
ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

Special Meeting

Web-Conference | March 18, 2021

Annual Reauthorization Proposals for All Units • Sealing Requirements for Wolves Taken in Unit 2 • Align Seasons and Bag Limits for Moose in Unit 15B

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Anchorage Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
For Tuesday, February 9, 2021 via Zoom

1. Meeting was called to order by the chair at 6:10 PM
2. Establish a Quorum, Members present: Martin Weiser, Kevin Taylor, Willow Hetrick, Matt Moore, Neil DeWitt, Bryce Eckroth, Ernie Weiss, Rick Rodgers, Georgeanna Heaverly, Lynette Moreno Hinz, Joel Doner

Members Absent Excused: Tyler Loken, JR Gates

Members Absent Unexcused: Phil Calhoun, Shawna Williams-Buchanan, Jim Nabulsi

3. List of User groups present: None
4. Introduce Fish and Game staff present:
Charity Lehman, Tim Spivey
5. Public present: Scott Crowther
6. Approve the Agenda
Agenda approved unanimously
7. Approve January 14, 2021 minutes.
Minutes approved unanimously
8. Public Testimony
None
9. 40 mile caribou herd update from Jeff Gross, area biologist for the 40 mile herd.
Postponed
10. Old Business

1 Update on AC Elections 2021- Do not foresee any elections prior to Fall 2021 when we can have in person meetings. We will have 10 seats open when the next election occurs.

2 Update on BOF/BOG meetings for 2021-2022. Discuss changes to meeting schedules for 2021-2022.

BOG voted to shift their regular meeting cycle forward one year. The proposals/meetings schedule for this year will occur next year. BOF chose



to double up the meetings for the next cycle even though the Governor's budget is inadequate to support this level of meetings. The Anchorage AC is unanimously opposed to this shift and would prefer that the BOG and BOF follow the same model. We are all volunteers and we do not have unlimited time to commit to reviewing proposals. When meetings are doubled up our AC cannot meet 5 days a week to adequately discuss all of the proposals and review the relevant information. When we signed up to be members of the AC we agreed to the scheduled time commitment that it typically takes. We did not agree to double the workload. Most of us have jobs and family commitments. Doubling up on cycles will place an unfair burden on ACs, F & G staff and the stakeholders. It also goes against the goal of not having a region reviewing proposals for both fish and game in the same cycle.

11. New Business

1. Discuss Reauthorizations of the antlerless moose hunts in our unit: the 20 Mile and JBER hunts which are proposals 177 and 178.

The Anchorage AC voted 10-0 in support of proposal 177.

The Anchorage AC voted 10-0 in support of proposal 178.

12. Adjourn 6:34 PM



Bethel Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2021

ADF&G Office, 6:00 p.m.

Teleconference: 1.800.504.8071 Code: 5432709

CALL TO ORDER: 6:27PM

ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISH QUORUM: Present- Jaimie Kassman, Alissa Nadine Rogers, Robert Lekander, Jerry White, Jon La Valle, Lucinda Alexie, Robert Hoffman, Rafe Johnson; Excused- Henry Kohl, Mike Riley Absent- Thad Tikiun; Left Council (moved)- Benjamin Eisen

INVOCATION: Alissa Nadine Rogers

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Boyd, YDNWR; Bobette Dickerson, ADFG George Weir, Aaron Moses- Subsistence Coordinator YDNWR; Janessa Esquible, ONC Natural Resources Director; Nicholas Smith, ADFG Area Management Biologist Comm. Fish; Ben Gray, ADFG Assistant Area Management Bio Comm; Patrick Jones, Area Wildlife Biologist; Karen Brito, BOS;

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approve; Motion- Robert Hoffman 2nd- Jon La Valle, Question Called, Unanimous

APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 10, 2020: Table; Motion- Alissa Rogers- 2nd John La Valle, Question Called, Unanimous

ADF&G/USFWS Reports: Made in attendance- but not limited to discussion until proposals below.

Elections:

Re-Elected June 30, 2023- Jaimie Kassman (M-Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2nd- John La Valle; Unanimous)

Re-Elected June 30, 2023- Thad Tikiun (M-Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2nd- John LaValle; Unanimous)

Table June 30, 2023- VACANT (M-Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2nd- John LaValle; Unanimous)

Re-Elected June 30, 2022- John LaValle (M- AR, 2nd- JL, Unanimous)

Re- Elected June 30, 2022- Alissa Nadine Rogers (M- Lucinda; 2nd-

Re- Elected June 30, 2022- Henry Hunter (M- AR, 2nd- JL, Unanimous)

Re- Elected June 30, 2022- Robert Lekandar (M- AR, 2nd- JL, Unanimous)

Re- Elected June 30, 2022- Rafe Johnson (M-AR, 2nd- Hoffman, Unanimous)

Chair- Jaimie Kassman (M- John La Valle 2nd- Hoffman, Unanimous)

Vice Chair- Henry Kohl (M- John LaValle 2nd- Hoffman, Unanimous)

Secretary- Alissa Nadine Rogers (M- John LaValle 2nd- Hoffman, Unanimous)

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Moose count/ numbers for 19A.** (*Josh Peirce, ADF&G Wildlife Biologist*)

- **Proposal 181:**

**This issue was discussed and voted on as ACR 1 during the Oct. 3, 2017 Bethel AC meeting prior to*



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it becoming Proposal 165. Members would like to provide additional information to the Bethel AC to consider and discuss/vote on it as Proposal 165. Discussion/comments will be submitted as a Record Copy (RC) to the BOG Southwest/Central meeting Feb. 16-23, 2018 where Prop. 165 will be taken up.

Alaska Board Of Game- 2021

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal
	Number Support	Number Oppose	
181	5 AAC 85.045(a)(16). Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose. Reauthorization of Antlerless Moose in Unit 18:		
			Jones, Area Manager- Retain current regulations for the antlerless moose hunt. Current survey: Total population count of 17,000-20,000 (or more) Moose as of to date- with more to update as we are still conducting surveys on the Yukon. Note: Need more harvest in the lower river where there is amount of 11,500 moose surveyed. If anyone has options or ideas on how to reduce moose populations, please contact Patrick Jones at 543-2433
	6	0	(M- Robert Hoffman, 2 nd - Alissa Nadine Rogers, unanimous)
190	5 AAC 92.015. Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemption. Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Unit 18:		
			Joes, Area Manager- This waives the fee and locking tag to go hunting for brown bear in unit 18.
	6	0	(M- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2 nd - Robert Hoffman, Unanimous)

OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- **Support letter for George River Weir** (Bobette Dickerson, ADFG George River)
Bobette Dickerson, ADFG- Proposing to continue for 4 additional years. It is important because the other weir (tetlawitsik) is no longer operational. This location holds value for run escapement and (M-Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2nd- Robert Hoffman, Unanimous)
- **Discussion Changes to Board Meeting Schedules** (*T. Brito*)
 - February 12-16, 2021; Anchorage
 - BOF: Call for Proposals, extended: May 10, 2021

NEXT MEETING DATE: Call of the Chair, recommended mid-April 2021

ADJOURN

Minutes Approved: Jaimie Kassman, Chairman

Minutes Taken By: Alissa Nadine Rogers, Secretary



Copper Basin Advisory Committee

Date: 12/14/20

Location of Meeting: telephonic

- I. Call to Order: 5:00 PM by Alysia Hancock

- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Alysia Hancock, Chuck McMahan, Brad Henspeter, Jim Odden, Dave Sarafin, Don Horrell, Kirk Wilson, James Horrell

Members Absent (Excused): Lee Adler
Members Absent (Unexcused): Mercedes Knighten, Chris Gene, Nick Jackson, Brad Sinyon, Dave Bruss

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Heidi Hatcher, Troopers McGinnis and Davil, Mark Somerville, Todd Rinaldi, Tracy Hansen

- IV. Guests Present: Gloria Stickwan

- V. Approval of Agenda

- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

- VIII. Public Comment

- IX. Old Business

- X. New Business: Federal Subsistence Fish proposals that affect our area, decide to wait to go over Fish proposals, take action on Central/Southwest and Statewide Game proposals



XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date

XIII. Other

Adjourn 10:56 pm

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January 22-29, 2021 | Wasilla, AK

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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
<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>			
1	Shift to later moose hunting seasons in Units 13 and 14		
oppose	0	8	Moose are in rut past Sept. 20 th . Moose are more accessible and easier to be seen. Are there any studies showing climate change is shifting the rut?
2	Establish registration archery seasons for Dall sheep in Units 9B, 11, 13, 14A, 14B and 16		
oppose	0	8	We are against any special early seasons based on type of equipment being used. There are already enough opportunities to hunt.
3	Open an archery only season for Dall sheep in Units 13, 14A, 14B, and 16		
oppose	0	8	We are against any special early seasons based on type of equipment being used. There are already enough opportunities to hunt.
4	Establish a registration hunt by bow and arrow only for Dall sheep within Units 9, 11, 13A, 13B remainder, 13C remainder, 13D remainder, 14A remainder, 14B, and 16		
oppose	0	8	We are against any special early seasons based on type of equipment being used. There are already enough opportunities to hunt.
5	Establish three archery registration hunts for Dall sheep in Units 9, 11, 13, 14, and 16 where there are general season hunts		
oppose	0	8	We are against any special early seasons based on type of equipment being used. There are already enough opportunities to hunt.
6	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
support	8	0	This is a housekeeping proposal. We like allowing residents to be to take a brown bear if they see one without having to make sure they have a tag with them.
7	Increase bag limit for black bear in Units 13D and 16		



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oppose	0	8	The current limit is 3 black bear. We feel this is enough. Most people don't take more than 1 anyways. There are more baits in unit 13D than anywhere else in the unit and we feel 3 black bears is enough.
8	Shorten coyote trapping season in Units 9, 13, 14B, 16 and 17		
support	8	0	When seasons are aligned it is easier for people to understand. It will prevent by catch of lynx. Take animals when fur still good. In April you need to check more often or you will likely get green belly. It can also become hard to get out on the line to check with break up.
9	Extend the wolf trapping season in Units 13 and 16		
oppose	0	8	Wolves are denning in May. Take animals when fur still good. In April you need to check more often or you will likely get green belly. It can also become hard to get out on the line to check with break up.
10	Allow the harvest of beaver by bow and arrow under a trapping license with salvage requirements in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16		
			See 11
11	Add bow and arrow as legal method of take for beaver in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16		
oppose	0	8	This would be a special provision for archery. There is concern if you don't hit it in the head you are likely to not be able to retrieve the animal. Beaver will dive and good chance of losing it. There was discussion of use of Bow Fishing equipment that has a line attached to make for easier retrieval. We don't allow use of a firearm in unit 13 so why would we allow bow and arrow? Beaver are abundant.
51	Expand the DI454 bison hunt area in Unit 11		
	4	4	<p>Some bison have moved south near McCarthy. It seems to be a localized group now, doesn't appear to be growing in size.</p> <p>If a road hunt were opened for this group then they would definitely not grow and become an established group because this hunt would provide good access to them. They would get killed.</p> <p>The current hunt with the boundaries already provided has good hunter success.</p> <p>In the area they want to expand to you would need a Ahtna permit. What would Ahtna Lands department think about this proposal?</p>



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			<p>This proposal would provide access to a group of bison in an area that has access.</p> <p>Years ago the north end boundary was extended north and the bison did also expanded their range.</p>
52	Repeal the “pre-2018” caribou hunting regulations for Unit 13		
support	8	0	This is a housekeeping proposal to remove 2018 language. We were advised that it should have already been taken out by fish and game.
53	Increase the community subsistence caribou hunt allocation in Unit 13		
oppose	0	8	<p>In 2018 number went from 300 to 400. The history of the hunt is that there has not been harvest in the community hunt more than 300.</p> <p>In the past, in order to give more opportunity when caribou numbers have been high the state allowed for up to 2 caribou to be taken per household instead of the 1 it normally is.</p> <p>There are 44 communities across Alaska utilizing this hunt. Only 16 “locals” were successful out of the 256 harvested.</p> <p>There is plenty of opportunity, we understand wanting to provide opportunity to people who live in 13 but it won’t do this by increasing the allocation.</p>
54	Increase the youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		
oppose	0	8	There is plenty of opportunity already. We do not agree to extend the hunt for 4 more days or any other amount. We acknowledge that a winter hunt has the chance of not opening if quotas are met.
55	Open a registration goat hunt for residents in Unit 13		
oppose	0	8	There is not a large enough population to be sustainable. Goats travel over natural range. Sometime goats do travel down into 13a. They are already being managed well.



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56	Extend the general season for moose by bow and arrow only for residents and nonresidents within Unit 11, remainder		
oppose	0	8	We are against special seasons for special types of equipment. There is enough opportunity now. Moose are still in the rut past Sept. 20.
57	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to certified bowhunters only within Unit 11, remainder		
oppose	0	8	We are against special seasons for special types of equipment. There is enough opportunity now. Moose are still in the rut past Sept. 20.
58	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
support	8	0	This is a important management tool for biologists to use when they need to use it.
59	Increase the community subsistence any bull moose hunt allocation in Unit 13		
oppose	0	8	The bull cow ratio is dropping in most sub units. Biologically we should not be doing this right now. Out of the bulls harvested in this hunt 37 were taken by locals out of the 180 harvested of all bulls. For any bulls 28 were taken by locals out of 94 total harvested.
60	Create a registration archery only hunt for bull moose in Unit 13		
oppose	0	8	We are against special seasons for special types of equipment. Late hunts go into the rut. Any bull is out of the question biologically right now, can't support adding another hunt.
61	Establish a drawing permit hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 13E		
oppose	0	8	We are against special seasons for special types of equipment. Late hunts go into the rut. Any bull is out of the question biologically right now, can't support adding another hunt.
62	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13E		
support	8	0	Unit 13 E is above objective now. 3 years ave. of abundance is up. Harvest is also up. It would be a management tool if needed to be used by biologists. If we don't do something the population will be less productive.



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			Only up to 1 percent if needed, gradually do it, it has to be re authorized every year.
63	Eliminate the restrictions of one harvest report per household and one bag limit per household in the community subsistence caribou hunt for Unit 13		
oppose	0	8	Tier 1 and community hunts are for subsistence. The cap for caribou at 400 won't change, so some households might still not get any caribou if other households take more than one caribou, it will just get to the 400 animal quota sooner. This might increase the number of communities that would want to join this hunt. Same reasons as proposal 53.
64	Eliminate the salvage requirement for hide of moose for Alaska residents aged 60 years and older participating in the community subsistence moose hunt in Unit 13 and make it optional		
oppose	0	8	The community hunt was developed originally by using tradition criteria. We don't want to lessen the requirements that were originally set in place to make this hunt happen. Elders that used to use hides aren't around anymore. Hides are usually cut up so bad you can't use. It was brought up that maybe make this optional for 60+ hunting by themselves, as it is hard to bring out. It was also brought up that age shouldn't be a factor in determining salvage requirements.
65	Eliminate the moose hide salvage requirement for hunters aged 62 years and older participating in the community subsistence moose hunt in Unit 13 and make it optional		
oppose	0	8	The community hunt was developed originally by using tradition criteria. We don't want to lessen the requirements that were originally set in place to make this hunt happen. Elders that used to use hides aren't around anymore. Hides are usually cut up so bad you can't use. It was brought up that maybe make this optional for 60+ hunting by themselves, as it is hard to bring out. It was also brought up that age shouldn't be a factor in determining salvage requirements.



