



Nushagak Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 7, 2020
Meeting Minutes

I. Call To Order: 9:02

II. Roll Call:

present

Frank Woods Dlg chair	Joe Chythlook vice chair by phone
Todd Fritze Dlg	Gayla Hoseth Dlg
Tom O'Connor Dlg	Dan Dunaway Dlg Secretary
Steve Perkins Dlg	Gust Tungiung Koliganek by phone
Travis Ball Aleknagik	Richard King Ekwook by phone
Curt Armstrong Dlg	Peter Christopher New Stuyahok by phone until noon
Susie Brito Dlg arrive 9:32	

Absent excused:

Chris Carr Portage Creek too cold for plane
Joe Wassily Clarks Pt. power plant failure
Walter Kanulie Togiak alt training conflict

Absent no contact, not excused:

Barbara Moore Manokotak
Moses Kritz Togiak

It should be noted that temperatures were below zero, down to -20 or colder and this deterred some members.

Additionally, Jan 7 is Russian Christmas and is observed extensively in most Bristol Bay villages. The AC members expressed regret for the conflict and will seek to avoid this in future meetings.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: total seats 15, quorum 8
quorum met. 13 present at start of the meeting.

List of User Groups Present:

Subsistence fishing and hunting
Commercial Salmon drift net



Commercial Salmon set net
Sport fishing and guiding.
Trapping

III. Approval of Agenda:

Todd moved and Gayla 2nd to adopt the agenda. Dan asked to add a discussion of Mulchatna Caribou hunt under IX New Business as item IV. Motion maker and 2nd agree to add Mulchatna Caribou. Agenda approved Unanimously.

Frank Woods, chair announced his resignation from as chair and from the AC for personal reasons. Frank departed the meeting immediately. Several members expressed thanks for Franks hard work and regret he had to resign.

There was a discussion how to conduct the rest of the meeting since vice chair, now chair Joe Chythlook was attending by phone and it is so difficult to run a meeting over the phone. Several names brought up. Dan and Taryn worked through first items of the agenda.

IV. Introductions:

ADFG and Enforcement Staff present:

Lee Borden Sport Fish

Lauren Watine Wildlife Conservation

Tim Sands Commercial Fish

Jordan Head Com Fish by phone

James VanLanen ADFG Subsistence by phone

Joe Wittkop AWT

Guests and other Agencies

Togiak Refuge

Kenton Moos

Patrick Walsh

Andy Aderman

Gary Cline BBEDC

Cody Larson BBNA

Isabel Ross KDLG

Pete Heyano commercial fisherman

Greg Marxmiller set netter

Lindsay Layland set netter

John Bennett drift netter

V. Election of AC Members:



1. Designated Dillingham Seat

Gayla moved to open nominations Tom 2nd.

Todd Fritze & Robert Heyano nominated

There was some question whether a non Dillingham resident could make nominations, and nomination for Mr. Heyano was withdrawn. Others present noted that Mr. Heyano has declined nominations in previous meetings.

Dan move to close and Tom 2nd.

Todd Fritze elected to the open designated seat. Term to expire 6-30-20

Chair Joe Chythlook asked attendees to postpone remaining elections until next meeting given the low attendance at this meeting. After discussion, it was decided there was adequate notice and we should proceed with elections.

2. One Undesignated Seat and Two Alternate seats.

Consensus to take nominations, top vote to be seated as undesignated member, second and third most votes to be assigned alternate seats.

Nominations: Gayla Hoseth, Steve Perkins, Caleb Westfall. Gary Cline declined nomination.

Travis moved to close Susie second.

Boards distributed, collected, and counted votes including text votes from phone attendees.

Gayla Hoseth won top votes and was seated in the Undesignated Seat.

Steve Perkins and Caleb Westfall elected as alternates.

VI Election of Officers:

By general consensus and given the limited availability of the meeting room, the interim nature of several seats, and soon to end terms of several other members, AC agreed to postpone election of officers until a fall meeting. We have enough officers to get this meeting done.

Discussion: As vice chair Joe Chythlook became interim chair. After some discussion Joe moved to have Susie Brito to run the rest of the meeting, Tom 2nd. Approved by unanimous consent. Its too hard to do by phone. With support of the AC members, Susie agreed to run the rest of the meeting.

VII ADFG Staff Updates:

Tim Sands Commercial Fish

Tim presented and handed out copies of the 2020 salmon forecast, 48.0 million Bay wide, 12.63 total run for Nushagak District. Kvichak is projects to have 19.97 million, and Egegik 10.75.

Herring 202 forecast, 215,000 tons total with 38,749 allocated to Togiak sac roe fishery. Tim discussed how the model for 2020 forecast was revised and produced a higher



guideline harvest than in 2019. Fewer buyers may be present in 2020 and its not likely the whole allocation will be taken.

2019 Salmon run discussion: Nushagak King run was poor, sockeye run extremely good. However high water temps low water levels caused some mortality, worst case was Igushik river where its possible 100,000 fish died. The Igushik is highly exposed to the sun, between tides the mudflats heat up; at the lake outlet temperatures as high as 23 C were observed - salmon don't like above 17C. High temps, low dissolved oxygen kill fish. Even some observations of very lethargic fish in other systems.

King Salmon: problems counting fish with a sonar not designed to count kings, exacerbated by low water high temps, resulted in a count of 46,000 kings, well below desired levels. ADFG will operate the 2020 commercial fishery with extreme caution to protect kings including: waiting as long as possible before opening commercial (possibly let more than 100,000 reds up Wood River before opening) shorter fishing periods for both set and drift gear, possibly keeping fishery closed for entire tide. Depends on fish behavior, conditions, fish passage. BOF Nushagak King Working Group had one meeting in the fall and another scheduled for March - other than a list of considerations no action on the plan.

Other Salmon Mgt Plans. Tim says there are 10 salmon plans that have been addressed piecemeal over the years, He asked AC to consider setting a process to regularly conduct a comprehensive review of a couple plans each BOF cycle to keep up to date. He suggested starting with the Togiak Herring and Wood River Special Harvest Area. He advocates an open process and that ADFG might not be the one to take the lead.

