery only hunts for bull moose in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region
Support	5	3	Andy: Comments: He supports for Archery hunters. Less chances of success with that equipment. The states will benefit a lot, guides will also have more money for guides. He has shot bulls late in the season and they are good to eat. The registration could be controlled by the department. Birch: Opposes exclusive use. Aron: Would support this if all the seasons were spike fork or 50 or not. Not support during any bull season. Could be comfortable with the proposal if registration. Danny: He would support this if he put this 10 days in front of the season before they enter the rut. Thinks its easier during that part of the season. Herb: to Danny - Do you have any objections to seasons that go past September 20th.

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			Doesn't like to see double standards. If there is no biological concern then why not.
			Dan: Could support the first 10 days. Not the last based on taste of meat.
			Austin: Feel based arguments on rutting moose, if people want to harvest moose in the rut, who is to judge what they think is edible?
51	Remove the bag limit restriction of one sheep every four years for nonresidents over the age of 6 hunting in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	9	Austin:Bighorn sheep are once in a lifetime opportunity in most states as non-residents. 4-5 members enter draws for those opportunities in other states and feel we
			should protect our opportunity fall sheep hunting here in Alaska. Dall sheep being hunted by non-residents every 4 years should continue. We oppose this.
			Mel: Prevent non-residents to be able to come up every ear and harvest them after
			they are 60 is tough, as there maybe individuals that are not looking for one sheep but many.
			Don: oppose been a large influx of sheep hunters nation wide, any kind of limit on
			taking sheep is going to keep sheep on the mountain. Casey: Resource issue. He doesn't think they need more pressure. Dan: Government auction would be affected for this proposal. Birch: See department comments.
52	Change the nonresident general season sheep hunts in Units 20 Remainder and 19C to drawing permit hunts		

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Proposal Number	Proposal	Proposal Description			
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes		
Oppose	2	6	Andy: They won't drop people on top of other people in air taxis. There is experienced based issues.		
			Dan: 50 percent of legal sheep are available for harvest the following year according to ADFG.		
			Aron: Oppose - those units highest productive areas in the state currently. Thinks guides will go to a different area.		
			Austin: Guide Conflict – Personal experience very tough to access almost only airplane		
			access in my experience. Guides bullying resident hunters in a difficult access areas.		
53	Establish a Region	n archery or	lly registration permit hunt for Dall sheep in the Interior and Eastern Arctic		
Oppose	3	5	Herb: If you area allowing the youth to go out with Dad. Thinks they should be able \ Aron: NWT hunts in July 15th, he could run archery only hunts that is separated from the rifle hunts. He thinks the youth season is cool. Birch: Thinks there is plenty of opportunity to hunt. Don:This may allow for spotting of sheep during the archery season. Dan: Archery is not effective tool to harvest sheep. 3-5-0		
54	Reauthoriz Alaska	e resident g	rizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast		
55	Allow the	use of dogs f	l or hunting for lynx in Units 12 and 20		
Support	4	3	Maybe conflict with dogs and wildlife and trappers.		
56	Establish minimum distance requirements for trapping around dwellings in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region				

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Oppose	0	8	Not in-favor because pet owners may lose their pets.
57	Allow resid	lents to take	game from a boat under power in Unit 21
Oppose	0	8	Unlawful attempting to make lawful.
58	Establish a	Controlled I	Use Area for the Kaiyuh Flats area in Unit 21D
Oppose	0	8	Comments about not excluding modes of transportation
59	Change the	e winter any	-moose season for residents in Unit 21D
60	Reauthoriz	e a winter a	ny-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
61	Extend the	resident mo	l bose season within the Kanuti Controlled Use Area of Unit 24B
62		•	the Unit 21B, Upper Nowitna Corridor moose drawing permits to residents vailable nonresident permits to residents
63	Repeal the	Dalton High	 way Corridor Management Area
64	Highway C	orridor Man	highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton agement Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of toffurbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA
65	Establish a	new resider	nt, general season for caribou in Unit 20F
66	Extend the	resident ca	ribou season and reduce the bag limit for Unit 24A Remainder
67	Increase th	 ne bag limit f 	or brown bear in Unit 21D
68	Open a fall	 bear baiting 	 g season in Unit 21C
69	Allow brov	 vn bears to b	e taken over bait in Unit 21C
Support	8	0	Our AC is generally in favor of more brown bear harvest.
70	Change the season start date for taking brown bear in Unit 24A to align with Unit 25A		