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66	Clarify the Unit 13 Tier I subsistence caribou permit condition that members of a household may not hunt caribou or moose in any other state hunts in other locations		
support	8	0	<p>2020 Proposal to BOG, Unit 13 Tier I Caribou Hunt, Interpretation of Conditions</p> <p>1. Alaska Administrative Code Number: 5 AAC 92.050 (a)(4)(I)</p> <p>2. What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? There is ambiguity in regulatory wording that leads to a lack of agreement and understanding of the regulation. The current interpretation by the department of fish and game (as found in their Subsistence Permit Hunt Supplement) seems to exceed the rule making authority of the board. A regulatory condition of the Unit 13 Tier I subsistence caribou permit states, in part: “any member of the household obtaining a Unit 13 Tier I subsistence permit in a regulatory year for caribou may not hunt caribou or moose in any other location in the state during that regulatory year.” This condition should only apply to state hunts, which are under the authority of the board.</p> <p>The department has interpreted this to include limitations on federal subsistence hunts. Their hunt supplement states: “If you apply for this hunt, you and your household cannot participate in federal hunts for caribou or moose outside of Unit 13”. As the board’s regulatory authority covers state authorized hunts, there is questionable legal validity for the board to place limits on federal subsistence hunt opportunities for which they have no legal control. It would be beyond “the scope of authority conferred” (Chapter 62. Administrative Procedures Act, Sec. 44.62.020, Authority to adopt, administer, or enforce regulations). For the department’s interpretation to be valid and enforceable, it seems that the board would need the authority to regulate federal subsistence hunt opportunities; this authority would need to be delegated by the Federal Subsistence Board.</p> <p>The current interpretation by the department leads to confusion, may lead to unwarranted citations, legal liability, and future law suits, and also seems arbitrary in nature. The purpose of the regulation was to reduce overcrowding and excessive pressure on the resources. Currently, a limited number of federal subsistence hunters do not apply for the Unit 13 Tier I subsistence caribou hunt because they may want to hunt moose outside of Unit 13, perhaps to avoid the crowds that still persist. This</p>



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			<p>relatively low number of additional federal subsistence hunters that could participate in the Unit 13 Tier I hunt would likely have no significant impact to the purpose of reducing excessive crowding and pressure. It is not “reasonably necessary to carry out the purpose of the statute” (Chapter 62. Administrative Procedures Act, Sec. 44.62.030, Consistency between regulation and statute.).</p> <p>In addition, there is inconsistent application by the department of regulations between game and fish. In a very similar manner of regulatory language, 5 AAC 77.591 Copper River Personal Use Dip Net Salmon Fishery Management Plan states, in part: “A household may not be issued both a Copper River subsistence salmon fishing permit and a Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon permit.” Historically, the department has not interpreted this to mean that if one gets a state Chitina Subdistrict personal use salmon fishing permit, then that person would be ineligible for a federal subsistence fishing permit in the Copper River. It is implicit that this condition applies only to the fisheries under the authority of the department.</p> <p>What solution do you recommend? The regulatory condition of the Unit 13 Tier I subsistence caribou permit should read: “No more than one Unit 13 Tier I subsistence permit for caribou may be issued per household every regulatory year, the head of the household, as defined in 5 AAC 92.071 (b), and any member of the household obtaining a Unit 13 Tier I subsistence permit in a regulatory year for caribou may not hunt caribou or moose in any state authorized hunt in any other location in the state during that regulatory year.”</p>
67	Change the salvage requirements for sheep taken in Unit 11		
oppose	0	8	<p>No other area requires bone in for sheep.</p> <p>It is an expedition to do the hunt to begin with, you are limited in gear you can bring with you knowing you need to save room to bring a sheep out (would take even more room if you had to leave bone in)</p>



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			<p>There is a lot of really remote hunting in unit 11, sometimes up to 10 miles round trip hiking taking days to pack an animal out.</p> <p>Front ends on sheep can be skinny on meat and then if you factor a shot up bloody front shoulder, there is often even less edible meat.</p> <p>Even a boned out sheep pack is a very large pack to hike out.</p> <p>Unit 11 hunting pressure is increasing, this may allow for a decrease in hunt pressure with less people wanting to keep sheep bone in for pack out.</p> <p>Pounds = miles</p> <p>It might take a day or two of leaving meat in field until you can get back to bring rest out.</p> <p>We understand that it is difficult to hold people to salvage requirements without bone in requirements, but just because this area has increased hunt pressure shouldn't be the reason to make a bone in requirement.</p>
68	Extend the general season for brown bear by bow and arrow only for residents and nonresidents within Unit 11		
oppose	0	8	We are against special hunts for special equipment. There is no need for this.
69	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13		
oppose	0	8	One brown bear per person is enough. The population has been slowly declining
70	Open a fall baiting season in Unit 13 for brown and black bear		
oppose	0	8	We are very against this. Major user conflict. We don't want baits out while others are hunting. This is a safety issue. There is plenty of opportunity to bait in unit 13 as it is.
71	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Unit 13		



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support	8	0	There is no biological reason not to extend the season a couple more weeks to the end of Feb. It just provides more opportunity to get a wolverine if you are out. Unit 12 is open to shoot till end of March. There is not a lot of wolverine taken in Sept and one would rather take in winter when fur is better.
72	Extend the wolverine trapping season in Unit 13		
			See our proposal 73
73	Extend the wolverine trapping season in Unit 13		
support	8	0	We would like to extend the season to match other trapping seasons in unit 13. Federal Subsistence trapping season ends on Feb. 28 and we would like to match that (but go to end of Feb due to leap years. There is a good chance of incidental catch with other sets out that wolverines could get into. Many rivers are not freezing up until later into Jan/Feb now, so access to some areas is much later. You can shoot wolverine in unit 12 until the end of March. There is no biological reason not to extend the season a couple more weeks to end of Feb.
74	Limit motorized access during the community subsistence moose hunt in Unit 13		
oppose	0	8	This is restrictive, and limits access. The proposal is confusing. In the write up for it says: "Contingent for the success of these regulations the elimination of the community hunt in its entirety." What does that actually mean? Are they wanting to get rid of the hunt all together?
75	Close the Tokositna State Recreation Area in Units 13E and 16A to the use of airboats for hunting		
			We are not familiar with this area to have discussion or vote.
76	Extend the ptarmigan season and the lower bag limit in Unit 13B and 13E		
oppose	0	8	We have a good happy median now to manage the population. If you take into March you take birds who will provide for the population next year. The management now is working fine.
77	Open a youth only hunt for ptarmigan in Unit 13, August 10-24		
oppose	0	8	We are against special hunts. Youth definitions are not consistent. There is plenty of opportunity now.



Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Alysia Hancock _____
Minutes Approved By: ___Chuck McMahan___
Date: _____1/26/21_____



**Craig Fish and Game Advisory Committee
February 25, 2021
Teleconference**

I. Call to Order: 6:06

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Dave Creighton, Mike Kampnich, Chuck Haydu, Kirk Agnitsch, Joel Steenstra,
Mike Douville, Brian Castle, Ellen Hannan

Members Absent (Excused): Kurt Whitehead, Fred Hamilton, Raymond Douville,

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present:

III. Approval of Agenda:

IV.

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From February 24, 2020 meeting

VI. Fish and Game Staff Present: Ross Dorendorf, Craig Schwanke

VII. Guests Present:

VIII. Old Business:

Comments on 2/24 meeting.

Follow up on rockfish data that might be easier to interpret.

Follow up on subsistence fishing options for Port St. Nicholas and Port Asumcion

IX. New Business:

Wolf sealing AR for the Board of Game meeting March 18.

One of which is an agenda change request proposal 194 (A&R) that Fish & Game proposed for the sealing period of wolves harvested in Unit 2. The A&R would establish a 7-day sealing period for all wolves harvested within Unit 2.

The rationale for a 7-day sealing period is to obtain more precise information on when wolves are removed from the population to improve accuracy and precision of the population estimate. Removing the 14-day sealing period in 2019 had the unforeseen consequence of eliminating that source of information for the estimate.



Ross Dorendorf presented on the background of the sealing period. It used to be a 14 day sealing time period with an Emergency Order to close the season. When the wolf season changed to a set season, the sealing period went to within 30 days of the end of the season. If there is a 7 day sealing time, then the data will be more accurate for the wolf population estimate using the hairboards, since the hairboards are checked every 7 days. Then any wolf that is harvested can be accurately determined when it was taken and be reflected in the data used for the population estimate. This would put our best foot forward on the population estimate. This will also demonstrate that ADFG is doing all it can to accurately determine the wolf population and prevent a ESA (Endangered Species Act) determination.

Mike Douville asked when hairboard samples are sent in. At the conclusion of the season, usually in January. He also questioned then why is 7 day sealing needed. Hairboard season is usually October 1- December 15, to avoid bears and snow.

Dave Creighton asked about a call in option for trappers who might be out longer than 7 days. That is not an option in this AR but it has been done with Douglas Island wolves. (Call in reporting is required within 48 hours and sealing within 5 days.)

Mike Douville supports sealing within 7 days of the end of the season.

Brian Castle asked about a 14 day sealing period.

Dave Creighton asked if this is way going to lead to misinformation on sealing. He sees the 7 day sealing as the lesser of two evils, rather than ESA listing

Ross Dorendorf stated USFWS 90 day finding is due this spring and there will probably be a full assessment for the ESA. The full assessment takes about a year.

Brian Castle asked if the threat of a ESA will stay with us forever.

Ross Dorendorf said he is not sure of that but there has not been a ESA listing in three tries.

Ellen Hannan would support a 7 day sealing period with an option to call in the take of a wolf harvest if out of town trapping and unable to get in.

Ross Dorendorf suggested we have someone call into the meeting.

Brian Castle asked if wolf season could start later so there is less conflict with deer and hair boards. He said our support was for wolf trapping season to align for all lands but not start on November 15.

Mike Douville said that there is better trapping earlier than later and not using snares reduces deer conflict.

Mike Douville made the motion to accept the ADFG AR proposal 194 as written with Mike Kampnich second. Mike Douville does not support the proposal.

Roll call vote:

Dave Creighton- Yes

Mike Kampnich- No

Chuck Haydu- Yes, with comments

Kirk Agnitsch- Yes, with comments

Joel Stenstra- No

Brian Castle- Yes, with comments

Ellen Hannan- Yes, with comments

5 Yes, 3 No. Motion carries. Comments are the option to call in a wolf harvest if out of the sealing area.



Mike Douville stated he does not see the value of a 7 day sealing from time of harvest but does support sealing 7 days after the season closes. (With all the samples going in at the end of the season.)

Ellen Hannan volunteered to call in for the March 18 meeting.

Follow up on Saint Nicholas and Port Asumcion subsistence.

Brian Castle asked Ross Dorendorf about preference points for the Big Game Hunt Permit Draws. Chuck Haydu supported the question. Ross will follow up with information on the draw permits. Concern over non residents have equal or more opportunities to draw. Questions about non resident success on draws. Of the three Ketchikan Goat Hunts there were only 2-3 non residents.

7:13pm Motion to adjourn seconded and accepted.

Adjournment: 7:13pm

Minutes Recorded By: Ellen Hannan

Minutes Approved By:

Date: _____



**Delta Junction Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 20, 2021
Teleconference**

I. Call to Order: 6:00 PM by Carl Taylor

II. Roll Call:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carl Taylor – Chair

Rusty Craig – Vice Chair

Paul Dudgeon - Secretary

Jacob White

Alan Waldo

Earl McNabb

Vern Aiton - Absent

Ross Baker - Absent

Robert Mathews

Tisha Kennel - Absent

Jeff Lipscomb

ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Don Bunselmeier

Tim Webb

Don Quarberg

Tony Williams

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 needed, 11 present

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the Nov 2020 meeting were approved

V. Comments from the public. None

VI. Correspondence None



- VII. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brandy Baker, Bob Schmidt , Clint Cooper, Tony Hollis, Mark Nelson, and Nissa Pilcher
- VIII. Guests Present: None
- IX. Old Business:
- X. New Business:
 - a. ADF&G Staff Update
 - Brandy Baker: Public Stocking Plans are out, Public comments are welcome
 - b. Bob Schmidt: emailed stats out, discussed the Moose Survey, moose bull to cow ratio is down, plan to increase number of antlerless tags
Caribou survey complete for Macomb Plateau herd.
Sheep harvest lower than normal.
Bison Range roller chopping completed looking at plans to burn Spruce islands.
Bison Harvest total: 55 (31 Bulls/24 Cows)
 - c. Tony Hollis: discussed moose surveys in 20 A/B
Sheep survey down this year



d. Board of Game Proposal discussion

183	Oppose	AYE: 4 NAY: 6 ABST: 1	Opposed due to the amount of antlerless tags issued in 20A east.
184	Support	AYE: 7 NAY: 2 ABST: 2	
185	Support	AYE: 10 NAY:1 ABST: 0	
189	Support	AYE: 11 NAY: 0 ABST: 0	

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Date: _____

Minutes Recorded By _____ Paul Dudgeon
Minutes Approved By: _____



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
2/10/2021 Meeting Minutes
Teleconference/Zoom meeting

I. Call to Order: Chair at 6:35PM

II. Roll Call:

	<u>CHAIR</u> Kirk Schwalm	<u>VICE-CHAIR</u> Mark Richards	<u>SECRETARY</u> Mark Oppe	Jeff Lucas	Gale Vick	Mike Quinn	Mike Tinker	John Wisniewski
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Absent							x	
Abs/Excused								
	Levi Lewellyn	John Siegfried	Richard Doering	Warren Guichici	Mike Bryan	Mike Kramer	Chuck Derrick	Virgil Umphenour (alternate)
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent								
Abs/Excused								

III. Introduction of Guests: Pat McGraw, Jen Wing, Tim La Mar, Amy Wiita, Karen Brewster, Danny Caudill, AJ Wait (DNR), Nikki Potter, Erin Julianus, Chuck Pinckney (BLM), Heather Scannell, Al Barrette (BOG), Sue Magee, Dave Kilbourn, Mike Brase, Larry Van Daele (BOG)

Fish & Game Staff Present: Jessalynn Rintala, Klaus Wuttig, Tony Hollis, Chrissy Gleason, Trooper Eyester, Deena Jallen

IV. Comments

Chair Comments: After January meeting there were some concerns regarding decorum and civility. Just a reminder to keep this in mind.