Brief discussion of AC and ADFG on impact of the sport fishery on Nushagak kings.

Peter Christopher advocated for closed windows in the king sport fishery.

Another person pointed out that some upriver residents illegally "seine" the kings taking more than a 100 at a time.

Lauren Watine ADFG Wildlife:

New area biologist introduced herself.

Moose Fall hunt - RM 583: early season was very hot, harvest was poor. Season improved the last half, wetter cooler. 760 permits issued, 131 harvested, 591 hunted.

Winter moose hunt. Reports still trickling in. 228 total permits issued. As of today 1-7-20, 59 reports are returned and 16 moose taken. Only state residents and mostly GMU 17 residents obtained permits. The Dept was poised to close the season if more that 25 moose were taken.

Discussion about 1/2 mile off Lake Road requirement. Its a condition of the hunt the area biologist can set. Several comments objecting to it as very difficult to observe and enforce. Dunaway tried to recall reasons for the stipulation, most folks have GPS, concern for excess



harvest as many moose congregate along the road, residents along road have been complaining about safety for their houses and residents.

Question regarding GMU 17 moose population. ADFG only surveyed 17A this year and the population considerably exceeds desired levels.

But 17 B& C populations are below or barely at goals and of concern to ADFG.

***** In between discussing proposals in New Business, Lauren brought in more data and discussion.

Moose for GMU 17 populations: ADFG can't do annual survey of whole GMU so must rotate by sub unit by year. 17A moose in 2017 biologists estimated ideal population is 800 to 1,200 and estimate is 2,370 - greatly exceeding range capacity.

17B moose preferred population is 4,900 to 6,000 or about 1 per square mile; current estimate is 1,699 or .37 per sq mile and below desired levels.

17C desired population is 2,800 to 3,500 or about .5 per sq mile. 2018 estimate 3,438 or .48 per sq mile - almost at desired level. Barely.

2019 RM 583 harvest was 131 bulls, 118 by GMU 17 residents. This winter hunt 16 bulls reported to date all GMU 17 residents.

There was a discussion about going to intensive management - ADFG is discussing internally.

Beaver: Todd asked about beaver survey former biologist had planned. Lauren hopes to do a cache survey. Todd mentioned the rivers have changed a lot and old surveys might be marginally helpful.

Caribou: Lauren discussed summer 2019 survey, extensive pre-survey work and very good dispersal of collars, mixing of animals. This was one of the most precise surveys on this herd with an estimate of 13,500 animals plus or minus about 2,000 animals. Far below expected population and below the 30,000 desired population. Last survey was in 2016 when about 27,000 were estimated. Surveyors noted no animals in places they normally expect to find some.

Therefore, the State reduced the bag limit to 1 per hunter.

The Federal lands closure effective December 31 was noted.

Currently no state lands closure as ADFG knows many depend on this herd for food.

Fall adult survival surveys have been conducted.

The situation of this herd is scheduled to be discussed January 16 at the Nome BOG meeting.

The state is considering what to do next - the season is subject to change in the future.

Harvest as of 1-7-20: 85 animals, 53 males, 32 females some reports of illegal unreported take. There is evidence of harvests every time surveys are flown and no corresponding reports appear to be filed. People still aren't reporting during the 5 day window after harvest.



Fall 2019 composition survey (Oct 7-9): Herd wide estimate 24 calves /100 cows; east 30.7/100, west 18.2. Goal is to have 30 calves/100 cows. Eastern area is subject to the wolf removal program. West & East groups calve in the east area.

Fall 2018 survey found whole herd 34calves/100 cow; east 39/100 and west 29/100 shows 2019 calf survival dropped from 2018 in both sections.

Discussion, one person asked if any nonresidents take Mulchatna caribou [NO - ADFG] also much of December poor travel conditions and wished for a cow moose season in the winter up the Nushagak River. Complaints of poor winter travel conditions for moose.

USFWS Togiak Refuge:

Nushagak Peninsula Caribou. 2018-19 season had poor travel conditions and only 14 animals taken. Population in 2019 (minimum of 710 and point est 822) and about the same as 2018. Biologists have become very concerned for quality of range and food supply - observing degradation in lichens and bare dirt patches. Refuge presented concerns to the caribou committee and now advocate for much lower abundance on the peninsula of only 400 animals optimum to allow range to recover. Bag limit raised to 5 per hunter. Same day airborne is allowed in the spring.

There was a suggestion to allow same day in the fall when conditions are warmer and easier. In past was a concern for harvest concentrating on large bulls.

Joe Wittkop AWT Troopers:

Herring - large quota few violations. No large patrol vessel available. Used 32 foot Kvichak to patrol, boarded 14 vessels. Issued 2 tickets for crew license violations. One report of possible wasted fish no case made. Boarded 8 trawlers, tramper, and processor boats (may have been 20 such vessels in the area)- difficult thing for him to do. Contacted 135 boats, few violations one missing ADFG triangle plate.

Spring Bear 2019: Effort was reduced no citations issued.

One butchered moose found along Dillingham road in June, DNA evidence collected, no suspects at this time.

Sport Fishery: no funding for a sport fish enforcement team, patrolled as personnel and time allowed. Lack of life jackets and boat registrations were main issue. A few snagging and over limit cases made. Definition of a fly liberalized reduced issues on gear.

Commercial fish enforcement: about 600 vessels in the Nushagak district and skeleton enforcement presence. Mainly Joe, one pilot, one shore based patrol boat. 2026 contacts, 122 warnings, 181 citations, 48,000 pounds of fish seized. Closed period fishing was the main violation; some gear marking, lost nets as well. Grounding drift boats still and issue and a couple instances of permit holder not present at time of sale.

Locally poor internet created problems obtaining picture IDs so Troopers were lenient.



Togiak fishery was minimally patrolled - main violation was set nets fishing close periods and having nets too far off shore. One waste of salmon, a net was not picked for several days.