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Proposal Number	Proposal	Description	1
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Support	8	0	High Bear numbers increase season. Cull some of these bears. The AC supports taking of brown bears.
71	Allow brow	vn bear to be	e taken over bait in Unit 24A
Support	8	0	Our AC is generally in favor of more brown bear harvest.
72	Increase th	e resident b	ag limit for brown bear in Unit 24B
73	Eliminate t	he RB601 br	rown bear registration permit hunt for Units 21D and 24
74	Establish a	registration	permit hunt for muskox in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D
75	Develop a feasibility assessment for intensive management of wolves and bears in Units 21D and 24		
76	Ectablish a	non intensi	ve management predator control plan in Unit 21 for bears and wolves
76	Establish a	non-intensi	
77	Open a res	ident permi	t hunt for muskoxen in Unit 26B
Support	8	0	Birch would amend to make this a draw tag only, and that permits would be available state wide and on the website. Don Seconded. Vote on the amendment 8-0-0
78			ion caribou permit RC907 and general season caribou harvest ticket Slope residents
Support	8	0	Not that difficult to fill out a harvest ticket.
79	In Unit 26B Remainder, modify the resident season and bag limit for caribou and open a registration permit hunt		
Support	8	0	Looking for a better season for the residents up there. Birch: He says it's a bull only Dan: Supports the Advisory Committee in Fairbanks
80			, modify the resident season and bag limit for caribou; open a resident
			nt; and change the nonresident general season hunt to a registration permit
No action	8	0	No action. See proposal 79.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes	
81	Increase th	ne nonreside	nt bag limit for caribou in Unit 26	
No Action			Dan – Already voted on at the committee in Nome. Opposed by BOG	
82	nonresider		age Sheep Management Area in Unit 25A, open a new resident and unt for sheep within the area, and change the bag limit for the resident 595	
Tie Vote	4	4	Aron: Brought up the notes. This opens a new hunt for everybody. Area has been closed. Supports as it allows residents to hunt this under state regs. Not a substance hunt. Birch: Worried about these being in the deferral regs versus the state regs. People may have an issue with being legal between federal and state. A few members have done the hunt before. Sheep haven't been a substance	
83	Modify the	bag limit fo	r sheep in the RS595 hunt in Unit 26C	
Support	6	2	Aron: In his opinion. Give the department the horns like the Koyukuk. Ok with it. Against hunting sheep on a snow machine. Dan: Like the muskox in nome. Don: Against it because it went against three sheep. Taking surplus rams. He is morn inline with 82 than 83. Likes one ram full curl one or larger.	
84	Extend the sheep season in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area within Units 24A, 25A, and 26B			
Support	6	2	Dan: Corridor Only – he doesn't think it will affect the population. Don: Snow machine. Austin: As per ADFG data: More opportunity for a resource, guides and economic resource. As per ADFG data provided by ADFG Staff in Palmer - Over the last 10 years in general	

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No Action			season over the counter hunts - 6948 total hunters took sheep – 89 successful in take of sheep with a bow. That is less than 1% success with archery equipment in the open areas - Over the Counter Game Management Units. -DS140-141 DS240-241 in the last 10 years in the archery only draw tags 516 archers participated – 44 were successful = 12.3% Success Rate were. These are any ram/ sheep success these are not full curl requirements. 2009-2018(not including 2019 as data is still coming in) of those sheep harvested 10 sheep were legal by full curl - 6 legal by age as far as "trophy size" is concerned. 28 of those taken were rams or any sheep lesser than full curlIn all draw tags for sheep including all weapon forms over the last 10 (2009-2019) years 3946 hunters participated – 1411 sheep were harvest which is about 27.9% success with any weapon requirements. Second Data Set from Separate Biologist -In the past 2009-2018 10 years 124 sheep across the state have been taken with archery equipment. That includes all hunts. 13A - 1893 hunters participated in sheep hunting for 10 years 239 killed sheep - 3 with a bow 0 other weapons took sheep - two of those were
			blank. (2009-2018) Understanding how the reporting works and combing through data is difficult in a short