Vice Chair: none

Trapping: none

Game: need to determine a date for subcommittee meeting

Fish: subcommittee meeting 2/25 at 6PM. Motion to have BOF take up hatchery proposals this year rather than putting off to next year will be discussed.



AC Member Comments: none

Public Comments: none

V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: approval of Jan. 13, 2021 minutes by unanimous consent

VI. Approval of Agenda: approved as amended by unanimous consent

VII. Old Business: none

VIII. New Business:

F&G Staff Reports: Trooper Eyester reports Steese Fortymile hunt calm right now. Few animals present. Two pending cases regarding interference with tracking wounded animals. Klaus Wuttig reports that BOF will double up proposal cycles next year. Only proposals that have sunset clauses will be addressed this year.

Chrissy Gleason reports that 2020 Yukon & Tanana salmon runs for all species were among lowest on record. 4 year old summer chum age class seemed to be missing. 4 year old coho numbers were also very low. Norton Sound/Nome/Kotzebue numbers were all low. Dillingham numbers were near average. No escapement goals for fall chum except Delta River were met. Whitefish run was very good, and helped with subsistence needs in Yukon and Tanana drainages. Mike Kramer would like to know if there are theories on causes of 4 year old chum and coho declines. This may have been marine causes, but has not yet been determined. Preliminary data shows chum numbers should increase over next two years. 2016 river conditions (temperature and high water) do not seem to have been a factor in 2020 4 year old return. Mike Kramer asked if the department will look at effects of hatchery fish and overgrazing on return numbers. There is some research being conducted on this, but no results yet.

Deena Jallen reports that summer season Yukon chum and chinook were late, but king numbers at Pilot Station initially showed numbers in line with pre-season forecasts. Some subsistence fishing was allowed. By mid-season numbers were very low and escapement to Canada was not met. Various projects to determine causes for this are under way. Aerial surveys also did not get completed due to COVID restrictions. Chum numbers were also below 10 year average, but within escapement goal. Pre-season meeting will take place in April to discuss management strategies for 2021 season. Mark Richards would like to know estimates on unreported harvest for upper Yukon fish. Estimates are approximately 30,000 missing fish at Eagle. Reported harvests were in line with department expectations, with difficult water conditions. Enforcement trips during 2020 season did not find significant illegal harvest. Al Barrette would like to know depth that water temperature is measured at. This varies by location but is likely mostly surface temperature. Mike Kramer would like to know how department identifies upper Yukon kings at Pilot Station and confidence in this number. Nets at Pilot Station are various mesh sizes and has been refined over the years. Gale Vick wants to clarify that 30,000 missing fish are Canadian stock and would like to know about American stocks. Deena Jallen says there isn't enough precision in genetic profiles to determine many Alaska stocks. Mike Kramer would like to know Chena and Salcha chinook escapement. Salcha count was not done in 2020 due to funding.



Chena only had 17 days of counts due to flooding.

- **DNR Quartz Lake Trail Issue:** AJ Wait (DNR) addressed concerns over trail easements at Quartz Lake. These would not be non-motorized, but would prohibit highway vehicles. Trails were constructed by parks in early 2000s. Al Barrette would like to know about firearm discharge restrictions along the trails. DNR does not typically deal with weapons restrictions, but this may be done by parks. There has been no request for restrictions at this time. If the trails are put under jurisdiction of state parks, Al Barrette is concerned that they could restrict weapons. AJ Wait states that trails will remain as general state land and will only be maintained by parks. Amending trail easements to restrict weapons would require additional public notice if it would even be allowable.
- **Discuss BLM Central Yukon RMP Follow-up Discussion**

Mike Kramer expressed concern over access issues if Dalton Hwy corridor is turned over to DNR. Mark Richards would like to know if there is a plan for top-filed 5150 lands if they are returned to the state. Sue Magee (state ANILCA coordinator) states that BLM is considering lifting PLO on lands in question. DNR would need to reassess which parcels they want and let BLM know in order for them to become valid state selections. The main change would be in subsistence priority. Restrictions on corridor access, firearms, etc. would remain in place. Chuck Pinckney clarified that state selections would be prioritized for conveyance after lifting of PLO. It appears most likely that this would be the existing corridor. On state land, federal subsistence priority would no longer apply. Kirk Schwalm would like to know how the change in administrations will affect this process. This is not yet clear. It is possible that the Biden administration will have a new/different preferred alternative. Al Barrette also questions likelihood of new Interior Secretary conveying land to the state. Tim La Marr (BLM) states that there have been 7 public meetings on the proposed RMP over the last 2 weeks. He concurs with Sue Magee's and Chuck Pinckney's assessment of the status of this plan. BLM has not yet received any direction from the new administration, but it would not be unusual for new direction to come within the next month or two. Mark Richards believes that the Biden administration will definitely change direction. He would also like to know what the state's current plan for the lands in question are. Sue Magee clarifies that the state only has 5 million acres of remaining land selections. All of the 5150 lands have been top-filed, but it is too early to say what the state's priorities will be. Mark Richards believes that it is impossible for the public to comment on this plan without knowing what the state will do if the lands are conveyed. Amy Wiita (ADF&G) states that F&G would manage land on conveyed lands based on sustained yield, the same as all other state lands. Chuck Pinckney states that these lands are the highest priority lands the state has remaining for selection. New North Slope Area Plan will cover part of this area and includes management intent for sheep habitat. Other state land management plans have similar provisions. Mark Richards would like to know when state comments on the BLM plan will be available to the public and if it will be before the comment deadline. Sue Magee does not know if it will be public before comment deadline, but the state will definitely be commenting on the plan. Tim La Marr states that BLM is looking for comments that contain new information and concerns to be addressed in an appendix or supplemental report.



- **WACH working group update from Dave Kilbourn:** Meeting took place by conference call in December. Caribou count has not changed based on census in 2019. No census was completed in 2020. There is a census planned for 2021. After several years of decline, the herd appears to be holding steady and management will continue to be conservative. Harvest goal will remain 10-14,000 animals. There was discussion of changes in herd migration patterns. Very few animals south of the Kobuk or on Seward Peninsula. No significant discussion of the Ambler road or other development projects. There was discussion of increased federal subsistence designation on North Slope/Point Lay area due to local concerns about out of state hunters. No decision was reached on this, but Dave Kilbourn stated that he was not in favor of new federal subsistence areas. Kirk Schwalm asked about RC907. Dave Kilbourn stated that in 2019 85% of animals harvested on this permit were local. 724 animals were reported, but compliance is questionable. Mark Richards asked for clarification of current herd size. It is estimated at 244,000 +/- 30,000 animals. Mark Richards states that RHAK will not support a wildlife special action request for the WACH to create a new federal subsistence area. Al Barrette states that reported harvest indicates continued low compliance and wonders why this was not a concern for the working group. This is a known issue and should be an enforcement priority. Dave Kilbourn states that there seemed to be little interest in this. Mike Quinn asked for clarification on federal vs. state permits for WACH hunts. There is not generally a separate permit for federal hunts. Motion by Mike Quinn for the AC to write a letter in opposition to wildlife special action request for creation of federal subsistence priority in absence of biological need covering the WACH. Seconded by Mike Bryan. Motion passed by unanimous consent.
- **Board Appointment Discussion:** Gale Vick believes that the AC has already made a decision on the pending appointments. Mark Richards does not support additional guides being appointed to the BOG. Chuck Derrick believes commercial interests will oppose appointment of Mackenzie Mitchell to BOF. He has been waiting for the House to organize before contacting legislators. The AC voted to support Mackenzie Mitchell's appointment in May; motion to support John Jensen at the May meeting failed. Mike Kramer states that historically the AC has taken a limited approach to supporting board members, and suggests that we continue that approach. Gale Vick concurs with Mike Kramer on this question. Virgil Umphenour also agrees with Mike Kramer. Mark Richards states that he would like the AC to have a discussion about balance on the BOG & makes a motion to support Stosh Hoffman's reappointment; seconded by Gale Vick. Al Barrette reminds the AC that Lynn Keogh has a voting record on the BOG that can be referred to in order to judge his support for Fairbanks AC proposals. Chuck Derrick states that John Jensen has consistently opposed the Fairbanks AC. Motion to support Hoffman nomination passed by unanimous consent.
- **GMU 20 Antlerless Moose & Tag Fee Exemption (RE)Authorization vote:** Tony Hollis reports that 2021 20A antlerless moose hunts will be the same as last year. Twinning rates remain under 20%. Would like to limit cow harvest to 1% or less of 20A moose population. 20B will also remain the same as last year. 50 of 62 cows harvested in 20B were in the Fairbanks Management Area and Richardson Highway; 11 in Minto



Flats. Mark Richards would like to know what other ACs plan to do regarding antlerless moose plans. Delta opposes antlerless hunts in 20A. Al Barrette would like to know if potlatch hunts are factored into antlerless harvest allowances. Tony Hollis states that he factors in a buffer for potlatch harvest. Mark Richards makes motion to support 20A and 20B antlerless reauthorization proposals 183 & 184; seconded by Virgil Umphenour.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Proposal 189 & 190 brown bear tag exemptions have historically been supported by Fairbanks AC. Virgil Umphenour makes a motion to support the proposals; seconded by Mike Quinn. Motion passed by unanimous consent.

- **Discuss Relevant Pending Legislation:** Mark Richards would like to suggest the AC support repeal of termination date of the IM surcharge. Al Barrette states that IM surcharge was intended to cover department costs not eligible for Pittman-Robertson funds, but has been used for other types of projects. This is not what the legislature intended it for. Mark Richards disagrees; surcharge was intended to cover surveys, population data, etc. These are eligible for PR matching funds. Al Barrette states that the 2016 license fee increases were intended to increase PR matching funds. This is a separate issue from killing wolves and bears for intensive management. Kirk Schwalm states that the surcharge money is there if/when the department needs to conduct IM and can be reallocated if IM is not being conducted. Al Barrette suggests that the surcharge could be handled like tag fee exemption, with annual reauthorizations. Mark Richards makes motion to support SB 22; seconded by Mike Quinn. Motion passes by unanimous consent.

SB 44 (establishing personal use fish priority). Motion by Virgil Umphenour to support SB 44; seconded by Gale Vick. Kirk Schwalm states that Fairbanks AC has always supported this concept. Motion passes by unanimous consent.

HB 50 (allow municipalities to regulate trapping within their boundaries). Kirk Schwalm states that the state has always held that this is regulated by the BOG and cannot be regulated by municipalities. Al Barrette states that this died in the previous legislature and has been reintroduced. In theory, municipalities would be able to regulate who can trap and might prohibit non-local trappers within their boundaries. This could affect huge areas of the state given the size of some municipalities. Motion by Mark Richards to oppose HB 50; seconded by Mike Quinn. Motion passes by unanimous consent.

Gale Vick states that she has concerns over shellfish bill and that it needs a lot of discussion. She could not support it as it stands at this time and would like to defer it to the subcommittee for discussion.

BOG/BOF Decisions and further discussion: Mark Richards would like to ask if the BOG plans to double up proposal cycle next year like the BOF. Larry Van Daele (BOG) states that they will shift the entire cycle to next year and will not double up. They will decide at March 18th meeting whether or not to consider new proposals before meetings next year. The BOG will consider all antlerless hunts and tag exemptions, along with Prince of Wales island wolf sealing and Kenai moose ACRs in March.

Based on BOG shifting cycle to next year, Mark Richards suggests game subcommittee does not need to schedule a meeting at this time. Jeff Lucas agrees.

Mike Kramer is disappointed that the BOG will shift their cycle to next year and hopes that the



BOF will not do the same.

Mike Kramer makes a motion for BOF to consider hatchery proposals and impact on wild salmon stocks in 2021. Virgil Umphenour states that there are several hatchery proposals have been submitted. Gale Vick states that there needs to be an update on the science of what is happening in Prince William Sound before the BOF addresses hatchery proposals. Mike Kramer clarifies that we should support hatchery protocol meetings before the BOF takes action on hatchery proposals. Motion seconded by Gale Vick. Motion passes by unanimous consent.

Other: none

IX. Adjourn: Chair at 9:57PM

Minutes Recorded by Mark Oppe



Grayling Anvik Shagaluk Holy Cross Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

February 4, 2021

Teleconference

Members Present Shirly Clark & Rich Freireich, Grayling
 Ken Chase & Nathan Elswick, Anvik
 Chevie Roach, Shageluk
 David Walker & Eugen Paul Holy Cross
 Bruce Werba, Undesignated

Members Absent; Roger Hamilton Jr

Guests Present

Serena Fitka (YRDFA), Bruce Irvine (TCC), Jeff Demientieff (Holy Cross), Alfred Demientieff (Holy Cross), Kathy Chase (Holy Cross), Jeremy Havner (FWS)

ADF&G Staff Present; Josh Peirce, DWC; Deena Jallen & Christy Gleason, DCF; Nissa Pilcher, BDS

Meeting called to order 6:05

Proposed agenda addition – Eugene would like to add to election of undesignated seat and officer election to the agenda. Boards noted that if the AC wanted to discuss officer elections, no notice was needed but elections could not be held for the undesignated seats at this meeting due to lack of notice, and that the intent of the AC was to hold elections for this seat at the next face to face meeting. Further discussion was held on the election process, how community involvement at AC meetings and elections can be very different depending on the community and the agenda topics. AC members would like a clear, laid out election process in place when the elections are held at the next face to face meeting, and that the current seat holder, Bruce, was not appointed to the seat, but elected.

It was noted that for the undesignated seat that any resident over 18 who attends the meeting can vote for the undesignated seat at the next face to face election meeting.

There was no formal motion to add officer elections to the agenda during this discussion.

Minutes approved.

Chair Report/AC Members Questions and Concerns

Western Interior RAC is seeking nominations, and there is no voice for this area on that committee any longer. The chair requested that anyone that was interested should apply to serve on the council, and that the deadline to apply is February 15th.



Ken also noted that he would like to receive a Bison Report, which the Department gave;

Josh Peirce was given a brief update by Tom Seaton to present to the AC. Slight decrease of animals in the herd last two years, but this winter has been much better. Deep snow and freezing rain were factors in the last two years, but this winter is mild and less snow, so hopeful that this weather will stay mild and the bison will have a good calving year. Seems like the herd is getting established and comfortable with the landscape and the bison really have started to figure out where they need to be in the winters to survive better.

Chair report cont – Concerned about the lampreys; noted that for the last couple years we haven't gotten them, and the commercial harvest seemed really large and it was alarming in the past. Would really like to see more studies on their behavior and population since there are still subsistence uses of this fish so we don't eliminate them with commercial use.

Christy Gleason noted that UAF and FWS are working on tagging study on lampreys, so there may be some more information coming.

It was noted that last year there was an odd year, the ice was bad and weather was warm so unsure if the lampreys were missed or if they didn't show up in the numbers that the communities are used to seeing.