Fall Hunting: slow hunting at beginning as it was so hot, more harvest success towards end of moose season. Still a problem for hunters understanding regulations between registration permit and "general hunt" harvest ticket - confusion on season dates and reporting requirements. One sublegal moose taken and one failure to mark harvest permit.

Winter moose season no patrols due to medical situation. One winter harvest found 250 yard off highway when hunt conditions require 1/2 mile from highway.

Discussion on positioning of hunter with snow machines.

Discussion on incidental or personal use take of kings in commercial fishery.

Discussion of grounding of drift boats, some drift boats using extremely long tow or tag lines (half mile was expressed) to meet letter of the law regarding grounding was drifting. This is causing annoyance for other fishermen. Presents hazard and obstacle to other fishers. The office said they are aware of what they call "parking" and its a concern. May need a proposal to BOF to address the issue.

No subsistence violations were issued in 2019.

Lee Borden Sport Fish

Creel surveys were conducted on the Nushagak Kings, Alagnak Kings, Naknek fall rainbow fisheries. Data currently being analyzed no results ready to present.

Nushagak kings were very low catch rates with low and very warm water. Fish seemed to hole up maybe travel at night.

The previous years' Nushagak King sport mortality study is in the final stages in preparation for publishing and should be out soon.

In 2020 Sport Fish plans to conduct creel surveys on Togiak king salmon, Nushagak coho, and conduct another Naknek fall creel survey.

in 2021 Sport Fish is planning to conduct spring rainbow trout work in the L. Iliamna drainage in major tributaries.

Former area biologist Jason Dye took a promotion and moved to Anchorage, the Area Biologist position will be recruited and refilled.

Taryn Brito Board Support

Note to all: Board Calendars published in the proposal books are now out of date and wrong. Check the website or her office for up to date ones.

1) No further work from rod and reel gear special BOF committee.



- 2) Naknek BOF work session scheduled in 2020.
- 3) Nushagak King Plan work group had a meeting in fall 2019 and another scheduled March 12, 2020. Other than organizing and some guiding papers no actual planning action.
- 4) Action Item: fall work session, BOF approved ACR regarding D boats and 200 fathoms for Bristol Bay - now it is Proposal 279, available on line or at Board offices, comment deadline is February 21 and BOF will address in March meeting.
- 5) AC has action items on BOG proposals 165 re-authorize 17A antlerless moose, 166 brown bear tag fee exemption, ACR 5 (now 169) Troopers request to clarify purchase of locking big game tags,

VIII Public Comments

Cody Larson for Bristol Bay Native Association.

BBNA is concerned for the often warm winter conditions making winter moose hunts difficult and hopes to work with ADFG to add flexibility to the discretionary "conditions of hunt".

Gary Cline Bristol Bay Economic Development Corp (CDQ).

BBEDC is supportive of the systematic review of Bristol Bay salmon management plans. They agree the plans have been "piecemealed" over the years and more comprehensive and systematic approach is warranted to keep plans current.

BBEDC is willing to host the local meetings well ahead of BOF meetings. The goal is to bring well prepared information to the BOF.

LUNCH BREAK 12:03

RESTART 12:32

Susie resumed the meeting emphasizing the 3PM meeting room deadline.



IX New Business: Review and actions on proposals.

1. Proposal - BOF proposal 279 (ACR from October 2019)

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
<p><i>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.</i></p>			
279	<p>5AAC 06.333. Requirements and specifications for use of 200 fathoms drift gillnet in Bristol Bay.</p>		
Oppose	2	8	<p>Dan Move Todd 2nd: Tim Sands explained history of regulation and how this proposal would affect the fishery. ADFG is neutral. Discussion about the history of D boats and 200 f gear was supposed to aid permit holders without boats, take some boats and gear out of the water. But it activated dormant permits. Now a single person can own 2 permits may have added gear to fishery and works against original intent. When the Naknek RSHA is opened many D boats tend to head to Nushagak District adding competition to that fishery.</p> <p>Joe C. " I've always opposed allowing 200 fathoms of gear and current regulation is working fine.</p> <p>Sands indicated that there were over 600 boats in Nushagak District in 2019 and over 700 in 2018; that Nushagak generally supports the most D boats, especially early in the season and then D boats tend to disperse to other districts as the season progresses.</p> <p>Curt, this does not rise to the level justifying an ACR and would be better addressed by more of the public if it came up in the normal BOF cycle for the Bay.</p> <p>Susie is opposed, in her case it would be better for her family to fish a second boat and full complement of gear. But Nushagak District is already congested and they don't need more boats coming in, especially with 200f. "I am opposed to the fisheries proposal more to the effect that it would increase congestion in the Nushagak and reduce local permit holders</p>



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
			<p>opportunity/catch."</p> <p>Gust - I support D boat system, it helps some village families and keeps some gear out of the water. But I only support for 2 individual permit owners.</p> <p>Tom called the question. Roll call vote.</p>

2. Board of Game Proposals

NOTE prior to taking up the wildlife proposals Biologist Watine brought more data and discussion to the AC members. That information is included above in the general format minutes.

Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals			
March 6-14, 2020 Fairbanks, 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
<p><i>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.</i></p>			
165	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	10	0	<p>Joe move to adopt Travis 2nd.</p> <p>ADFG noted moose population is well above and even exceeds desired levels. The range needs to be preserved from excessive browsing.</p> <p>Dan said he supports, protect range, provide opportunity to local</p>



Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 6-14, 2020 | Fairbanks, 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
			people and reward them for their restraint allowing the herd to grow. . Gayla asked how often the plan is reviews [5 years].
166	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	10	0	Travis move to adopt, Gayla 2nd. ADFG explained proposal. Dan and Travis expressed their support. Very handy to not have to buy a tag and we can take b
169	Clarify Purchase of Locking Tags, AWT proposal.		
Support	10	0	Dan Move to adopt, Travis 2nd AWT Witkopp explained the proposal was to clarify tag must be purchased before taking an animal. AWT had difficulties with a case and current regulation was not clear. Dan I support clearer regulations and yes, if Alaskans must have a harvest ticket before hunting, nonresident hunters should buy their tag before shooting, hunting. Travis supports, these guys are working the gray area and need clear rules This helps enforcement do their job.