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			amount of time. Could be slight variances in data due to reporting, years, and data subsets accounting for long periods of time. ADFG would have to spend time fully developing the data behind the questions I asked via Palmer ADFG. 2009-2018 - 23,750 hunters participated in all hunts across the state for Approximately 30% success rate - 7626 sheep harvested Approximately 124 of those taken with a	
85		chery only r A, 25A, and	bow. egistration sheep hunt in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area 26B	
Support	6	2	Don: Don wants to amend to a resident only bow hunt. Growing archery population. Andy: Against excluding only individuals. Its a registration hunt - they can close the hunt by EO. adfg can monitor close. Dan: Doesn't think this has to be available to guides. Half these days are weather days. Aron: Likes this as a resident only hunt. Amendment: Reside only only registration. 6-2-0 As Amended. 7-1-0 Support	
86	Reauthoriz	e the Upper	Yukon–Tanana Predation Control Program	
Support	7	0		
87	Change for season	the Fortym	ile caribou registration hunt in Unit 20 to a drawing hunt with a longer	
Oppose	0	8	Aron: Opposed to proposal, leave it as is because it provides opportunity for meat in the freezers. Herb: Individuals are hard to make up there mind. 0-8-0 Oppose	

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes	
88	Resume in	tensive man	agement for wolves in a portion of Unit 12 and 20D	
89	Allow hunt hunting in	•	ess registration permits for both caribou (RC860) and moose (RM865) while	
90		 o to 25% of r dred relative 	l nonresident drawing tags for sheep in the Tok Management Area to second es	
91	Reduce the	e bag and po	l ossession limits for grouse in a portion of Unit 20D	
92	Allow meth	l hods and me	 eans disability exemptions within the Delta Controlled Use Area	
93	Expand the	 e area in Uni 	 it 20D where brown bears can be taken over bait as 	
94	Reauthoriz	e the antler	less moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D.	
95	Establish a	resident wi	 nter moose hunt in Unit 19D East 	
96	Reauthoriz	 e the Unit 1 	 9D-East predation control program 	
97	Change the	 e Tier II pern	 nit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt 	
98	Change the	e Tier II pern	 nit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt	
99	Change the	 e Tier II moo	se permit hunt (TM680) in Unit 19A to a household permit	
100	Extend the	resident se	ason dates for hunting moose in Unit 19A Remainder	
101	Remove th	e horsepow	rer restriction in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A	
102	Shift the se	eason dates	for the Tier II moose permit hunt in Unit 19A	

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes	
103	Establish a	Tier II perm	it for moose hunting in Unit 19A Remainder	
104	Reauthoriz	e the Unit 1	9A predation control program	
105	Authorize	oredator cor	ntrol for wolf and bear in Unit 19A	
106	Expand the	predation o	control area for bear in Unit 19A	
107	Establish a	resident wir	nter moose hunt in Unit 21E	
108	-	ophy destruc heck station	ction of moose antlers taken from Unit 21E under RM836 permits, and	
109		e moose ger n permit hur	eral season hunts for residents and nonresidents in Unit 21A with	
110	Allow prox	y hunting fo	r moose in Unit 19D	
111	Allow prox	y hunting fo	r moose in Unit 21A and 21E	
112	Open a reg season hur	•	rmit hunt for moose in a portion of Unit 19C and eliminate the general	
113	Require hu	nter orienta	tion for nonresident moose hunters in Unit 21A and 21E	
114		_	stration hunt for antlerless caribou in Units 19D and 21A and remove the unt in Unit 19D Remainder	
115	Require me	eat to be left	t on the bone for caribou, moose and bison in Units 19, 21A, and 21E	
116	Adopt a Bo	ard of Game	e finding for the Unit 19A Portage Mountain Muskoxen Herd Strategy	