Members requested information on the male/female ratio of the commercially harvested lampreys to see if the harvest has done any damage to the population

Bruce – interested in muskox information

Josh Peirce noted that there is now a resident herd near Kalskag, the herd is established and hopefully growing, and the herd is in 21E and 19A both. Diet of the musk ox asked about- they are not competing for food with the bison which was the concern of the members.

Ken asked Department about the registration permits in 21A. Department noted that there has been good reporting in the past but this year there has not been; the reports documents the GASH communities subsistence needs for moose, and this effects allocation at future Board of Game meetings. Also, if you don't report you can't get the permit next year so it is really important to report on the permit even if you don't end up using it. If you can help spread the word in the communities to please get in your reports.

Chevie noted that there is not a postmaster in Shageluk and hasn't been for quite some time, so people aren't getting their mail and aren't able to send any either, except once a month when someone comes in from Aniak. Was interested to see what other technological advances there could be to make reporting easier.

Josh replied that if you can call the McGrath office and we will gladly take your report, and you are also able to report online (it was noted that due to the mail issue that the overlays for Shageluk got lost in the mail and never made it to be entered so this was not an option for those residents)



Board of Game and Fisheries Cycle Update

Nissa gave an overview of what the BOG/BOF had decided to do with the 2020-2021 Cycle. The antlerless moose proposal and the brown bear tag exemption fee would be taken up, but not any of the other proposals including the ones submitted by this AC to the Statewide meeting. They would be taken up next year. The Board of Fisheries were also currently accepting fisheries proposals and would hold double meetings depending on double funding being given.

Staff Update - Wildlife

Josh noted that quite a bit of the planned update was already gone over with earlier questions, but gave an update on moose. There is a new winter antlerless hunt on the books that the GASH AC voted to support last year. There are two permits currently- residents can get either the state or the federal permit but the federal permit limits you to only utilizing federal lands, and that it was only open for those that had not successfully harvested a moose in the fall season.

The AC asked about the FTR list; reporting is required, or you wouldn't not be eligible the next year for the hunt, and there is a short reporting window since the hunt is operated on a quota. Additional questions were on who was eligible for the hunt – it was noted that all Alaska residents were eligible for the state hunt but that since the hunt area is well off of the road system, nonlocals were not expected to participate much in this hunt, and Ken noted that private and federal lands were also closed to nonlocals. Question asked about the corridor along the river still being off limits – Department noted that the AC decided to not request that corridor closure because there are a lot of moose on the islands and that is exactly where the animals need to be taken – over browsing the islands is a concern, and it was clarified what the bag limit was for the hunt, that you cannot take a cow with a calf.

This is the first year so we will see how it goes and if it needs to be changed we can go from there.

Proposal 187 – Reauthorize antlerless moose season in Unit 21E

Members noted it would be nice if they could vote on this after this winter hunt was done so that they could see how this hunt went, but there isn't time to that, and Josh noted that the Department has a lot of ability to change the hunt as needed and if it doesn't go well at all then have a lot of leeway to make changes in order that the hunt, which alleviated concerns.

Members asked about being able to take more bulls in the fall to help with the population since they seem to be eating themselves out of house and home, including potentially upping the nonresident drawing hunt amount. Josh noted that there is already a pretty liberal state season, could extend the season dates (resident hunt) or increase drawing hunt numbers, but could run into crowding issues as we heard at the last meeting.

Rich – would like to commend you for your efforts on the moose, and thank you for clarifying the regulations, also noted that the boats coming down from Fairbanks were nearly nonexistent with the pandemic this year



Unanimous Support (8-0)

Proposal 189 – Reauthorize resident Brown Bear tag fee exemptions in the Interior

Shirly noted that bear skins make really good leather

Unanimous Support (8-0)

There are other proposals that the AC was planning on taking up at this meeting, but since the Board of Game has deferred them we would like to take them up in person when we meet next during the next cycle.

Staff Update – Fisheries

Summer Season Update given

AC Comment – would like to see more patrolling on the river, there was large mesh being used at night (Department noted that if you can let us know about that in season then we can get enforcement there to help)

YR DFA Serena Fitka introduced herself and let everyone know about YRDFAs schedule and let the AC know who was at the last meeting to represent the area. Question asked about how the next meeting would be held – potentially in person, or potentially teleconference. If teleconference, then having ‘district’ meetings will be considered to help with that. Fishery disaster request was submitted for last year, it is in the Governors office and we are waiting to hear back from him.

Fall Season Update given

Rich – fishing was pretty bad for salmon, the fall chum we did get seemed like they were inferior quality, sort of like they were cooked. Did anyone else on the river note that?

Department note that should have caught more 5yo, which would have been larger fish, but noted that others had said the opposite that the fish looked better later in the season than normal

David – any studies being done on the Fukushima nuclear accident

Department – CDC does tests on this annually, and there has not been any concerning results in the last 5 years. Will get the most recent results and email them to you.

Federal Issues

Fisheries – Currently fisheries proposals are out, nothing in your area.

AC asked about federal enforcement – FWS noted that due to the Sturgeon case that the federal enforcement had been asked to stand down they believed so they wouldn’t be able to offer state enforcement any assistance, but to be sure federal enforcement would need to be asked specifically that.



Game – noted that with the change in administration that unsure of when the call for proposals for game will happen, but should be this fall.

Discussion of the potential to joint the federal and state winter moose hunt into a shared permit.

With the individual permit right now hunters need to have one permit for state lands and a different permit for federal lands. Both need to be reported on. There would be a joint quota, and overall goal for winter hunt for both state and federal would be for 40 moose and the current federal season isn't coming close to that quota which is why the state season was opened, to allow people to hunt on both federal and state land.

Concerns talked about would be if nonlocals started utilizing the hunt, that the hunts could have different dates. It was noted that GMU has a bag limit of 2 moose so it will probably be unlikely that many from that unit will come over here for the winter hunt since their needs are being met there.

It was noted that the state and the federal system have different proxy hunting regulations, and that the federal system is easier for most to use.

The AC clarified that this move would take an action of the FSB, and that while the call for proposals was expected this spring, it had yet to come out, and they didn't want to see anyone from any of the 4 communities not be able to participate if they still had yet to get a moose.

The AC did not choose to take action on this potential proposal idea at this time.

Meeting Adjourned after 8 pm

Minutes approved by Ken Chase

Minutes
Icy Straits Advisory Committee Reactivation Meeting
5:00 p.m. January 11, 2021
Teleconference

Phone Number: 1-800-504-8071
Access Code: 4654046

I. Call to Order: 5:07

II. Attendance:

AC Members:

- Casey McConnell, Chair (Hoonah)
- Bob Hughes, Vice Chair (Hoonah)
- Jeff Skaflestad (Hoonah)
- Faith Grant (Hoonah)
- Bill Miller (Hoonah)
- Aaron StClair (Hoonah)
- Calvin Casipit (Gustavus)
- Fagan Skaflestad (Hoonah)
- Andy Savland (Hoonah)
- Bill Mills (Hoonah)
- Ken Meserve (Hoonah)
- Mark Ortega (Gustavus)
- Elected: Ian Johnson (Hoonah)

Voting eligible persons with primary residence of Hoonah:

- Ian Johnson (Hoonah)

Non-voting members of public:

Fish and Game Staff Present:

- Daniel Teske, ADF&G Sport Fish biologist
- Steve Bethune, ADF&G Sitka
- Roy Churchwell, ADF&G Juneau

III. Approval of Agenda (Moved Ken Meserve)

IV. Approval of November 18, 2020 minutes (Moved Ken Meserve)

V. Election of Hoonah-designated Seat (expiring June 2021)

- a. Ian Johnson nominated
- b. Passes with unanimous consent



- VI. **Officer Elections for Secretary/Scribe** (Only AC Members can nominate and vote in officer elections)
- a. Secretary/Scribe
 - i. Ian Johnson nominated as secretary
 - ii. Ian Johnson voted secretary with unanimous consent
 - b. Minutes approver
 - c. Casey Nominates self – Jeff 2nds
- VII. **Board of Game Proposal 174 Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C**
- a. Presentation (Roy Churchwell)
 - b. Motion to support Proposal (Calvin Casipit)
 - c. Fails 7-6
- VIII. **Develop plan for submitting AC comments for 2020-2021 Board of Fisheries cycle proposals**
- a. **Committees/Groups:**
 - i. King Salmon
 - ii. Enhancement and Special Harvest Areas -
 - iii. Commercial Salmon
 - iv. Personal Use/Sport/Subsistence
 - v. Herring
 - vi. Shrimp and Miscellaneous
 - vii. Crab
 - viii. Groundfish
 - b. David K Harris will send “Handy Dandies” to Icy Straits AC Members
 - c. Members will decide which groups to review proposals by next meeting
- IX. **HR 8828 Public Safety & Wildlife Protection Act (Mark Ortega)**
- a. Available at: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/8828/text>
 - b. Motion for Mark Ortega to draft letter for Feb 15th meeting. No opposition.
- X. **Other Business**
- a. Next meeting date : Feb 15th 5:00 p.m. – moved by Fagan
- XI. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 7:00

Minutes Recorded By: Annie Bartholomew, DFG Boards Support

Minutes Approved By: Icy Straits AC

Date: 2/15/2020



Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee
2/3/20 – 5:30 pm
Virtual – Zoom Teleconference
Draft Minutes

- I. Call to Order: 5:35 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) 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).

Members Absent Michael Cole (Alternate), Chris Miller (Commercial Fishing)
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: See above.

Fish and Game Staff Present:
Dave Harris (ADFG Commercial Fish),
Annie Bartholomew (ADFG Board Support),
Roy Churchwell (ADFG)

- III. Guests Present:
Chris Zimmer, Rivers Without Borders
Don Habenger Member of the public
Zach Decker, Hunting Representative
Heather Brandon: Recreational user in Southeast

- IV. Approval of Agenda
By Unanimous Consent

- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
Delayed until next meeting.

- VI. Reports



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

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

ELECTIONS:

Motion:

Ed Buyarski moved and Melanie Brown 2nd "Officers will remain in place for one year because of COVID. We will hold elections next year."

Passed by unanimous consent.

MEETING CYCLE

The AC did not take a position on the meeting cycle.

Discussion:

Annie Bartholomew reported Board of Game decided that they will postpone everything by year.

Board of Fish decided to postpone everything this year until next year and try to combine meetings that were previously scheduled for next year with the meetings that are being postponed.

Southeast Meeting could be early as the fall and as late as winter 2022. The Boards of Fish and Game will decide on March 8th. The deadline for comments on proposals will be two weeks prior to what they occur.

Nicholas Orr and Jesse Walker: We need to get through proposals. We should do it as soon as possible rather than weigh in on the deadline. This is out of our control.

The AC did not take a position on the comment deadline.

TULESQUAH CHIEF MINE UPDATE/DISCUSSION



Motion:

Thatcher: "I move that a small working group puts together a letter or resolution and brings it forward to the next JDAC meeting for approval." Ed 2nd.

Passed by unanimous consent.

Atlin, Forest, Kevin, Terry will be on the subcommittee to draft the letter.

Discussion:

Chris Zimmer: BC government realized that the Tulsequah Chief mine was not viable. Let's clean it up and be done with it. Last year BC offered a cleanup plan.

Bankruptcy of the last mine owner will be settled in 2022. No one is interest in buying it. Huge liability.

BC is working on getting some clean up done. This season studies. Next year they will likely clean up.

We need to make sure BC is doing the correct thing if we want a plan with a timeline and to see more transparency. The Alaska Governor, Legislature and delegation needs to keep the pressure on BC and there is an opportunity for the Juneau Douglas Fish and Game Advisory Committee to ask for this.

Terry W: Should Alaska be willing to pay for cleanup.

Chris Z: The company is on the hook for the cleanup. Polluter pays and tax funds from BC could help. Do not want to offer that Alaska pays for the cleanup.

Melanie B: Is there language in resolution regarding need for regulatory overall?

Chris Z: I think it make sense to keep Tulsequah chief separate and not to involve other entities.

Chris M: Do we want to put pressure on the BC government to use the existing water treatment plant?

Chris Z: I know it is on the table, but not sure where that stands. It could be operated.

Chris Z: There are water quality standards and we need to force BC to follow its own laws. Not easy to do. The Tulsequah river is above water quality standards.

Jesse W: Are the pollutants reaching the Taku river?



Chris Z: They are getting into the Taku, but are diluted. Taku is not above water quality standards. Where do the heavy metals go? Track down the left side of the river?

Kevin M: How has the JDAC weighed in the past?

Chris Z: The AC has been very helpful in the past with resolutions, meetings, ect.

Chris Z: We need to keep up the pressure on the BC government.

Mike B: I support something, but since we do not know the extent of the impact, I do not know how much we want to put to it.

Chris Z: There are a lot of unknowns.

Chris M: Can you discuss what is going on with the Polaris mine?

Chris Z: There are a number of projects in the area. There is the Big Bull mine on the Taku. The cleanup could include both mines. Tulsequah first and Big Bull next. New Polaris mine is complicating factor. It would have arsenic in it. They would need 100 barge loads up the river in the season to make it viable. No way they are going to get that many barges up there. It does look like New Polaris is making a new go out of it. Planning to refine on site.

Thatcher B: What can we do as an AC?

Chris Z: You can write a letter or resolution that would be addressed to Governor, Congressional Delegation, and State Representatives.

Mike B: Have you contacted sport and personal use fishermen?

Chris Z: Yes.

Forest B: I think we should continue to push federal angle.

Chris Z: Yes. Federal angle is important.

Chris Z: I can send you the generic resolution and that will be a good starting point.