3. Discuss proposals to submit to the BOG for 200/21 meeting.

Todd Fritze requested the AC submit a proposal to address positioning snow machines for wolverine and wolf hunting. It was the understanding of several public and some BOG members that this issue was addressed by the last BOG meeting in Dillingham. However when the regulations were published wolverine especially was omitted and only addressed caribou. Reviewing transcripts of meeting its was not clear.



Todd moved to submit proposal. We need BOG to readdress - especially for wolverine, existing regulations cover wolf. Todd wants to have the same options as most other GMU to the north and west of 17.

AWT asked to make positioning clear as current regulations do not mention "positioning" anywhere with regard to snowmachine. Please be clear, positioning the hunter or the quarry?

Joe C. suggest look to existing regulations as a guide and don't reinvent the wheel.

Gayla moved to write a proposal using the wording in the proposal to "mirror" language that is being proposed to the Feds for GMU 17. Initially AC included GMU 9 but review of charter suggests this AC has no authority to make proposals for 9.

Dan 2nd

Curt noted any language adopted likely to be "subject to interpretation" and suggested using the words "...go to..." to be clear.

Roll Call vote: 7 support 3 No.

By unanimous consent: Working group of Todd, Gayla, Dan agreed to work up language and submit by the proposal deadline. Language to mimic a similar proposal to the Federal Subsistence Board.

4. Discuss Mulchatna Caribou herd and current regulations.

Dan had requested this agenda item. He's very concerned and listed the following:

high quality survey shows 13,500 animals +/- 2000 - very tight estimate and less than half the 30,000 minimal population goal. Hot weather may be degrading nutritional quality of the range, animals may have headed into what is now a real winter in reduced condition. Fall rains into November may be hard on young animals. Now we have cold weather and forecast snow building good travel conditions may allow heavier hunting pressure; if we get more snow could also push animals closer to villages and make them vulnerable, suggestions of considerable unreported harvest - very strong comments suggesting considerable non-reporting coming out of some Tribal organizations in the Kuskokwim which seemed a surprise. Look how long its taken for the NAP to try to recover and we've been waiting a long time now too.

Lauren provided recent historic Mulchatna recorded harvests:

2019 to date 85

2018 240

2017 448 reflects best winter travel in years

2016 358

2015 246



Todd: I hear caribou are showing up near Nushagak River villages now and some animals may be harvested. Also mentioned previous years where one year the estimate was low and ADFG worried and next year animals seemed to "reappear" in numbers. Hard to gauge a single year estimate.

Tom thinks current harvest is inconsequential and we should wait for another year's survey.

Travis? -The problem of not knowing the true harvest is obscuring what the problem might be. But closing it would only penalize the honest folks and might not deter the non-reported harvest.

ADFG discussed current assessment efforts, don't have enough satellite collars to locate herd this time of year. Seems like adult survival is uncertain, maybe there is a problem with female survival? Not known. ADFG plans to get out more GPS collars next season.

Todd we could be heading into the prime time for harvest and could have a big impact on the population.

Tom discussed observing the herd decline from top abundance in early 2000's while he was a pilot guide. Seemed like as the herd declined they ventured less and less into GMU 17 - staying more and more at the north end - maybe straying is part of the problem.

Joe thinks GMU 17 could suffer as the Federal land have already been closed and maybe this is just the Feds want the State to act as well. This might be the only year we get good travel and hunt conditions. I would hate to see the harvest opportunity jeopardized now that numbers are down. Maybe Feds just want a blanket closure, I prefer to see the State biologists take the lead. and preserve some opportunity.

Dan asked, has ADFG made any plans or action points if harvest suddenly increases? ADFG said they are watching closely but no action points set.

We can submit these minutes to the BOG when they take this up in Nome.

ADFG: during flights from November to recent days, every time we go we see indications of what appears to be unreported harvests and often appears to be more than one animal has been taken.

Travis supports continued opportunity and we shouldn't over-emphasize illegal activity. Stay with 1 animal.

No other proposals discussed.

ADFG reminded all in attendance Game proposals are due May 1.

Proposals are open for entire range of the Mulchatna herd.



Dan reminded group we've worked a long time to have uniform, coherent range-wide caribou regulations, be careful about breaking things up again.

Gayla commented maybe the AC should have a working group on this.

X. Miscellaneous Business:

1. Approval of minutes:

Joe move and Travis 2nd for secretary write minutes, and have Gayla and Susie review and approve for submission to Boards Support. All three to approve and sign.

Motion supported Unanimously, 10-0.

2. Next Meeting Time and Location:

Time: by call of the Chair. TBA

Location: Gayla moved the Curyung Tribal building where we are less likely to be under time constraints we always have at the City building.

Motion supported Unanimously, 10-0.

XI. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 2:35 PM

I.

Minutes Recorded By: __Dan Dunaway__

Minutes Approved By:

Susie Jenkins-Brito

Gayla Hoseth

Date: _____1-13-20



Paxson Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Monday, September 30, 2019

Mi 180 Richardson Hwy

Minutes - DRAFT

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm. A quorum was present: 5 members and 1 alternate.

Members present:

Gary Alcott
Steve Chemielowski ---sec.
John Schandelmeier--chair
Richard Holmstrom
Alan Echols
Bryan Aberdeen—alternate

Members Absent:

Greg Swope--- excused
Mark Schlenker-- excused

ADF&G Staff present:

Heidi Hatcher
Kate Wilson

Visitors Present:

Seth Wilson-- Glennallen
Ben Doudna-- Fairbanks

Old Business:

Out of cycle game proposal agree to rewrite and submit. To be visited later in meeting.