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes	
117			y and traditional use finding for grouse in Unit 19 and modify regulations to portunity for subsistence take	
118			y and traditional use finding for ptarmigan in Unit 19 and modify reasonable opportunity for subsistence take	
119	Extend the	lynx trappir	l ng season in Units 19C, 19D, and 21A I	
120	Shorten th	 e season for 	the any bull moose drawing permit hunt in Unit 20A	
121	Establish h	unt areas fo	r moose drawing permit DM770 in Unit 20A	
Oppose	0	9	Aron:Area is broke up. Hard to define. Mel: Big area. Mel opposes Dan:Shed hunted in this area a while ago. Once they changed the anteroom restrictions the antler sheds he picked up where absolutely smaller. The genetics are effected by the pressure. 0-9-0 Oppose	
122	Reauthoriz	e the antler	less moose seasons in Unit 20A	
123 Oppose	Expand the	Healy-Ligni	te Management Area in Unit 20A Austin would like to see the area expanded with Amended restrictions for the extended area to be open to Traditional Archery only. 1-6-1 OPPOSE	
124	Allow shotguns for hunting within the Healy-Lignite Management Area in Unit 20A			
Support	6	2	Should expand to rifle area. 6-2-0 Support	
125	Allow shot	guns for hur	nting small game, within the Healy-Lignite Management Area in Unit 20A	
Support	6	2	Should expand to rifle area. 6-2-0 Support	

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
126	Allow shot Area in Un	-	nfire weapons for hunting small game within the HealyLignite Management
Support	6	2	Should expand to rifle area. 6-2-0 Support
127	Modify the	boundary c	of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A
Oppose	2	6	Mel: Opens up much more area to hunt. Opens up portion for residents to access better. Dan: You can drive your wheeler to the wood river, and access the mountains. Not for this proposal that would like to support 128. Don: Drawing Caribou with 150 Tags. Austin:Obstain likes to see controlled access to for individuals with the will to compete in non-motoried/ controlled use areas. 2-6-1
128	Modify the	boundary c	of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A
Support	8	0	Small Access increase, but more access for all users groups. 8-0-0 Support
129	Change the closure dates for the Yanert Controlled Use Area (CUA) in Unit 20A to align with the Wood River CUA, and clarify whether horse feed is considered "hunting gear"		
130	Disallow the issuance of methods and means disability exemption permits for the Yanert Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
131	Limit the u	se of off-roa	d vehicles for moose hunting in Unit 20A
Opposed	0	8	Decreased opportunity for user groups. 0-8-0 Opposed
132	Shorten th	e moose hu	nting season in Units 20A and 20C
133	Establish tl	ne Stampede	 e Trail Management Area in Unit 20C for archery and muzzleloader hunting

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
134	Open a res	l ident youth	hunt for moose in Unit 20C
135	Shorten th	e moose sea	son five days in a portion of Unit 20B
136	Extend the	nonresiden	t hunting season for moose in Unit 20B Remainder as
137	Eliminate t	l :he muzzlelo 	ader registration moose permit hunt RM782, in Unit 20B
138	Create a fa	l Ill archery ar	nd muzzleloader hunt for moose in Unit 20B Remainder
Opposed	2	7	Vote 4-4-0 as amended Opposed 2-7-0 Oppose
139		zleloader hu River in Unit	nting in addition to the archery hunt in the drainage of the Middle Fork of t 20B
140	Reauthoriz	e the antler	less moose seasons in Unit 20B
141	Eliminate r 20B	l egistration r	 moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit
142	Eliminate r 20B	egistration r	moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit
143	Eliminate a	 all antlerless	moose drawing hunts in Unit 20B except for the Minto Flats Management
144	Shorten th	e antlerless	moose seasons in Unit 20A and 20B
145	Modify the	l e nonresiden I	L bag limit for moose in Unit 25C
146	Allocate up	to ten perc	tent of the caribou drawing permits for DC827 in Unit 20A, to nonresidents

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147	Extend the	hunting sea	son for brown bear in Units 20A and 20B Remainder		
Opposed	0	8	Aron this aligns the baiting season for brown bear. Biologists are concerned of killing too many of them. 0-8-0 Support		
148	Extend the	hunting sea	son for brown bear in Unit 20B Remainder		
149	Allow brow	vn bears to b	pe taken over bait in Unit 25C		
150	Establish a in Unit 20B		management plan for wolves and bear in the Minto Flats Management Area		
151	Change the	 	es for hunting wolves in a portion of Unit 20C		
131	Change the	scason dat	cs for fruitting workes in a portion of office 200		
152	Establish c	losed areas 1	for the taking of wolves near Denali National Park in Unit 20C		
Oppose	0	8	Should have never gave them a buffer zone in the first place. Historically the AC has voted against this corridor. The park is big enough.		
153	Extend the	trapping se	ason for wolverine in Unit 20F		
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154	Restrict the flu-flu arro	_	vaterfowl in the Badger Slough area in Unit 20B to falconry and archery with		
155	Reauthoriz	e the antler	less moose seasons in Unit 1C		
156	Reauthoriz	 e the antler 	less moose hunt in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench		
157	Reauthoriz	e the antler	less moose season in Unit 6C		
158	Reauthoriz	e the antler	less moose seasons in Unit 13		
159	Reauthoriz	e the antler	less moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		