Alaska Board of Game Special Meeting Proposals

March 18, 2021 Web-conference

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>			
174	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C		
Support	15	0	<p>Roy C: We use these hunts in areas that have populations near carrying capacity. Not as productive as populations just below carrying capacity. This is not something that we would expect to use this year or in the near future. Since it is in regulation we need have an authorization every year.</p> <p>Since the Icy Strait AC voted down the antlerless moose hunt the process will be more involved regardless of how we vote.</p> <p>We were able to fly the Gustavus area. Estimate 231 moose and will likely up the limit next year from 8 to 10 or 12.</p> <p>Flew Berners. Not great conditions, but we did see 40 and think some were not visible. Winter kill last year. Also think that they will be able to up the draw for Berners Bay moose hunt.</p> <p>Ed B: Would the Icy Strait AC action impact other hunts? What about Haines?</p> <p>Roy C: Just in the area of the AC. Haines does not have any antlerless moose hunt. Hoping to fly Haines in the next weather window.</p> <p>Jesse R: The feds give permits from the Gustavus under the federal subsistence guidelines. Would they be able to get a quota from a cow hunt?</p> <p>Roy C: Unsure. They probably could do it.</p>



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			<p>Atlin D: Did the RCAC members get moose? What communities does the Icy Strait AC come from?</p> <p>Roy C: Yes. Icy Strait AC has representatives from Hoonah and Gustavus.</p> <p>Peter R: What was Icy Strait ACs opposition?</p> <p>Roy C: Someone from Gustavus felt that the cows were productive. Studies do not show that this is true. Someone also felt that moose in poor condition would find better food. Not necessarily true.</p> <p>Zach: Concerned that they overharvest the cow population.</p> <p>Roy C: At that time population was above 500 moose. Above carrying capacity based on fish and game measurements.</p> <p>Kristine T: How will this late season snow impact the hunt?</p> <p>Roy C: We will wait and see. Not there yet.</p> <p>Kevin M: What would it take to authorize?</p> <p>Roy C: At this time, I do not see us needed this in the near future. If we need it we will go through the process then. In theory we may not even need to vote on this next year.</p>
194	Establish a requirement for all wolves taken in Unit 2 to be sealed within 7 days of harvest.		
Support as Amended	12 ?	3 ?	<p>Motion to Amend:</p> <p>Ed B: "I move we amend the proposal to allow 15 day deadline for sealing after harvest for Prince of Wales wolves."</p> <p>Mike B: 2nd motion.</p> <p>Vote on Motion to Amend Passed 9 to 5.</p>



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			<p>Discussion on proposal</p> <p>Roy C: Previously it was 30 days after season. Now the request is for 7 days. We are asking for this change because there is a petition to list southeast wolves as endangered species. In hands of Fish and Wildlife. It would improve data. We have found trappers have made mistakes. We are hoping that we can cleanup data by having data turned in more quickly. The change came quickly because we are trying to respond to a fire and put it out.</p> <p>Chris M: Current population estimate and historical numbers?</p> <p>Roy: The locals are trying to have the population between a 150 and 200 wolves so that they will not impact deer population. We had an estimate of 180, but they trapped 160 wolves in a season two years prior. Currently we believe we are in the population bounds.</p> <p>Jesse R: I understand the importance of getting the data. Wolves have never been close to being endangered. I clearly see this going to a lawsuit. Certain groups want protect this species. I am not saying that fish and game is doing a bad job. Lets look at the science. Southeast wolves are not endangered.</p> <p>Roy C: The center for biological diversity is trying to shut down the trapping.</p> <p>Jesse R: In season reporting is difficult.</p> <p>Zach: This year Fish and Game shortened it down to a 3 week season from a 3 month season.</p> <p>Roy: Correct. The goal was to harvest 50 and we harvest 60.</p>



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			<p>Zach: Difficult to meet deadline given the requirements.</p> <p>Jesse R: I am not going support any in season sealing requirement.</p> <p>Atlin D: I second that. Against any in season sealing.</p> <p>Atlin D: There is a lot of uncertainty about the numbers of wolves on prince of wales.</p> <p>Roy C: The numbers are changing. Mark recapture program and we use hair to see if we caught them in other hair snares. Complicated and hard to understand over zoom. The numbers are accurate and make sense biologically.</p> <p>Zach: What do you need?</p> <p>Roy C: It is the information we get from the sealing that is important.</p> <p>Zach: Is the data you get from field reporting sufficient?</p> <p>Roy C: We need the skin sample and that cannot be provided remotely or electronically.</p> <p>Jess R: Safety issue for getting it done in seven days</p> <p>Kristin T: What is sealing?</p> <p>Roy C: Collecting biological data and putting a marking tag through animal. Wolf pelt or part of animal can be transported across borders. Allows the trapper to sell hide.</p>



Adjournment:

Kevin M: I would like to send a doodle poll for 3 meetings in the next couple of months.

Kristine T: I move to adjourn. Passed unanimous consent

Minutes Recorded By: Thatcher Brouwer

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____

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Ketchikan Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: 2/25/2021

Location: Zoom

Call to Order: 5:33 pm

Roll Call:

Name	Seat	Check if present	Interests/Representation
John Scoblic	Chair	Present	Commercial Seafood Processing
Sue Doherty	Vice Chair	Present	SEAS President, Salmon Enhancement (retired)
Russell Miller	Secretary	Present	Commercial Seafood Processing
Matt Allen	Secretary	Present	Salmon Enhancement, hunting, sport fishing, trapping
Beau Dale		Present	4 th generation Alaskan, hunter, fisherman, local locksmith
Clay Bezenek	Alternate	Present	Comm/sport fisherman, all around concerned citizen
Daryle James	Saxman	Present	Was a commercial fisherman, fisherman, hunter
Don Westlund		Absent	
Ginger Fox	Saxman	Present	Community of Saxman
Joe Roth		Absent	
Chris Foster	Alternate	Absent	Hunter, Fisherman
Kenny Shaw		Absent	
Nick Martin	Alternate	Absent	
Perry Leach		Absent	
Randy Williams		Absent	
Rudy Franulovich		Present	SEAK Gillnet
Devin Dalin		Absent	

Introductions:

Ketchikan AC members, ADFG Department Staff, Public in attendance

Public Present:

Nick Hashagan, Bob Jahnke, Joe Berry



Department Present:

Jessalynn Rintala (Board Support), Tessa Hasbrouck (ADFG, Wildlife), Ross Dorendorf (ADFG, Wildlife), Glenn Haight (Executive Director BOF)

Meeting Agenda:

Old business items:

1. BOF Meeting Schedule

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/regprocess/fishesboard/pdfs/2020-2021/mar/notice.pdf>

2. BOF Prop 276

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New business:

1.) Discussion and Voting on Old Business

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Doherty, move to adopt

Miller, second

Passes Unanimously 9-0

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Miller, move to adopt

Doherty, second



Passes Unanimously 9-0

Chairman's Report:

Scoblic, thank you everyone for your engagement. Regardless of how BOF goes forward we have 154 proposals to review. We should continue forward with this process with particular attention to King Salmon and Rockfish, there is a lot of interest in those areas. I would like to go to Glenn Haight. Glenn is going to address the issue of BOF scheduling. Thank you for being with us.

Haight, we have gone through an exercise to see how we could make the scheduling work. We have posted a memo on the meeting page for BOF. What drives a lot of the schedule is facility availability and Ted Ferry is the obvious place to do it. They did have a slot in available in November but for many reasons we are recommending the first few weeks in January. The timing they have available will give us 12 days, possibly 13 days. If the BOF agreed to have it, it would be between the 4th and the 15th.

We were unable to get a budget amendment in the Governor's amended budget. Normally the Governor will forward his budget to the Legislature on December 15th. Thirty days after the legislative session starts the Governor is able to amend that budget. That would have had to have happened last week and it did not include an adjustment. The BOF has the ability to lobby the Legislature to allow for a revision. I am not sure how they will do that but we will find out during the March 8th meeting.

Doherty, thank you for being here. Is there not a concern that we do not have a full Board to conduct business for the rest of the year? Is that correct?



Haight, the court decision was really between December 16th and January 18th. The statute says the governor will appoint members and a joint meeting of the legislature will come together to approve those and if they don't do that they are rejected. There are no provisions for the circumstance where a global pandemic prevents a session from occurring. The Legislature developed language that would allow them to postpone that decision. That time was December 15th. The Governor extended that time and that was what the Legislature was challenged with. Those nominations are good for a two year period. If you are rejected you can't serve again. After those two years you can be nominated and serve. We have several recent examples of that. The Governor reappointed those 4 members in questions. Mr. Woods, Jensen, Williams, Ms. Mackenzie. Their work should be considered good to go unless a judge says otherwise. Long story short, we think they are good to go.

Scoblic, we really appreciate the report and we appreciate your support, that's what we needed to hear.

I would like to take some liberty and discuss Proposal 194. I understand Ross and Tessa may have to depart to attend another AC meeting for a group that has not had an opportunity to meet with them.

Dorendorf, we are going to divide and conquer. I will attend the other meeting and Tessa will remain.

Scoblic, thank you we appreciate that.

Bezenek, we tend to kick stuff to committee when we need to discuss stuff. This is a contentious issue and I would like to see what others have to say. I would like to be on a wolf committee. It would be tremendous to educate everyone and it needs to be addressed now.

Scoblic, I would support that. We should do that.



Committee Reports:

No committee reports.

Public Comment:

Jahnke, I like the idea of a wolf management committee. The public is invited into that. One of my biggest concerns is, that what goes on in Unit 2 slides into Unit 1a. I think that puts an overburden on hunters and trappers in Unit 2. It's not just POW, there are many islands, a lot of roadless areas. This may really put a burden on trappers. I think seven days is a little too short. I understand the State is a little under the gun from those suing. Trappers in Unit 2 shouldn't be burdened anymore.

Berry, I think a wolf committee is a good idea and I would like to be a part of it. I think the seven day sealing period might burden some trappers not wanting to travel into some of the bigger communities to seal every week. I'm all for any sort of progressive movement on the management of these wolves as long as we can keep it positive.

Scoblic, the goal of the committee would be to do a deeper dive into the issue and report back to the AC.

Old Business:

Youth Outreach

Dale, I talked to Bob and was informed that his granddaughter moved to Petersburg.

Scoblic, that's good information. She attended a lot of meetings and participated. I hope she's doing well in Petersburg.

Proposal 194



Doherty, move to adopt.

Miller, second

Scoblic, the proposal is changing the sealing period to seven days. Do committee members have any questions for the Department.

Dale, it is my understanding that this proposal would allow animals in the study area to be removed for a more accurate count in-season.

Hasbrouck, we check our hair boards once a week. Its information so we can adjust our model so it isn't looking for that wolf on the landscape. It helps the robust design. This proposal lines up sealing with our hair boards checks. Ideally we want to know the exact day the wolf is removed from the landscape. More frequent sealing provides more accurate reporting.

Dale, my problem is that the proposal would include all of Unit 2 and the hair boards are only located in a fraction of the unit. For that reason I will be a no.

Hasbrouck, good point. Maybe some of those wolves on the south end haven't rubbed on a board, maybe they have. Wolves move around a lot, especially certain times of year. It would get tricky if we had different sealing requirements for different areas in Unit 2. Our goal is to get accurate data so we can maintain sustainable harvest over time.

Our goal is to work with people that are harvesting these resources and do it in a way that is beneficial for them. We worked with our Biometrician and when we remove wolves from the model due to harvest its valuable information that improves model accuracy. This wasn't a consideration when we switched to a 30 day sealing period.



Franulovich, I'm not a trapper, what is involved in the sealing process. Why can't a trapper just call in? I can understand accurate data, I am a gillnetter. We have to call in every day.

Hasbrouck, a wolf is brought in to Fish & Game or a state appointed sealer. They get information from the trapper and are given a locking tag. A genetic sample is taken.

Franulovich, what difference does it make if you get the genetic information later if you get the information phoned in.

Hasbrouck, as long as the date is recorded and the wolf marked then that would be the information we need.

Franulovich, I would recommend a 20 day situation, where they don't have to come in every 7 days as long as they have accurate information.

Allen, how quickly is the genetic sample read so it can be removed from the model?

Hasbrouck, this is one of our biggest issues. This process is very slow, it takes many months. It's not so much that we need the sample now, it's that we need accurate data. It's more burdensome for some of our bigger trappers compared to smaller ones to log all the information to provide at a later date. Earlier reporting equals better data.

Allen, would it be possible to have tags or a hunt report document they could fill out as they go. Also, I would hope the Department would reach out to sealers and attempt to make their own sealers be available as much as possible to lessen the burden on trappers.

Hasbrouck, we get this out to AC's as soon as possible. We want feedback. Later on down the road we can make changes.

Scoblic, is there any kind of logbook requirement.

Hasbrouck, no.



Doherty, there should be an easier, less burdensome way for the trappers. Use numbered color coded chin straps with harvest information that can be submitted later. I understand the necessity of the information. It's not that the 7 days is important, it's that the information is accurately recorded.

Hasbrouck, the 7 days is our fallback in case trappers forget or can't accurately record harvest data.

Daryl James leaves the meeting. Chris Foster joins.

Bezenek, I feel for all involved. I know the Department is trying to do what's best for the resource and you are under scrutiny from all sides. I can't support the 7 day sealing requirement because you are putting undue pressure on the trappers. I believe there are other ways to go about this and I would hope the BOG would make some changes. Whatever the trappers want, maybe a 14 day sealing period with the ability to call in.

Allen, question for Tessa. Do you know the history and the management strategy behind the late start to the hunting season for wolves? There is an opportunity, especially on some of the lakes on the south end to harvest in August and September. This harvest could provide information on wolves that might not be in your study area.

Hasbrouck, I can look into it but it hasn't come up in any of the conversations I've been a part of.

Miller, coming into this meeting and after hearing from Ross I was really into keeping this out of the Feds hands, keeping it in-house and managed by the state. After hearing from the public, the users, I've changed my opinion. Something that Rudy mentioned, a reporting system where the trappers can call in would be good.



Jahnke, resident hunters keep a registration ticket on their bears and turn that in, same thing with deer. Does the Department have faith in those? When you have a 5 month deer season and you don't turn that in until after the season do they have faith in that data? If they do, I don't see why they couldn't put out some type of registration card, at least in Unit 2. If you were going to be trapping in Unit 2 you could pick up a card or it could be included with your license. That to me makes a lot of sense, kinda like a logbook. Just like the personal use shrimp logbook. I've promoted logbooks in my store and recommended it to trappers since 1978. Logbooks are not that hard to do. You gotta trust the trapper. I think we lost ground on this over the years but I think we're a good road to regain that trust.

Doherty, is there a timeline for the genetic data not to be valid from harvest to collection? Is there a timeline for you?

Hasbrouck, I'm sure there is, I don't know what it is. We haven't run into any issue so far.

Scoblic, similar to Russel, I came into this thinking it was a simple ask. I wanted to support the Department. After reviewing information and listening to conversation around the table I'm going to have a hard time supporting this. I am all for State's rights and I don't want to see federal oversight but this is a difficult situation with competing interests. In summary, we have heard creative ways of collecting this data and I'm in support of the data. If I was a trapper on Long Island and I have to get into Hydaburg, potentially contending with weather, 7 days could be tough. We could be putting some honest people in a criminal situation if they can't comply with the sealing requirement. I think I am going to have to be a no.

Dale, call the question.



Fails Unanimously 0-8

Scoblic, I think we should try to have a couple more meetings before herring happens and people get busy, as early as a few weeks from now. We should prioritize King Salmon, Rockfish and other proposals the Ketchikan AC has put forward.

Fox, we should have shorter meetings but more of them.

Scoblic, I would encourage us to get out and get input from the community.

Meeting Date:

No meeting scheduled.