New business:

1. Discussion of new BOG members and how or if they might be amendable to accepting or listen to Advisory Committee input.
2. Proposal discussion
 - a. Proposal 166: reauthorize resident Brown bear tag exemptions.
 - i. Unanimous: 6-in favor, 0 opposed
 - b. Proposal 158: authorize cow moose permits in Unit 13.
 - i. Failed: 4 opposed, 2 abstain
 - ii. Discussion: Committee members presented 3 points in opposition
 1. Local advisory committees have no input as to where or how many permits are to be issued.
 2. If there are too many cows in a given area, predators, (wolves) handle that just fine. The present aerial predator control conducted in the area



results in an overkill of wolves which has upset the biological balance in many sections of Unit 13, resulting in unforeseen effects.

3. Granted; cow hunts allow additional opportunity to harvest moose. However, this additional opportunity does not help local hunters as the permits are issued on a random draw basis. An additional 5-7 animals taken by hunters from elsewhere does nothing for the residents of the area where the hunt happens. Our committee might be more inclined to accept a cow hunt if it was structured with local benefits.

Old Business, Revisited:

Discussion centered around our out-of-cycle proposal to replace/restructure the community hunt and the moose hunt in general for Unit 13. The present moose hunt is unwieldy. The present Community Hunt does not achieve the purpose for which it was intended, and more importantly, the present hunt, as structured, is not formatted in a way to include all local community members.

The proposal which we will present to the BOG will address these concerns.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm.



**Prince William Sound/ Valdez Advisory Committee
February 6, 2020
Valdez City Hall**

Valdez AC Current Roster			
First Name	Last Name	Profile	Term Expires
Hope	Upicksoun	Chair	06/2020
Nick	Crump	Vice Chair	06/2021
Marissa	Roberts	Secretary	06/2021
Charles	Upicksoun		06/2020
Ashley	James		06/2019
Damien	James Sr.	Alternate	06/2019

I. Call to Order: 6:10 p.m. by Hope Upicksoun

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Hope Upicksoun

Nick Crump

Ashley James

Marissa Roberts

Members Absent (Excused):

Charles Upicksoun

Damien James

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

IV. Guests Present:

Hope Finely

V. Approval of Agenda:

Motion to Approve Agenda Marissa Roberts

Second by Ashley James

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:



Previous Minutes approved by Chair, Hope Upicksoun

VII. Reports

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

VIII. Public Comment

None.

IX. Old Business:

None

X. New Business:

Elections were held with the following results:

2 year seat for Ashley James with term that expires 06/2022

Damien James made the decision to not run for the VAC this year.

Committee members will continue to serve until the next election meeting. We have discussed having elections again in June for Hope Upicksoun and Charles Upicksoun seats that expire in June.

Brief discussion on Prince William Sound Crab Proposals and comment deadlines. Committee discussed and decided on refraining from comment at this time. Motion made by Ashley James. Second by Hope Upicksoun.

Motion to adopt BOG Proposals 142 and 143 by Hope Upicksoun. Second by Marissa Roberts.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date: Next meeting time still TBD.

XIII. Other: None

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Marissa Roberts. Second by Hope Upicksoun. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 6-14, 2020 | Fairbanks, 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
<i>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.</i>			
142	Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
Support	3		Shutting down a ceremonial hunt, in order to keep an antlerless moose permits, is unethical. The ceremonial and traditional hunts of Indigenous Alaskans should not be considered as an illegal hunt and should be of higher priority than an antlerless hunt.
143	Eliminate all antlerless moose drawing hunts in Unit 20B except for the Minto Flats Management Area		
Support	3		See proposal 142.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Marissa Roberts
 Minutes Approved By: Hope Upicksoun
 Date: 02/19/2020



**Ruby Advisory Committee
November 6, 2019
Ruby Tribal Council**

- I. Call to Order: 6pm by Chairman Ed Sarten
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Billy, Don Honea, Ed Sarten, Yvonne, Dale Honea, Tim Gervais
Members Absent (Excused): No members absent
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
- III. Fish and Game Staff/Guests Present: no Department staff, no guests recorded
- IV. Approval of Agenda; approved
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes; not recorded
- VI. Old Business; NONE
- VII. New Business

Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals January 17-20, 2020 Nome, 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
1	Prohibit nonresident hunting of moose or caribou under intensive management in the Western Arctic/Western Region until harvest or population objectives are met		
Support	6	0	We don't like trophy hunting, if population is low in the controlled use area, then nonresident hunting should not be allowed
2	Establish intensive management programs for bear across the Western Arctic/Western Region		
Support	6	0	
31	Establish a registration permit hunt for muskox in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D		
tabled			Nulato surplus, hunt 5 bulls a year. Ruby can shoot? If 1 on road, times is reasonable. Last year we supported hunting in Kaiyuh Flats, and they asked why ruby was involved.



Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 6-14, 2020 | Fairbanks, 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
<i>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.</i>			
44	Establish customary and traditional use findings for migratory birds and waterfowl in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25, and modify regulations to provide reasonable opportunities		
Support	6	0	Our area
45	Prohibit the use of moose, caribou and reindeer urine as scent lures in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Support w/Am	6	0	We could support if amended to allow us to use local urine, so not to allow commercial urine
48	Extend the season for taking wolves in Units 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
Support	6	0	
54	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	6	0	
56	Establish minimum distance requirements for trapping around dwellings in the Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
Oppose	0	6	
58	Establish a Controlled Use Area for the Kaiyuh Flats area in Unit 21D		
Support	6	0	No planes @ Middle Yukon, keep aircraft.
59	Change the winter any-moose season for residents in Unit 21D		
Support			This was discussed in McGrath
62	Allocate 90 percent of the Unit 21B, Upper Nowitna Corridor moose drawing permits to residents and award remaining available nonresident permits to residents		
Support	6	0	21B 50/50 to 90/10
67	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 21D		
TNA			Brown bear limits to 2 per year 21D harvest more Concern that if you allow 2 bears in 21D then guides will try to take 2 instead of 1 Amendment to include 21B as well



Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 6-14, 2020 | Fairbanks, 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
68	Open a fall bear baiting season in Unit 21C		
Oppose	0	6	There is a guide working on Melozi and this could bring more sport hunters, guided hunters, trophy hunters into the area, increase traffic and effect moose hunting.
69	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21C		
Oppose	0	6	There is a guide working on Melozi and this could bring more sport hunters, guided hunters, trophy hunters into the area, increase traffic and effect moose hunting.
73	Eliminate the RB601 brown bear registration permit hunt for Units 21D and 24		
Support	6	0	Necessary
75	Develop a feasibility assessment for intensive management of wolves and bears in Units 21D and 24		
Support	6	0	Develop a feasibility plan to control predators and Burn up above Kokrines. Louden Tribe wants a predator control plan.
76	Establish a non-intensive management predator control plan in Unit 21 for bears and wolves		
Support	6	0	Develop a feasibility plan to control predators and Burn up above Kokrines. Louden Tribe wants a predator control plan.
99	Change the Tier II moose permit hunt (TM680) in Unit 19A to a household permit		
Support	6	0	Household permit. Ruby AC should draft a proposal similar to this one for our area.
108	Require trophy destruction of moose antlers taken from Unit 21E under RM836 permits, and establish check stations		
Support	6	0	Antler destruction
115	Require meat to be left on the bone for caribou, moose and bison in Units 19, 21A, and 21E		
Support	6	0	Require meat be left on bones, destroy ribs
149	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 25C		



Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 6-14, 2020 | Fairbanks, 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
TNA			Bear baiting 21D

Adjourn: 7:40 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Yvonne Adams

Minutes Approved By: Ed Sarten

Date: _____

Date: _____



**Ruby Advisory Committee
January 13, 2020
Ruby Tribal Council**

- I. Call to Order: 5:24pm by Chairman Ed Sarten
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Billy, Don Honea, Ed Sarten, Yvonne, Dale Honea, Tim Gervais*

Members Absent (Excused): No members absent
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
- III. Fish and Game Staff/Guests Present: Glenn Stout & Sara Longson (ADF&G DWC), Patrick McGarty, Mike Josephson, Arnold Demoski*(Middle Yukon AC), Jeremy Havener*(FWS, Galena)

* via teleconference
- IV. Approval of Agenda; approved
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes; 11/6/2019 minutes approved
- VI. Old Business; NONE
- VII. New Business

Public comment: First, thank you for keeping committee going. Consider seriously fall moose hunt and the market for moose antlers and getting more moose than necessary. Population is down. Lots of families not getting any and consider a proposal 1 moose per household due to some households holding 4 tags (4 shooters).

Fish for king salmon being over harvested along Yukon River. Sometimes 3-4 hundred kings to sell to places like Barrow. Need proposals to regulate # of kings taken. Make neighbors accountable to watch each other. Locally. Some are filling smokehouses 3x or 4x.

This is not a cultural thing, or a moral (ethical). See 1 family with 3 6-“ moose racks! Bad to take breeders. Fish commission need to come up with something.

Living on Front Street can see 1 family 8-10 racks come in with same boat. Big racks and giving the meat away.



There is an abuse of the proxy system; rumor using a person harvest ticket and hunting with it; can we match up proxy to a particular person who actually gets the moose? Nobody taking proxies from [council office]. Just hear rumors proxy permits in action

Some fishermen are overharvest 75 kings are nothing compared to what others get. Should be equal amounts for each. Maybe hard to control. During Fish & Game openings some get nothing, some overharvest.

Action Item: Suggest we invite Fish & Wildlife [Enforcement/Troopers] to come to Ruby

We can't put in a proposal in for fishing, past mandatory reporting to state with fish failed everyone needs to decide how to handle through education, pressure from community. Asked to confirm [if the tribal council has assisted to issue] proxy permits in the last 3 years.

Rumor that there are folks that are taking harvest tickets from different persons and hunting with it.

Just realize need solution for antler issue and overharvest king salmon, not distribute equally. Subsistence hunt turns into illegal hunt. Get TCC and tribe involved to minimize this type of hunting.

Department noted that if they see illegal activity, that everyone has a smartphone now, and to video the whole process, that selling whole uncut antlers is a violation, but you need evidence to prosecute

Members have witnessed antlers being put on Wrights, another noted that it was a legal hunt but that the federal hunt was being taken advantage of.

Department noted that legally the antlers must be cut off of the skull plate

Member asked if state troopers could put pressure on the offender, and another noted that the tribe could work it out.

Potlatch moose; where to cut up?

Staff Comments

Glenn brought up proposal 76; predation control for Galena Mountain Caribou Herd. Vegetation going up in elevation and here in hills vegetation growing high. The moose calves and first week swim across Melozi River, spend a lot of summer at 10 mile Tower where they can see bears and wolves. Now the predators lie in wait,

Phase 1



We want collar calves & determine what is killing them. Look at what type burn plan. Get data next three years.

Phase II

Prescribed fire alone may boost calf survival. We can test. If not, go shoot predators. The last three years would be lethal predator removal. Low numbers of moose since 2006 (had a visual of the Galena Mountain Herd pop). Used to be 300 [animals] now as low as 150. This is (350-400) early phases. Talked with BLM. Will be talk with TCC, Doyon, and Tribe. Burn would be on Corporation Land, BLM, State land. Warming cause trees going north and west up in elevation. Willows and birch growing and attracting moose and moos can't see. Thick trees also make it hard for hunters.

Members asked about fire destroying [caribou] lichen food?

Department noted that the Galena Mountain Herd is just transitional where they calve and come out. Has pictures 10 year old burns. Caribou eat the new grasses that come up soon after a burn and they don't take up residence where we want to burn.

Members noted that 15-20 caribou were spotted where you say you want to burn.

Department: we need to scientifically see what is killing. We would start burn down below and heat sucks uphill so not to go into flats where good firewood is. We burn alder, black spruce to thin out 15-16 square miles. 16x640 is about 10,000 square acres. Fish and Game and BLM at proposal stage for funding. HQ need to decide takes public involvement to legislature, politicians.

Members: if it helps increase population, this is good, as long as it is not destroying food and spreading of fire (burn becomes uncontrollable). Member noted that the proposed area won't spread fire.