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160	Reauthoriz	 e the antler	less moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7		
161	Reauthoriz	l ze the antler	l less moose seasons in Unit 14C		
162	Reauthoriz	l e the antler	 ess moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B 		
163	Reauthoriz	e the antler	 less moose seasons in Unit 15C 		
164	Reauthoriz	e the antler	 less moose draw permits in Units 16A 		
165	Reauthoriz	e the antler	 ess moose season in Unit 17A 		
166	Reauthoriz	e the brown	bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
167-168	regulating in the boo	guide activit k for review	es not have authority to adopt the requested changes in Proposals 167-168 ties and issuing permits to agencies for collaring animals. They are included and discussion by the board. Advisory committees may choose to provide oposals for the board's consideration.		

Adjournment:		
	Minutes Recorded By:	
	Minutes Approved By:	
	Date:	

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McGrath Advisory Committee December 19, 2019 McGrath Native Village Council Community Center

- I. Call to Order: 12:09pm by Chair Roger Seavoy
- II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Ray Collins, Mark Cox, Lewis (Lucky)Egrass, Steffen Strick Sr (McGrath)

Dan Esai, Jimmy Nikolai, Vern John (Nikolai);

Clinton Goods & Jesse Grady (Takotna);

Jimmy Nikolai (Telida)

Roger Seavoy, Ken Deardorff, (Undesignated)

Kevin Whitworth was elected to the Undesignated seat held

previously by Peter Snow Jr during elections

Members Absent (Excused): Robert Magnison, Steffen Strick Jr, Peter Snow Jr (see

above note)

Members Absent (Unexcused): None Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: DWC; Josh Peirce, Jon Barton*

DCF; Nick Smith*
BDS; Nissa Pilcher*

- * Via teleconference
- IV. Guests Present: Brett Gibbons (AWT), Sally Collins, Johnathan Samuels
- V. Approval of Agenda

Approved with addition on a discussion on submitting a shift in moose season Agenda Change Request

So moved by Egrass, 2nd by Seavoy. 12 in favor, 0 opposed

- VI. Approval of Minutes: Moved by Egrass, 2nd by Goods. 12 in favor 0 opposed
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business

Elections

Elections were held for all McGrath, Undesignated, Takotna, and Telida seats. Nikolai seats are not set to expire until June of 2020.

Peter Snow Jr has moved from McGrath and no longer wants to retain his seat. Kevin Whitworth was elected to fill his seat.

Terms to expire on 6/20; Steffen Strick Jr, Jesse Grady, Clinton Goods, Kevin Whitworth

Terms to expire on 6/21; Robert Magnison, Stefen Strick Sr, Roger Seavoy

Terms to expire on 6/22; Ray Collins, Mark Cox, Lewis Egrass, Jimmy Nikolai

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Officer Elections

Chairman

Chair Roger Seavoy encouraged others to be the chair. As there were no takers, Roger unanimously voted to remain Chairman

Vice Chairman

Mark Cox ran unchallenged to remain vice chairman

Secretary

Ken Deardorff stated he would like a break, Kevin Whitworth was elected to the secretary position but Ken will assist him for this meeting.

AWT Update

Brett Gibbens briefed the committee on the growing incidence of trespass cabins and vehicles in GMU 19C....specifically around Farewell. He says that the situation continues to deteriorate with increasing numbers of hunters.

He also noted that the reported moose harvest reports cannot be reconciled with the number of hunters present.