Adjourn: 7:18pm



Ketchikan Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: 2/22/2021

Location: Zoom

Call to Order: 5:31 pm

Roll Call:

Name	Seat	Check if present
John Scoblic	Chair	Present
Sue Doherty	Vice Chair	Present
Russell Miller	Secretary	Present
Matt Allen	Secretary	Present
Beau Dale		Present
Clay Bezenek	Alternate	Excused
Daryle James	Saxman	Excused
Don Westlund		Absent
Ginger Fox	Saxman	Present
Joe Roth		Present
Chris Foster	Alternate	Absent
Kenny Shaw		Absent
Nick Martin	Alternate	Absent
Perry Leach		Absent
Randy Williams		Absent
Rudy Franulovich		Present
Devin Dalin		Present

Introductions:

Ketchikan AC members, ADFG Department Staff, Public in attendance

Public Present:

Norm Arriola, Frank James Sr., Walter Brinkman (UAS Fairbanks), Nick Hashagan



Department Present:

Annie Barthalomew (Board Support), Tessa Hasbrouck (ADFG, Wildlife), Ross Dorendorf (ADFG, Wildlife)

Meeting Agenda:

Old business items:

1. Youth Outreach

New business:

1. BOF Meeting Schedule

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Allen, move to adopt

Doherty, second.

Fox, calls the question

Passes Unanimously 10-0

Previous Meeting Minutes:

Scoblic, we were able to meet before Covid really gripped Alaska on March 3rd, 2020. We discussed youth outreach, shrimp proposals and King salmon stocks of concern on the Unuk river. Business included proposals we wrote and submitted, the recognition of the stepping



down of Norm Skan and promotion of Randy Williams from Alternate to full voting member of the AC.

Doherty, moves to adopt

Allen, second.

Fox, calls the question

Passes Unanimously

Chairman's Report:

Scoblic, I'm meeting virtually today from Kodiak where I will be for the next few weeks. We've had some interest from a member of the community in joining the AC. We will continue to pursue that interest. Tonight I'm hoping for a brief meeting to provide the context for our next meeting in the next few days. I'd like to thank the Department for being here and would like to ask Ross if he would like to speak now or wait until we get to the wolf proposal.

Dorendorf, I'll wait until we get to the proposal.

Committee Reports:

No committee reports.

Public Comment:

Arriola, good evening, I am from Ketchikan. As we are all aware our fisheries were devastated by global warming and a two year drought in SE, AK. Sockeye have been decimated from out of state fishermen who come up to fish every summer. Our King salmon are very low. It won't be long to where there will no longer be any King salmon. Neets Bay Chum salmon and pink salmon were low. Coho are next. My



recommendation is to close herring fishing for the next four years. Thousands of tons of herring have been shipped out of Alaska since I was a youngster. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

James Sr., Fish and Game is really going to have to open their eyes and ears to what is going on, what is happening with our salmon. I'm not attempting to push blame. I've been a Fisher for 49yrs. A prominent BC scientist told me that hatchery fish are going to wipe out wild stocks. Too many fish are going out to the ocean. If you look at South America, Russia, Central Alaska, what is being put out there is going to kill off wild stock and themselves. Someone has to look into this.

I agree with Norman, we have to bring the herring back.

Old Business:

Scoblic, I reached out to Emily Ramsey about her interest in becoming an AC member. Hopefully we will see her at the next meeting. I talked with Jessalynn Rintala, it is entirely up to us how we appoint a youth AC member. The other person who may have interest is Rose Jahnke.

New Business:

Scoblic, BOF should have met in Ketchikan this January. It was postponed until April, in the meantime there was a Joint Board meeting where they talked about postponing for one year. BOF met and decided they would try to not only catchup PWS, SEAK meetings but would continue on with what was already on the schedule. In other words, they want to take up two Board cycles in one year. We have the opportunity to provide comment. If there is an in-person meeting it will be held in Ketchikan. This meeting could happen in November or January. Both of those things could benefit our community. One of



those could benefit our community and our fisheries the best. I will yield to Sue.

Doherty, the Board meeting on March 8th will be via Zoom. There will be no public comment and they will definitively decide when the SE meeting in Ketchikan will be. Board Support staff is responsible for determining the feasibility of the meeting. The November date is available in Ketchikan. The overwhelming response of the stakeholders who provided testimony in the January meeting was to shift the meeting back a year. We can comment about whether it makes sense to double up. Some things to consider, there is no current budget. Board Support staff is limited. We barely get information or finalized information by the time we have normal meetings. We have 154 proposals for our area in which we will have to comment on and we don't meet in the summer. These meetings will have to occur over Zoom. It will be difficult to get input from the community. We will end up with diminished community input.

I have some points I have articulated in writing. If we have a November meeting a lot of onerous will be placed upon the AC's to digest and comment on all these proposals.

Scoblic, my personal opinion, as one committee member, I think putting 2 cycles into one year is going to be fraught with problems.

- 1.) Budgetary constraints with the AK State Budget.
- 2.) Lack of Data. We are not going to have the data we need by November. We barely get the information we need by January.

Why would the Board want to do twice the amount of work rather than the normal amount of work? I'm a strong advocate of having the BOF in Ketchikan, of having the meeting in Ketchikan in 2022. I believe it will be safe at that time.



Doherty, ACR's are still available as an avenue to pursue new, urgent issues. It is going to be difficult for the BOF to do a good job. I would like to see the AC put ideas to paper for the next meeting.

Roth, I'm up for pushing BOF off a year.

Scoblic, we have been accused in the past of not being very mindful of the Game side of things. I worry that we may relapse if the BOF follows through with some of its schedule proposals. We have a strong Game presence on our AC and I worry those voices won't be able to inform the BOG. In the past it took several meetings to go through proposals. I'm looking around and people are going to have to make a decision in October if they are going to go to work to feed their families or are they going to attend meetings. It's just a real poor time in November.

Between Sue, Russell, Matt and myself we can come up with some bullet points to present to the committee for the next meeting.

Proposal 276 bundles up three issues with sunset dates. If BOF doesn't act they will lapse. I feel it is important that they be renewed.

Doherty, there are three regulations that will sunset in SE if they are not renewed.

- 1.) 5AAC.33.366 Northern Southeast Seine Salmon Fishery Management Plan.
- 2.) 5AAC.33.376 Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan
- 3.) 5AAC.33.383 District 7: Anita Bay Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan

There is broad industry support for renewing or extending these plans for 2021.



If allowed to sunset they will revert to previous regulations. The current regulations were determined by interested gear groups based on enhanced allocation and data. In Anita Bay and Deep Inlet, instead of rotations of 1 to 1 it will revert back to 2 to 1 gillnet vs. seine. If the Northern Southeast plan lapses there will be no plan, no cap on sockeye harvest.

This is a Board generated proposal that extends the plans into 2021.

Scoblic, this keeps things the same until they are able to have a full Board meeting whether that occurs in November of 2021 or January 2022.

Franulovich, am correct in assuming that the Point Marsden, Hawk Inlet sockeye cap would remain at 15,000.

Scoblic, correct.

Franulovich, if this were to lapse would Deep Inlet revert back to 2 to 1 from 1 to 1.

Doherty, yes.

Franulovich, I think this should be allowed to lapse because Crawfish Inlet is an exclusive seine area with a large amount of chums in there.

Doherty, the industry, the United Southeast Gillnetters, the Seiners the Trollers, SEAGO, ALPHA, SEAFSA all signed on that, in lieu of being able to present the allocation picture to the Board we should agree to what was agreed upon previously. It's a contentious issue every three years. Under the circumstances this is our best option.

Franulovich, what are the allocation numbers for 2020. Are they out.

Doherty, Gillnetters are up over allocation, Seiners are within allocation, Trollers below. Gillnetters are down a peg or two but are still over.



Franulovich, what are the percentages?

Doherty, I don't know, it's a 5yr rolling average, one year shouldn't make a difference.

Franulovich, we just don't know what is going to happen in Lynn Canal and Deep Inlet and I really think Gillnetters need the opportunity to go 2 to 1.

Doherty, SSRAA has decided that they are going to take the bulk of Anita for cost recovery. They are also taking the two peak weeks out of Kendrick and Nakat. The amount they are going to take out of Kendrick is going to be more than Nakat. We can go back and forth over who is over and under but that is almost beside the point. We need to determine whether we support this Board proposal.

Franulovich, I will support the idea but I also want to put forward that the Gillnetters are getting short changed in Deep Inlet.

Scoblic, we are going to go forward with the Board of Game wolf Proposal 194.

Dorendorf, prior to 2018 we managed by Emergency Order. We had a set amount of animals we were looking to harvest and would shut down by EO. This was put into place due to potential listing of the Alaska Archipelago wolf as an endangered species. It wasn't a very popular management strategy. We had a rebound in the population and we decided we could go to a time based management strategy in Unit 2. That would give trappers a set season length.

Board of Game set up a population objective. We want to have between 150-200 wolves. We also decided we did not need the 14 day sealing period and it was relaxed to 30 days post season. Unforeseen was that our model works better when we know when wolves are removed from the landscape.



There has been another petition to list the wolf. This is a little bit different than previous petitions. Instead of the entirety of their range it's focused on just SEAK. It wants to make the wolves of Unit 2 a distinct population segment and they couldn't do it when considering their entire range. A listing could mean no hunting or trapping season. We are trying to collect the best information we can. A seven day sealing period would allow us to do that.

Roth, would changing the sealing period and shortening it allow you to shut the season by EO.

Dorendorf, this is specifically targeted at trapping. We are trying to avoid closure by EO, we want to manage by season length. It's predictable and easier to plan around for trappers. If something catastrophic happens I could close by EO but I don't want to do that.

Scoblic, is this trying to get at the best data in a more timely and effective manner?

Dorendorf, we want the best possible data. We are trying to work with all groups to show we can manage these animals rather than the Fish and Wildlife Service through a listing. That is the main thing we are trying to avoid. We want a hunting and trapping season for wolves to continue and we are confident we can do so. This is a piece of the puzzle.

Allen, have you had an opportunity to receive any information or input from residents of Unit 2.

Dorendorf, this is our first opportunity outside of email. Some AC's will be having meetings shortly.

Allen, I had the opportunity to listen into a teleconference last October/November put on by ADFG and the USFS regarding wolf management in Unit 2. The overwhelming public comment was one of



frustration regarding the current management. I would anticipate that there would be some further frustration with this proposal even though I believe it is a relatively simple ask.

Dorendorf, avoiding an ESA listing is paramount. It will impact all residents of SE AK.

Doherty, I am worried that we are going to start drawing lines at borders. Is the Department finding any evidence they are genetically diverse and a separate population.

Dorendorf, it was determined that the Alexander Archipelago wolf is genetically distinct when compared to mainland and interior wolves. We can detect an individual which allows us to model and provide a population estimate. That's why we are putting forward this sealing proposal.

Dalin, are the boards located on the road system or off the road system?

Dorendorf, all of our hair boards are essentially on the road system. We have had help from the Nature Conservancy and Hydaburg, a little bit on the Kasaan peninsula and Sukkwan Island. We have to check the boards every 7 days and it is logistically difficult and expensive to do much off the road system. For our samples we generate a density estimate that we extrapolate out to the areas we don't cover. We typically cover 60-70% of Unit 2.

Dalin, with all your boards on the road system, what is to say the wolves aren't being pushed off the road system due to hunting and trapping pressure?

Dorendorf, we don't have a way to estimate in those areas we aren't sampling. We extrapolate out from where we are sampling. I don't



have any evidence to say the wolves are being pushed. Wolves are highly territorial and they will kill one another.

Allen, I would like to recommend a presentation at a more opportune time regarding this issue. I have a lot of questions but want to stick to the intent of this proposal. I think a more well informed AC and community would certainly be beneficial.

Dorendorf, of course.

Scoblic, we have our next meeting scheduled. I hope our next meeting will go smoothly. I do not want to stifle debate. Susan, Russell, Matt and I will come up with some bullet points to share with the AC regarding the proposals we discussed tonight. I'd like to thank everyone for their time.

Meeting Date:

February 25th, 2021 via Zoom

Adjourn: 7:08pm



Koyukuk River Fish and Game Advisory Committee

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GASH	Tanana-Rampart-Manley
Koyukuk River	Upper Tanana/Fortymile
McGrath	Yukon Flats

February 2, 2021

Alaska Board of Game
Larry Van Daele, Chairman

Alaska Board of Fish
Marit Carlson-Van Dort Chairman

Dear Board members,

The Koyukuk River Advisory Committee has identified a serious issue regarding how the Advisory Committees generated comments are not read into the record, or used in some cases, when the Boards are deliberating proposals.

As you are aware the Advisory Committees spend considerable time promulgating or deliberating proposals that would affect the resources and people of Alaska, especially in our home area of expertise. The comments are forwarded to the Board of Game or Fish for their statutory considerations during deliberations.

The Advisory Committee chair or designee typically presents the ACs' position and justification to the Board at the beginning of the meeting, during public comments. These AC comments are mixed with literally tens or hundreds of comments regarding all of the proposals on the Boards meeting agenda.

The glaring issue for this committee, as well as the other 80-some odd committees, is how the Boards are using the statutory comments. When the proposal is brought up for deliberation AC comments are rarely referenced.

The Advisory Committees, as well the general public listening into the BOG or BOF meeting in person, or virtual, do not hear the record reflect what the ACs' positions are regarding the proposals.

The majority of public and especially the various other ACs are never informed what all the committees had to say. We have heard the Board members ask questions of the ADFG staff regarding conditions or information contained in the ACs' comments. ADFG staff rarely looks at, or considers AC comments, so adlib an answer to the best of their knowledge. Several members of the Board apparently do not look at the AC comments when they ask ADFG questions, which are answered in the AC comments.



Therefore, it is very apparent the deliberation process is not serving the public, the Advisory Committees, the Boards of Game or Fish deliberations, or the audio record. We recommend the Board address this blind spot in the process; by having Board Support staff read into the audio record the AC comments during proposal presentation. The public that is listening, including the ACs and Boards of Game or Fish will be better much better served through a transparent process.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jack Reakoff Chairman Koyukuk AC



Koyukuk River Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

February 2, 2021 via Teleconference

Meeting called to order at approximately 2pm

Members Present; Gary Hanchett (Bettles, alt), Charles Ned & Vincent Simon (Allakaket), Jack Reakoff (Chairman) & D. Shawn Bergman (Undesignated), Jack Wholechese & Darrell Vent (Huslia), Hugh Bifelt (Hughes)

Members Absent; Harding Sam & Jared Sam (Alatna), Shawn Huffman (Huslia)

Current Vacancies; 1 Undesignated seat, 2 Bettles Seat (no formal election held in Bettles to seat Gary), 1 Allakaket seat

ADF&G staff; Glenn Stout & Sara Longson (DWC), Charles Brazil, Deena Jallen & Christy Gleason (DCF), Lisa Stuby (DSF), Brook McDavid (SUBS), Nissa Pilcher (BDS)

FWS; Vince Mathews, Jeremy Havener

Serena Pitka YR DFA, Bruce Irvin TCC, Brooke Woods TCC and Fish Commission, Christopher Simon (K'oyitl'ots'ina Limited (K-Corp))

Agenda adopted with the addition of Henshaw Creek Concerns

Minutes adopted

Comments from AC members-

Darrell- saw a lot of cow moose this fall on Huslia River, but no calves. Also saw a lot of big animals (brown bear), and with the lack of fish this year thinking that the bears might be preying more heavily on the moose.