Department: Late June fire vs cooler one that meanders uphill, fire experts looking into it.



Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals January 17-20, 2020 Nome, 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
12	Establish a minimum caliber ammunition to be used to harvest moose in Unit 18		
Support	6	0	Unlawful method of taking big game with a small caliber. AC feels that they should support. Member noted that a .243 is not large enough for a moose, as is a 22. It should be a .300. This is a problem. 270-300 is better and we want to support the idea. Member noted that they typically stay out of other's areas, unless the local AC/others talk to us. AC supports if it promotes a better hunting practice. Amendment discussed, but AC did not vote to support it.
13	Prohibit the sale of antlers from moose harvested in Unit 18		
Support	6	0	Say Unit 18 have same problem with antlers taken. Who sponsors the proposal? Mid [Lower] Yukon Fish & game.

Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals March 6-14, 2020 Fairbanks, 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
65	Establish a new resident, general season for caribou in Unit 20F		
TNA			Department noted that the population been declining since 2011. Members asked why the herd was declining/who was taking the animals. Members noted that the WIRAC would take action on the proposal



Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 6-14, 2020 | Fairbanks, 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
68	Open a fall bear baiting season in Unit 21C		
Support	3	2	<p>A member not supportive of 21C baiting for brown bear; guide operating in the area bringing rotten meat into Ruby. Why increase the harvest power when the guide isn't showing good stewardship. Other member noted that no issue if it takes care of predators, it falls in line with other units (aligns them).</p> <p>Clarification on where brown bear baiting was legal; member noted that it is currently not common practice to do this around her.</p> <p>Concern about guide operating unethically, and that there was a public safety concern.</p> <p>Department note that this was discussed a year ago at the AC. That there was one situation that was blown up into a bigger deal. One member got good meat from the guide, and it was questionable about when the meat spoiled. Member stated that 3 people spoke with him; 2 out of the 3 people had to throw out meat within 48 hours of receiving it. Two other members noted same concerns and said that they would start documenting issues.</p> <p>Question about resident vs nonresident hunters</p> <p>Member noted they were unsupportive of this because it supports transporters</p> <p>Member noted that they don't see many brown bears around their camp</p> <p>Unsupportive of wanton waste</p>
69	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21C		
Support	3	2	See comments for 68
74	Establish a registration permit hunt for muskox in Units 21D, 22A, and 24D		
			<p>Department noted: these are cows, calves bulls. Musk Ox 5 different Musk Ox shot in Galena, and regularly seen in Nulato. Some guys see every year 21D side. These beg hunters consider season to take a few. During open season only. Need to specify hunt area. Registration or Tier permit. Board needs to determine</p>



Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 6-14, 2020 | Fairbanks, 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
			needs in 21D esp when no historical pattern of harvesting musk ox. Board considers regional hunt Unit 23 is tier hunt and must meet tier qualifications. Members noted Feb-April only time
94	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D.		
Oppose	0	6	Member does not support
95	Establish a resident winter moose hunt in Unit 19D East		
TNA			McGrath area had predatory problem for many years. Nov 2019 mtg with western interior & unit 19D requesting moose hunt. How did they all of sudden have enough moose to call for a hunt.
99	Change the Tier II moose permit hunt (TM680) in Unit 19A to a household permit		
TNA			Used as an example of why we don't vote without knowing all about a proposal
141	Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
Support	6	0	Member suggested the AC vote no on all 3 Motion passes, none opposed, support 141-143 Minto Area
142	Eliminate registration moose permit hunt RM785, in the Minto Flats Management Area in Unit 20B		
Support	6	0	Member suggested the AC vote no on all 3 Motion passes, none opposed, support 141-143 Minto Area
143	Eliminate all antlerless moose drawing hunts in Unit 20B except for the Minto Flats Management Area		
Support	6	0	Member suggested the AC vote no on all 3 Motion passes, none opposed, support 141-143 Minto Area

WP20-36 & 37

Department noted 20-37 is a season to align with winter hunt; 15 days in December.



20-36 was to align refuge season in March

AC voted to have state Dec hunt and AC voted to support prop 59

Jeremy Havener (FWS) noted that the last regional advisory council meeting put state proposal in and then put in federal proposal. The RAC then retracted the federal proposal, so only the state one is in play.

Trying to clarify 21D winter hunt. Folks not want federal so the RAC retracted. Another federal part to include registration permit in 21D. We want to make sure we are in line with the state. Member asked FWS McGrath meeting Loudon proposal to control predators. Taking of predators (management plan). FWS noted that a letter came out in Galena but no formal proposal. To secure food. Member noted that they need to see views of Middle Yukon tomorrow before we decide. Not going to meet until February for the federal.

Members asked Middle Yukon Representative Arnold Demoski if there were any pressing issues concerning their proposal. Arnold noted that he was just calling to come together and work together; we just started to write our common AC interests. A member noted it was good to listen in so we know better how to vote other proposals. Arnold noted that it could take a while to get comfortable but look forward to future discussions.

Members asked Jeremy/FWS if they could come back in Feb or March to discuss the conditions of the November hunt. Jeremy/FWS said he would ask.

Member noted that there is a need to discuss numbers being low

Jeremy/FWS noted that low density population/ Adult moose decline. FWS keep eye no exact numbers. We can put something more specific together. Numbers in corridor & 20-30 miles from where we fly.