Alaska	Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide King & Tanner Crab Proposals March 7-11, 2020 Anchorage, Alaska				
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		
280	other non	-salmon fis	ets with 6" mesh to harvest salmon other than king salmon and h species on the Kuskokwim River for subsistence purposes salmon conservation.		
Oppose	0	12	Concern about the bank orientation portion of the proposal; The bank orientation might catch more kings as they are in the main channel going upriver, and the larger mesh size will catch more kings. Committee felt that this proposal was another poorly disguised attempt to increase take of king salmon. Proposal is nearly identical to proposal 105 that we rejected last year. Moved by Strick, 2nd by Egrass. 0/12 Motion to support failed.		

ADF&G Staff Update

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Nick Smith (DCF) gave brief summary of the Kuskokwim River for the 2019 season; members have the season summary in hand

Josh Peirce (DWC) presented data and slides in a discussion of moose population trends and harvest. Similar data provided for wolf numbers and control issues.

Committee discussed expansion of WFCA.

Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

	March 6-14, 2020 Fairbanks, AK				
Proposal Number	Proposal	Proposal Description			
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes		
52	Change the permit hur		nt general season sheep hunts in Units 20 Remainder and 19C to drawing		
Support w/Am	12	0	The AC would only like to speak to the 19C portion of this proposal: Reasonable argument that the harvest of sheep should be 50% resident when talking allocation, which is not even close to what is happening, and the only way to do this is to control the # of nonresident hunters coming in. Recruitment has been bad and there will be less sheep to go around in the next several years. Current hunt statistics for sheep hunting in 19C discussed Member Collins had previously submitted a proposal during the last cycle for this same idea but had asked for a limit of 80 nonresident drawing hunts. The AC had a member that was a guide and he had been concerned that this would put him out of business since he couldn't compete with the guides that go to the hunting show and ultimately the AC didn't support this at the time. Something is likely to happen in this area, and it would be good to get on top of it and assist in the creation of the regulation to allow for some nonresident hunting; the current way things are going at some point there will not be any more nonresident hunting in 19C because the sheep population will be too low Would like to amend the 19C portion of this proposal; we believe that the 19C portion should be more flexible, with the dept setting the number of permits that would allow no more than 50% of the harvest by nonresident hunters in a year, but no more than 80 permits a season.		
54	Reauthoriz Alaska	e resident g	rizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast		

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Proposal Number	Proposal I	Description	
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
Support	12	0	
56	Establish m Eastern Ard		ance requirements for trapping around dwellings in the Interior and
Oppose	0	12	It is common to have established trap lines close to cabins here
95	Establish a	resident wir	nter moose hunt in Unit 19D East
Support w/Am	11	1	To increase moose harvest over broader area to preserve range quality and slow the decline in twinning rates. Proposed amendment to remove aircraft restriction. Moved by Strick, 2nd by Cox. 11/1. Amendment passes The one dissenting vote was concerned about increased winter mortality due to increased snow or other climatic factors
96	Reauthoriz	e the Unit 19	9D-East predation control program
Support	12	0	
97		Tier II perm	nit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt
Oppose	0	12	McGrath A/C opposes this proposal as written and incorporates Stony Holitna ACs (SHAC) comments by reference.
98	Change the	e Tier II perm	nit hunt for moose in Unit 19A to a registration permit hunt
Oppose	0	12	McGrath A/C opposes this proposal as written and incorporates SHAC's comments by reference.
99	Change the	Tier II moo	se permit hunt (TM680) in Unit 19A to a household permit
Support w/Am	12	0	McGrath A/C supports this proposal with conditions. Again we incorporate by reference the conditions and comments by the SHAC to include: conditions should include, but not be limited to- 1) A registration hunt with up to 300 permits, 2) Permits available within the hunt area. 3) A person won't qualify to receive a permit, if they have a permit to hunt moose anywhere in the Kuskokwim Drainage, 4) Only one permit per household, 5) Hunt reports turned in within 15 days of hunt closure. Moved by Egrass, 2nd by Strick. 10/0 motion passed.
100	Extend the resident season dates for hunting moose in Unit 19A Remainder		