More undocumented transporters moving in. Need to have talks with them about wanton waste- we rely heavily on moose since the fish didn't come and there aren't caribou. Might need to be a future discussion about this.

Vincent- incident of hunters this fall trying to give meat to villagers, but it was already too spoiled. Would like to have something set up with the villages to get meat from hunters to villages.

There was a long discussion here on this subject. It was noted that the Board of Game cannot do anything more than they already have on this, that it is already required for hunters to get their meat out of the field and that there is a meat on the bone requirement in this area that this AC submitted to help with this. Some ideas discussed was that TCC apply for grants to help with meat distribution and or work with Kanuti Refuge; transporting meat, freezers in Bettles, ADF&G Check station to aide in meat distribution (it was noted that the current Koyukuk Check station is for data gathering not for meat distribution), community education fliers to help nonlocal hunters know before they take a moose how to take care of meat and where they can bring it.



Charles Ned- thank you everyone for coming. Noted that this year had been a mild weather until now and not a lot of snow. Noted he observed a lot of planes this fall that were low and scaring moose. There was higher water this summer in the river and it reduced the numbers of eddies and made it harder to get fish. Observed a lot more wolf tracks this winter. We really knocked them down a couple years ago, but they are back. We are trying to take care of them ourselves, but wouldn't mind additional assistance from the state again, especially since they are taking a lot of moose.

Hugh- noted the rainy summer, higher water in lakes, good berry picking. There wasn't a lot of summer chum and we don't get a fall run here, but there was a lot of whitefish and sheefish and that helped.

Jack Wholecheese- hunting was tough this year. This was the first year I haven't gotten a moose this last fall. Fishing was bad. Water was too deep/high, we had our nets in the water but didn't catch salmon- but we did get sheefish and whitefish. The local guides in the area came through this year with giving us meat, which was good. The big animals are hunting just like us in the fall time. Some folks got some black bears this fall. Used to see a lot more black bears and now see a lot more big animals. Outside hunters don't use everything like we do. There are a lot of pieces of the animals that don't get used, and that is wasteful to us. We should brainstorm how we can stop this wanton waste.

Shawn Bergman – nothing to report

Chris Simon – just called to listen

DWC Update

Wolf survey done in the predator control area- currently the wolf population has recovered fully from that program

Moose hunt statistics for the area given- very close to average on total harvest of moose in the fall.

Moose Twinning question – Huslia Flats; haves seen high twinning rates, suggesting habitat is good and/or cow didn't have a calf at heel (aka the calf was lost the spring before), so this might be more indicative of a survival response (aka high predation rate).

Darrel noted that there was a good strain of bulls out there, but since the fish numbers are down then the bears really went after the moose calves, how can we fix this, we are on federal lands so predator control is difficult. Would like to slow down the big animal population.

Department noted that Darrel was correct, predator control isn't an option on federal lands. The bull cow ratio is good, but the yearling bulls were low which loops back into the high predation rate on calves. Newsletters sent out to hunters on age data – noted a shift in age structure in the population.

Vincent asked about caribou movement through Anaktuvuk Pass; Department noted that Region V manages that herd and will get back to you. Chairman Reakoff noted that he thinks that communities should be able to get updates from the Department, on where caribou proximity is. Caribou may be within striking distance of 20-30 miles. Fuel costs are so high in these villages, it is not economical to scout large radiuses to randomly encounter caribou.



Chairman Reakoff – we have had two bad winters in 2018/19' and 2019/20'. Early deep snow with 1.5" of rain on snow in October, then rain on 4-5 feet of snow in late winter .75-1.25" of rain on the snow. The ice-glazed snow **decimated** the sheep on the south slope in GMU24. In 5 months observation in 2020 spring through fall only 31 ewes, 3 lambs, and 7 small rams were found. The current winter of 2020/21' is much better for the extremely low sheep population. There are a lot of wolves with deep snow advantage and high hare population the last 3 years. Hare numbers are down 70% but still a relatively high crash, lynx are still fat. Wolves are ranging far and will be cannibalize one another with shallow snow pack. Moose population is down but not as much as Dall sheep.

Department – Covid issues this fall in the refuge for surveys, as well as some budget restrictions, data shows less nonlocal hunters this fall through the check stations, and local harvest was up.

DCF Update

Staff Updates, Holly Carroll has moved on to the FWS Yukon Manager.

Update on the summer season for Chinook and summer chum given.

Hugh- mesh size; Koyukuk River doesn't have to change mesh size since those fish don't go to Canada right? Department noted that this year there was a mesh size restriction in place in the entire drainage to help get the larger female chinooks spawning as well.

Darrel – there is still issues in the ocean (climate change, desalination, high sea intervention) that we can't fix, and this is influencing mesh size restrictions now which we have never had that before

Update on fall season for fall chum

Jack W. – concerned with on bycatch/high sea interception of fish

Darrel – many factors, toxins, desalination, hatchery fish out competing wild, but it is an issue

Henshaw Creek Concerns

Chairman Reakoff noted that he had observed some of the local creeks and waterways had discolored – blue and orange iron oxide. He was concerned that this sign of heavy metals in the water will reduce PH and negatively impact fish. DCF will look into this and get back to the AC.

Boards Update

BOG/BOF Meeting Cycle update for 2020-2021 given – meetings for both boards will be postponed until 2021-2022. Comments on elections of members and officers (members would like to wait until a face to face meeting is held for both)

There was some loud interference and many members got off the line. Vincent Simon and Shawn Bergman were not able to call back in



WACH Working Group

Chair would like to have the AC nominate two members to represent the working group to nominate the names forward to their coordinator due to some issues and lack of representation at the last meeting. Darrel Vent and Jack Reakoff nominated. Darrell was voted to be the primary representative, and Jack Reakoff as secondary.

AC would also like a letter drafted and sent to the communities of Allakaket, Alatna, Bettles, Hughes and Huslia with the ACs recommendation seeking endorsement.

BOF Proposal Deadline (May 10, 2021)

This is a topic that has been discussed at the last two Koyukuk River AC meetings, and the AC is still in support to draft and submit a proposal to allow rod and reel as subsistence gear in a portion of the Koyukuk drainage excluding the 5 mile radius around the Dalton Hwy. When it was time to vote to submit the proposal, during the role call vote it appeared that the meeting had lost Hugh Bifelt and the AC lost quorum. Jack Reakoff will draft and submit proposal in his name and the AC can support it next year. After looking at past minutes, it was noted that the last meeting on 12-16-2019, this proposal premise was fully supported by the full quorum, therefore be submitted under the Koyukuk River AC's name.

****Shawn Bergman was able to rejoin and quorum was reestablished ****

Board of Game Proposal

PROPOSAL 189 BOG Proposal on Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemption Authorization

Little discussion, noted this was something that needed to occur annually.

SUPPORTED (7-0)

Lack of AC representation at BOG/BOF Meetings

Chairman Reakoff – the boards do not read the AC record of comments into record, so those listening don't hear what the ACs comments and position on the proposals being deliberated.

Advisory Committees put a lot of work into these meetings and these meetings cost the state a lot of money. The record is incomplete because the archive is audio and the AC records are written.

The Chair on this issue read a draft letter into the record, and the AC would like to submit the letter to the BOG and the BOF for their March Meetings. Unanimous in support

Federal Proposals



No current fisheries proposals that affect this area.

Chairman Reakoff noted that the Gates of the Arctic Subsistence Resource Commission will be submitting a federal proposal for a 2 bear bag limit, on federal lands to mirror the current state regulations for the upcoming federal cycle.

Next meeting will potentially be in late November of 2021. An in-person face to face meeting is much preferred.



Lake Iliamna Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

11/19/2020

I. Call to Order

Chairman Alvarez calls the meeting to order at 9:15 am.

II. Roll call

Members Present: Randy Alvarez, Timothy Anelon, Kyle Aguiar, Henry Olympic, William Trefon, Karla Jensen, Warren Hill, Jim Tilly, George Alexie, Thomas Hedlund, Robert Tracey (seated following election).

Members Absent: None

III. Approval of Agenda

Members Present: Randy Alvarez, Timothy Anelon, Kyle Aguiar, Henry Olympic, William Trefon, Karla Jensen, Warren Hill, Jim Tilly, George Alexie, Thomas Hedlund, Robert Tracey (seated following election).

Members Absent: None

IV. Introductions

A.D.F.G. staff: Dave Crowley, Todd Rinaldi, Travis Ellison, Taryn O'conner-Brito

Guests: Bob Tracy, Heidi Kiits (BBNA)

V. Nominations for one undesignated seat with a term through 6/30/2023, previously held by G. Alexie

J. Tilly nominates Bob Tracy of Nondalton, Tracy accepts.

G. Alexie nominates himself

T. Anelon moves to close nominations, B. Trefon seconds. Closed by unanimous consent.

Twelve voters present. Six votes for Tracy, six votes for Alexie. Tie settled by a dice roll; Tracy wins the seat.

VI. A.D.F.G staff updates

T. Oconner-Brito (board support): Board of Game scheduled to meet 1/21. They have decided to postpone regional and statewide in person meetings, further dates TBD.



They also have shown concern about regional and statewide meetings conducted by other means such as Zoom. The Board of Fish has also postponed regional and statewide meetings.

Dave Crowley (Wildlife Biologist): Moose: local GMUs show steady although rather low calf/cow ratios. There were fewer moose hunters in the field (possibly Covid related) but the success rate was up considerably. There appears to be a healthy bull population for the local hunters in 9c. GMU 9b has a low calf survival rate with the suspected cause being high predation by both bear and wolf.

Bear: Stream surveys good cub production numbers. The last harvest and hunter effort numbers are at a historical low for both resident and non-resident hunters.

Todd Rinaldi (Regional Management Coordinator): Currently there is no area biologist in Dillingham. A candidate has been selected but timing is delayed due to the pandemic.

Caribou: An aerial survey was conducted for the Mulchatna herd including the numerous satellite herds. They were able to locate 67/69 tracking collars implying an accurate survey. A photo census was also conducted to determine aggregation. The final data has not been consolidated so do not have accurate numbers to report for calf/cow and bull/cow numbers.

Wolf/predator control program will be active again. The predator control program was a success last year, with a harvest of about 60 animals and resulted in an improved calf survival rate. SDA teams will now have to contact the Palmer office for information, no longer King Salmon office.

RM585 (supplemental winter moose hunt) in GMU 17b and 17c will not be open this year due to very low calf survival rate.

Travis Elison (Comm Fish Biologist): Update for the 2020 BBay commercial salmon season. 2020 saw a very large return and harvest bay wide with a total run of 58.9 million, a catch of 40 million, and a total escapement of 18.9 million. The Naknek River saw a record-breaking total run and escapement. The Egegik River also saw a notably above average return. Both the Egegik and Kvichak Rivers are seeing a decline of two year freshwater fish which in the past was a large portion of the return. They are coming back instead as 1-2s or 1-3s. Processors were frequently strained and unable to keep up with the catch due to Covid and the result was limited fishing opportunity. The 2021 season is forecasted to be yet another strong year. Travis states that he believes we are potentially past the peak of this multi-year high production regime.



VII. Comments

Public: Heidi Kritz (BBNA), BBNA has sent out a request to Iliamna area villages seeking information on the Iliamna Lake seal harvest. She/they are looking for willing participants in each village to help with gathering information about seal harvest in the lake. Please forward information to Heidi if the AC can recommend people involved in the harvest.

AC members: Randy Alvarez voiced concern over a lack of rainbow trout being harvested by ice fishing in the Kvichak drainage and hopes ADFG can look into it. ADFG had hoped to do a creel survey but did not do one on the Kvichak River or the Iliamna River. A survey was done on the Naknek River.

Tinny Hedlund stated that there is a noticeable decline of larger char on the Iliamna River. It seems that large char is now only found ten miles or farther up the river. It seems to Tinny that the lack of char corresponds with an abundance of seal in the river. Has talked to witnesses of seals taking lots of char. We need to do something about the growing seal numbers.

VIII. New Business

I. Central/Southwest B.O.G. proposals:

Proposal#s 2,4,5, regarding the harvest of sheep by bow. No Comment.

Proposal 6, Brown bear tag fee exemption. Proposed by A.D.F.G. Moved to Adopt by W. Hill, Second by K. Jensen. Vote to support passes 10/0 unanimous support.

Prop #8, Furbearer trapping. Proposed by Tom Lessard. Shorten Coyote trapping seasons in GMU 9,13,14b,16 and 17 to align with seasons for trapping other furbearers. B. Trefon moves to adopt, second by T. Hedlund. Vote to support passes 10/0 unanimous support.

Prop #s 15,16,17 Hunting season and bag limits for moose. All three proposals define registration hunts for bowhunters only. Comments: the AC fears future desire for allocation of harvest to the bowhunters. Would be difficult for ADFG to structure and manage. Move to adopt by T. Hedlund, second by B. Trefon. Vote to support fails 0/10. Unanimous opposition.

Prop #20 Hunting season and bag limits for Caribou, Priority for subsistence hunting; Tier II permits. Proposed by ADFG. The Mulchatna Caribou herd continues to struggle, and the population continues to drop. Establishing a Tier II hunt would further reduce the harvest pressure on the herd while protecting



subsistence needs. The AC supports this proposal but commented that the BOG needs to consider household/family size in the ranking process. Also, concerned that young hunters who seek to harvest for their family may not be ranked high enough to qualify. This is not great but is a better option than no harvest opportunity at all. Move to adopt by B. Tracy, second by J. Tilly. Vote to support passes 10/0. Unanimous support.

Prop #21 Intensive management plans I. Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on federal lands in GMU 17 and 18. Proposed by ADFG. Current predator programs have been successful on nearby state lands. This will allow similar program on federal lands used by the Mulchatna caribou herd. The AC comments that it has been witnessed as a success in the area. A successful program has proven to increase calf survival rates. Move to adopt by B. Tracy, second by B. Trefon. Vote to support passes 10/0. Unanimous support.

Prop #23 Unlawful means of taking game, exceptions. Allow the use of snowmachines to position wolf or wolverine in unit 17 as follows. This proposal seeks to clarify the already allowed use of snowmachines to hunt wolf and wolverine. The current regs do not specify exactly how they may be used. This will protect the hunter from litigation and will align regulations in unit 17 with regs in other GMUs. Moved to adopt by J. Tilly, second by B. Tracy. Vote to support passes, 10/0. Unanimous support.

Prop #41 Hunting season and bag limits for small game. Increase the number of non-resident permits for taking Emperor geese in GMUs 9,10,17. This prop is similar to Props #32-50, all of which seek to increase harvest permits for Emperor geese. The AC comments that they do not think an increase in permits is prudent as the population does not support it. AC will adopt this one prop to express the sentiment regarding all other props seeking an increase in harvest permits. Move to adopt by K. Aguiar, second by B. Trefon. Vote to support fails 0/10, unanimous opposition.

II. Statewide board of game proposals

The AC decided to table discussion of the proposals until the next meeting.