Salatna concerns moose migrating. We did not see evidence. Want to get more specifics later

- I. No representative chosen to attend the BOG meeting; we will let the minutes speak for us
- II. Set next meeting date: TBD

Adjourn @ 7:35 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Yvonne Adams
Minutes Approved By: Ed Sarten
Date: _____



From: [Pilcher, Nissa R B \(DFG\)](#)
To: [Pilcher, Nissa R B \(DFG\)](#)
Subject: FW: typo in prior email
Date: Friday, February 21, 2020 4:07:18 PM

Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Pilcher, Nissa R B (DFG) <nissa.pilcher@alaska.gov>; ed sarten
Subject: typo in prior email

Dear Nissa and Ed, Thanks for both of your time in listening to my concerns over the votes for the Ruby. Ruby AC met on November 6, 2019 and discussed and took action on most of the Ruby area proposals. According to my recollection and the draft Nov. 6 meeting minutes this is a summary of the votes on the following Board of Game proposals:

Proposal 68 - all opposed

Proposal 69 - all opposed

Proposal 75 - all support

Proposal 76 - all support

A second meeting was called on January January 13, 2020. Chairman Sarten wanted to discuss some Minto proposals, Glen Stout from ADFG gave a presentation on the Wolf Mountain Caribou Herd. The Ruby AC discussed the Wolf Mountain herd and the reason for Proposal 76. I do not know if a motion was made to reconsider or vote on Proposal 76. My recollection was the Ruby AC was comfortable was comfortable with the research being done on the Wolf Mountain habitat and the effects of shrubification/forestation on the migration of the WM Herd. Which was in line with Nov. 6 vote.

At some point one of the ADFG biologist brought up that the Ruby AC (RAC) should consider Proposal 68. ADFG presented some bear harvest information. The Ruby AC discussed the proposal. Some RAC members thought the proposal had predator control benefit. Myself and another RAC member were concerned that it would increase commercial hunting/harvest and that the community was already suffering from commercially harvested meat that was rotten being brought into Ruby. Much of the rotten meat would end up in the community dump. This attracts bears and creates a public safety problem for the community. Chairman Sarten offered for the RAC to take no action because of the differing opinions. I stated that the RAC should take action because the Proposal 68 is directly across the river from our community. I was on teleconference and did not have the minutes from our Nov. 6 meeting. If I had a copy of those minutes I would have reviewed those minutes and seen that the RAC had already unanimously opposed this Proposal 68. With that information I would have agreed with Chairman Sarten that the RAC should take no further action in our January



meeting. I made a Motion to Support Proposal 68, it was seconded, and voted on. The Proposal 68 should have been brought up as a Motion to Reconsider. Since there was no discussion that there was prior action taken on this Proposal 68 and that missing information, if available, would have changed the behavior and actions taken by the RAC, I am asking for January 13, 2020 vote on Board of Game Proposal 68 be stricken from the record. This would allow the Nov. 6, 2019 vote on Proposal 68 to unanimously oppose be the official action taken by the Ruby AC.

Nissa asked that I write this as an email and if agreed upon by Chairman Sarten that January 13 vote on Proposal 68 may be able to be stricken from the record.

Sincerely, Tim Gervais



**Seldovia Fish & Game Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of November 15th, 2019
Seldovia Multi-Purpose Room**

- I. Call to Order: 1800 by Michael Opheim, Chairperson
- II. Members Present: Michael Opheim, Keith Swick, Alvin Swick, Walt Sonen, Jordan Cameron, Stephen Payton, Brian Chartier
Members Absent: Keith Gain

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4

List of User Groups Present: none
- III. Approval of Agenda: Michael Opheim
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Michael Opheim
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Glenn Hollowell
- VI. Guests Present: Jevon Chartier, Jake Corwin, Sandy Murray, Jerry Murray
- VII. Old Business: none
- VIII. New Business: Discussion of Proposals

Seldovia Advisory Committee Meeting November 15, 2019			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG, BOF or JB	Proposa I Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	162	Reauthorization of the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B	
Support	6	0	The committee chose to unanimously support the reauthorization of the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B.
BOG	163	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C.	
Support	6	0	The board has historically supported the department in this proposal, and chooses to do so again this year.



Seldovia Advisory Committee Meeting November 15, 2019			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG, BOF or JB	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	91	Reduce that bag limit for Grouse in a portion of Unit 20D	
Support	6	0	The committee supported bag reduction limits in Units 7 and 15 in the past and with the new interest in harvesting grouse this was unanimously supported.
BOF	18	Extend the subsistence salmon fishery in Seldovia Bay through June 30	
Oppose	0	5	With some concern over subsistence salmon being introduced into commercial fish tickets the Committee chose to oppose this proposal. The Chair had to recuse himself from these votes as he was part of the team who wrote the proposal.
BOF	19	Extend the boundary in Seldovia Bay where salmon are customarily and traditionally taken or used for subsistence	
Oppose	0	5	Due to some foul up in language in the proposal in the book and what the proposers intended the Committee couldn't support this proposal. The Chair had to recuse himself from these votes as he was part of the team who wrote the proposal.
BOF	20	Allow set gillnets to be operated for subsistence purposes with 300 feet of in the Cook Inlet area	
Oppose	0	5	Committee thought that maybe there should be more people involved in the fishery before a proposal of reducing the distance be proposed. Committee was also curious about distances of nets in other areas. Glenn Hollowell gave examples of areas where the net distances were 300 feet or less. This would not be a unique situation for Seldovia alone. The Chair had to recuse himself from these votes as he was part of the team who wrote the proposal.
BOF	140	Allow a dual permit vessel to have 200 fathoms of gear onboard while in Chinitna Bay subdistrict, but fish with no more than 150 fathoms of gear in the subdistrict at any time	
Oppose	0	6	Committee thought that there would be too much temptation to have that extra shackle of gear on board and use it. Committee



Seldovia Advisory Committee Meeting November 15, 2019			
Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG, BOF or JB	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
			thought that fishermen could leave that extra shackle on the dock or on a tender that might be in the area.
BOF	141		Allow a vessel to carry more than a legal complement of gillnet gear in the Cook Inlet area
Oppose	0	6	Committee felt that allowing vessels to carry more than their legal complement would be too tempting to fish that extra gear. Committee thought that extra gear should be left on the dock or on a tender.
BOF	150		Require retention of sockeye salmon caught in the Kenai River
Support	6	0	Committee feels there is a high mortality rate with catch and release and that people should keep what they catch and go home with that catch and not stay fishing all day doing catch and release.

Next meeting December 14.

Adjournment: 1930

Minutes Recorded By: Stephen Payton
 Minutes Approved By: _____
 Date: _____