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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, Voting Notes
Oppose	0	12	Discussion concerned increased moose harvest in the area (19A remainder) if this proposal passes
101	Remove th	e horsepow	er restriction in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A
Oppose	0	12	Committee believes the 40 hp limit has been beneficial to all users and, moreso, all resources in the controlled use area. It should not be changed.
102	Shift the se	eason dates	for the Tier II moose permit hunt in Unit 19A
			Did not discuss
103	Establish a	Tier II perm	it for moose hunting in Unit 19A Remainder
Oppose	0	12	McGrath A/C supported SHAC restrictions on this experimental hunt previously. We see no reason to change those conditions at this point. BOG agreed in its 'Findings' that if/when necessary, the RM682 hunt will return to a closure rather than going to a Tier II hunt. Moved by Egrass, 2nd by Nikolai. 0/12 Motion to approve fails.
104	Reauthoriz	e the Unit 1	9A predation control program
Support w/Am	12	0	A/C supports this proposal with an amendment to include the area referenced in proposal 106 on the Stony River the Lime Village Management Area.
105	Authorize	predator cor	ntrol for wolf and bear in Unit 19A
Support w/Am	12	0	Discussion indicated that a better way to approach this is to create a completely separate program for predator control than the current program in 19A. We recommend a separate area19A west to be delineated by the boundary between Central Kuskokwim A/C and the SHAC.
106	Expand the predation control area for bear in Unit 19A		
Support	12	0	
107	Establish a	resident wir	nter moose hunt in Unit 21E
			Did not discuss
108	Require trophy destruction of moose antlers taken from Unit 21E under RM836 permits, and establish check stations		
TNA			
109	Replace the moose general season hunts for residents and nonresidents in Unit 21A with registration permit hunts		

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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, Voting Notes		
Support	12	0	This is our proposal, we have not changed our minds		
110	Allow prox	y hunting fo	r moose in Unit 19D		
Support	12	0	This is a matter of semantics, and this proposal will allow the current practice of proxy hunting to continue.		
111	Allow prox	y hunting fo	r moose in Unit 21A and 21E		
Support	12	0	This is a matter of semantics, and this proposal will allow the current practice of proxy hunting to continue.		
112	season hur	Open a registration permit hunt for moose in a portion of Unit 19C and eliminate the general season hunt			
Support w/Am	12	0	Our proposal, and we still support it. The AC has requested that ADFG provide specific parameters that delineate a recognizable limit against the 'mountains' on the east boundary. Peirce will provide. 12/0. Motion passes AWT noted that there is a guide camp in this area that hunts moose so it would be good to ensure that doesn't go right through the camp		
113	Require hu	nter orienta	tion for nonresident moose hunters in Unit 21A and 21E		
Support	12	0	Our Proposal, still support it		
114		Establish a winter registration hunt for antlerless caribou in Units 19D and 21A and remove the winter harvest ticket hunt in Unit 19D Remainder			
Support w/Am	12	0	Move to amend as follows. Make this available to residents only. Permits available only in the hunt area during the open period of this proposed hunt. Remove restrictions on use of aircraft. So moved by Collins, 2nd by Strick. 12/0 Amendment passes. Moved by Egrass, 2nd by Strick. 12/0 motion passes as amended.		
At this time t	At this time the two representatives from Takotna had to leave to catch their flight home, leaving 10 members in the room				
115	Require me	eat to be left	on the bone for caribou, moose and bison in Units 19, 21A, and 21E		
Support w/Am	10	0	It is our proposal and we still support it. Would like to amend it to make it "Prior to Oct 1" so it is consistent with current similar regulations		
116	Adopt a Board of Game finding for the Unit 19A Portage Mountain Muskoxen Herd Strategy				

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TNA			Since the GASH AC hasn't met yet, we are unsure of what they would want, but the committee noted that it would be nice if things were kept simple and potentially not do a plan just yet. Members also noted it wasn't really regulatory in nature.		
119	Extend the lynx trapping season in Units 19C, 19D, and 21A				
Support	10	0	The pelts here are prime during this time and we would like the increased opportunity		

- IX. Select representative(s) for board meeting; Roger Seavoy is to attend the INT BOG.
- X. Set next meeting date

ACTION ITEM:

Moose Season Shift ACR

It was decided that Mark and Steffen are to draft up an Agenda Change Request about shifting the moose season for RM650. A teleconference is to be held in March to go over the draft and to make sure the whole picture of our concerns is addressed in this ACR.

XI. Adjournment: 4:18 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Ken Deardorff

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