IX. Miscellaneous Business:

I. Discussion of approval of these minutes for submission to the B.O.G.



W.Hill makes a motion to allow chairmen Alvarez to approve the minutes without group participation. K. Jensen seconds. Vote to approve passes 10/0. Unanimous consent.

II. Discuss date and location of next meeting

The next meeting will be spring of 21 with the exact date to be announced later. We will (likely) combine discussions about statewide and B.O.F. proposals.

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

Minutes Recorded by: Secretary Warren Hill
Minutes Approved by: Chairman Randy Alvarez
Date: December 2, 2020



**Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee
November 17, 2020
Phone meeting**

I. Call to Order: 10:07am AKT by Mitch Seybert

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Gerald Olsen Jr

Mary West

Mitch Seybert

Catie Bursch

Brian Cato

Kim Rice

Tom Bursch

Tracey Vrem

John Christiansen Jr

Members Absent (Unexcused): Gerda Kosbruk, Mark Kosbruk, Tim Enright, Mike Enright

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: Seven (9 members at roll call)

List of User Groups Present: Commercial fishing, Subsistence fishing, Subsistence Hunting, Guided hunting.

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:

Travis Lons- Wildlife Trooper, King Salmon

Dave Crowley- Wildlife Management Biologist for GUM 9&10, King Salmon

Todd Rinaldi- Wildlife Management Coordinator for Region 4, Palmer

Bronwyn Jones- Subsistence Resource Specialist, Anchorage

Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Boards Support Southwest Region Coordinator,

IV. Guests Present:

a. Heidi Kritz- Bristol Bay Native Association

b. Gayla Hoseth- Bristol Bay Native Association

c. Al Barrette- Board of Game Member, Fairbanks

d. Eddie Clark- Naknek

e. Jordan Dyer- Egekik commercial fisherman, Homer resident.

V. Approval of Agenda: Approved by Gerald Olsen, seconded by Tracey Vrem.



- VI. Elections for five undesignated seats: Election open at 10:14am. Taryn gave us a clarification of the seats that are open, designated vs undesignated and obligations of committee members.

Nominees:

Eddy Clark, undesignated
Jordan Dyer, undesignated
Kim Rice, undesignated seat
Tracey Vrem, undesignated seat
John Christiansen, undesignated seat

Floor closed for nominations 10:26am

Unanimous consent of all 5 seats at 10:26am

New members seated after election are; Eddy Clark and Jordan Dyer, replacing Mark Kosburuk and Tom Bursch.

- VII. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes will be approved by Mitch Seybert for submission to Board after they are emailed to the LBBAC committee members.

Motion to adopt this by B. Cato. Seconded by T. Vrem.

Motion carries unanimously

VIII.

- IX. Reports

ADF&G- Dave Crowley and Todd Rinaldi – covered Caribou survey, FWS Moose survey, bear season and covid virus, Mulchatna caribou, and Dillingham moose.

- X. New Business

- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting; Tracey Vrem will go to Game meeting as others do not want to travel from home areas due to covid pandemic.

- XII. Set next meeting date: next meeting will be at the call of the chair.

- XIII. Announcement: BOF made change to schedule March 5-10 Anch call for proposals went live Nov 16, 2020. Deadline April 24th. 2 weeks later than what it was.

Adjourned meeting at 12:45pm



Alaska Board of Game Central & Southwest Region Meeting Proposals

January 22-29, 2021 | Wasilla, 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
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6	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
	10	0	
8	Shorten coyote trapping season in Units 9, 13, 14B, 16 and 17		
	10	0	
10	Allow the harvest of beaver by bow and arrow under a trapping license with salvage requirements in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16		
	0	10	
19	Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19 as follows		
	10	0	Good to gather more information.
20	Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna caribou herd (MCH)		
	10	0	
21	Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on federal lands in Game Management Units 17 and 18		
	10	0	
27	Reauthorize the Northern Alaska Peninsula (NAP) Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan (IM)		
	10	0	
28	Remove the resident bag limit of one brown bear every four years in Unit 9		
	0	10	Existing regs give enough opportunity.
29	Lengthen the season and liberalize methods and means for trapping beaver in Unit 9		
	0	10	Beaver and salmon have cohabitated for many years and are not harming salmon runs according to biologists.
30	Shorten the wolf trapping season in Units 9 and 10		
	10	0	Very few are trapped in May and June now.



31	Close wolverine trapping and hunting in Unit 10		
	10	0	Want to conserve any remaining wolverines on Unimak Is.
41	Increase the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
	2	8	Because there are many proposals for the Emperor Goose permit issue, the LBBAC decided to express their opinion with Prop 41, with the intent that this vote reflects on all the other Emperor Goose proposals.

Minutes Recorded By: Catie Bursch, AC Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Mitch Seybert, AC Chairman
Date: 12/1/2020



2/19/2021 McGrath AC Meeting notes:

Via Teleconference.

Call to order at 12:15 by Chair Mark Cox

Present: Mark, Kevin, Ken, Jesse, Clinton, Dan, Daryl, Steffen Sr.

Staff and Guests: Josh Peirce, John Barton, Kristi Tibbles, Nick Smith, Ben Gray, Sean Larson, Jim Simon

Approval of Agenda: motion Ken, second Daryl. Passed 7-0.

Motion to hold on elections: motion to table Daryl, second Dan. Passed 7-0.

New Business:

Prop 182 – annual reauthorization

Staff update: winter moose hunt in 19D. 2021.

Josh: Pop objective has been met. Twinning rate 15% 2020. Low. Pop est. 2020 GSPE. Decline slight. 2019 – 2300, 2020 – 2200.

Antlerless moose hunts: low participation. Pop a little on the high side with twinning rate on the low side.

Prop 182 – reauthorization 2022: motion Ken, second Mark. Passed 7-0.

Prop 189 – reauthorization fee exemption brown bear. Motion Mark, second Dan. Passed 7-0.

Fisheries: Staff Update Sean Larson.

2020 chinook run 116,000, 88,000 total escapement. Will have a 2021 forecast by end of March.

Salmon Pitka Fork weir below average chinook run. Takotna River weir slightly below long term average.

Escapement goal review, written remarks by May 10, 2021 proposal deadline.

Other Items:

Discussion by Mark to have two meetings per year. No vote.

Adjourn:

Motion Ken, second Kevin. Passed 7-0. At 1:10.



**Middle Nenana River Advisory Committee
January 12, 2021
Teleconference**

- I. Call to Order: 6:35pm by Chair Allan Mortenson
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Paul Van Dyke, Allan Mortenson; Clear
Matt Nustvold, Coke Wallace*, Jacob Mattila, Erik Haugen*; Healy
Alex Beutow, McKinley
Paul Nyberg
Members Absent (Excused): Jeff Stenger, Clear; Leroy Sutton, Alt Clear, Wayne Valcq,
Ferry; John Basile, Healy; Jeremy Wolf, Undesignated
* Arrived a bit late
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:6
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis & Mark Nelson (DWC), Nissa Pilcher (BDS)
- IV. Guests Present: Pat Owen, Nancy Bale, Greg Culligan
- V. Approval of Agenda, approved
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes, approved
- VII. Old Business
Members noted that they were still fine on not holding elections at this time during this cycle

Members also asked a question about the past BOG meeting; why liberalized brown bear season wasn't approved at the 2020 INT BOG meeting if there is no tag fee for residents. Department noted that current harvest is a lot higher than historic numbers and but the goal was to maintain a healthy, although lower than historic, population of brown bears, which takes a careful approach with the higher harvest numbers. Members noted that they see a lot more brown bear than black bears in 20A
- VIII. New Business

Board of Game and Fisheries 2020-2021 Meeting Cycle Discussion

There are a lot of good things that come out of in person meetings, so if that is not an option, then the AC would not be opposed to seeing things pushed down the road. Nothing is so pressing in the



proposals that it could not wait a year in relation to what is occurring right now. The committee stated that they would prefer sooner than later for when meetings happen but would prefer face to face meetings and if that takes until next year, then that is what should happen.

Committee had questions about if stacking the meetings next year would happen, how putting off meetings would affect INT BOG cycles, and how antler reauthorizations would be handled.

AC did not formally vote on any action in relation to the Board 2020-20201 meeting cycle

Moose harvest update for 20A, 20B, and 20C given by the department

Department presented information on moose population, harvest, ceremonial harvest/road kill numbers for 20A , 20B, and 20C

Committee had questions on ceremonial harvest numbers and reporting.

Department also noted that they have a brow tine presentation that they can give to folks when a face to face meeting can be held, and noted that the results of the study show that the basic trend was the same for brow tine growth over the last 30 years.

Board of Game Proposals

The committee wondered why there was so many Emperor Goose proposals (Proposals 32-50) that all dealt with changing the allocation of resident and nonresident permits, or sought to remove any nonresident take. No action taken on any of these proposals, but harvest statistics on the hunt were requested.

AC proposal discussions

Proposal 183: Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A

Proposal 184: Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B

- Erik brought up Proposal **183/184**, Alan seconds. The Middle Nenana AAC usually supports the department's request for reauthorization of antlerless moose hunt. Vote to support: 8 support, none opposed. Unanimous to **Support**

Proposal 163: Count wounded big game animals towards the hunter's bag limit for all units and require additional action in the field from hunters that attempt to take game

- Jake brought up Proposal **163**, Matt seconds. Discussion was that counting a wounded big game animal towards a hunters bag limit a difficult topic to cover. The rule is largely vague. This rule would be hard to enforce, and each person should bring ethics into the field with them and make responsible shots. This would not fix the sour apples out in the field. Vote to oppose: 8 oppose, none support. Unanimous to **Oppose**

Proposal 189: Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska

- Alan brought up Proposal **189**, Paul seconds. Again the Middle Nenana AAC usual supports brown bear tag fee exemptions. Vote to support: 7 support, 1 oppose. Vote to support passed.



IX. Next Meeting TBD based on discussion if any other proposals need to be brought up.

X. Other

XI. Adjourn – Meeting Adjourned at 0811

XII. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Erik Haugen
Minutes Approved By: Alan Mortenson
Date: 2/17/2021



Middle Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee Teleconference

February 5, 2021

Meeting called to order at 12:09 at

Members present; Galena- Fred Huntington, Dick Evens
Koyukuk- Benedict Jones, Tom Kriska, Percy Lolnitz(alt)
Nulato – Arnold Demoski, Joe Turner, Mickey Stickman(alt)
Kaltag – Richard Burnham, Georgiana Madros

Numbers needed for Quorum; 7

Members Absent; Mark Huntington, Van Madros, Patrick Madros Jr, Tom Negalska

Leo Lolnitz and Jason (Koyukuk), Paul Mountain & Douglas Patsy (Nulato), Jim Simon, Jeremy Havener (FWS)

Staff Present; Glenn Stout & Sara Longson (DWC), Christy Gleason & Deena Jallen (DCF), Nissa Pilcher (BDS)

AC & Public Comments

Doug Patsy noted that they are concerned about this hunt for next year. Have seen a lot of wolf kills, haven't seen many moose with calves. Three people in Nulato have taken 18 wolves so far – their numbers have seemed to explode this winter and we are doing our best to knock them down.

Fred Huntington – Glenn noted that this reauthorization vote was for next year, that we already voted on it and the Board approved it for this year and wanted clarification from Doug on what he wanted.

Doug – would like to speak for not doing the winter hunt this year as well as next year

(unknown) – With the lack of fishing, our freezers are going to look pretty bleak next year then.

Fred – having wolves running through the community during the night and they are herding the moose into the town. Could Department offer some wolf trapping protection- some education on how to harvest and trap wolves?

Department – will talk to Brad and see what can be done. Department noted that the winter hunt is open does not mean that you need to participate, and if you do go you don't have to take cows. The data shows that these animals can be taken, and this hunt is generally only participated by your communities. There have been a few people from Fairbanks go down and take a few last year but generally only the people who live in your communities participate. There were more local hunters that reported as being successful this year, so it would make sense that less moose will be taken this winter because those needs were already met in the fall.

Dick Evans had to leave, quorum still maintained



Proposal 186: Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D

Members discussed this subject in the beginning part of the meeting. Some committee members noted that they were going to vote no but they would like to ensure that the hunt is left in the book so that they could have it again in the future when we are more comfortable with the moose population.

The committee originally voted on the proposal and the vote tally was Opposed (2-7)*

After verifying that the hunt would actually be removed from the regulation and a new proposal would be needed to put the hunt back into regulation, the AC took up the proposal again at the end of the meeting and voted unanimously to **support (9-0)** it with the request to the Department that due to their concerns over the moose population and high predation over the last two winters that the hunt not be conducted in the winter of 2022, and the Department agreed to not hold the 21D winter hunt.

Proposal 189: Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska

Support (9-0)

Division of Commercial Fisheries, Summer Season Update, Deena Jallen

Season summary was given, and it was noted that the preseason forecast for this summer was not available yet.

Richard noted some concerns with the diminished run/disaster. The last time this happened it was three years of bad runs in the late 1990s. This bad run hit all of Alaska, not just the Yukon, and am afraid that this means that this is a ocean issue and this could lead to a couple bad years.

Other member noted that the commercial fishermen in the oceans needs to go back to fishing they way they used to fish, we just keep doing the same things over and over and our numbers are still declining. We are doing the best that we can and our numbers are just declining trying to protect our way of life.

Members expressed concern with the advancing of technology of the ocean run commercial fishing fleet, bycatch, climate change and hatchery overproduction. Members expressed concern that they were being forced to change their subsistence way of lives so that other interests could continue to make money and members said that they were done with making these concessions of giving up food in order so that others can take the fish.

AC noted that since everyone on the river is affected in these bad years, that all of the chairman on the river should get together and get something going. The AC noted that the people of the river need to band together and take this on river wide. Otherwise, we are just going to keep doing this like the people that came before us

Division of Commercial Fisheries, Fall Season Update, Christy Gleason



Season summary was given, and it was noted that the preseason forecast for this summer was not available yet.

AC members asked questions on the commercial harvest in Bristol Bay and spent time discussing what Area M was, where it was, and how it impacts the Yukon run salmon, and what a mixed stock is.

Member clarified that Bristol Bay commercial fishing does not impact Yukon Run salmon. Question on Bristol Bay caught fish asked, Department clarified that Area M is the area that gets the most intercepted fish and clarified numbers. Also noted that the chum crash in 98, 99, 2000 it was due to an algae bloom in the ocean, and not intercepted fisheries. With the current warming trends this is also another possibility.

Members noted that there was a teleconference/radio with Stephanie Quinn Davidson, Charlie Wright and Brooke Wright with TCC, they were saying similar things, that they are still trying to figure out what happened to the fish but it might not be just because of one thing. Members also noted that YRDFA was also a good place to express these concerns as there is our local delegation that attends those meetings.

Concern was expressed again that if the subsistence fishermen are hurting, why is commercial fishing still allowed to happen, and that they will not give up any more subsistence rights as we have done in the past.

Committee noted that everyone already know we have a shortage of fish and we could draft a resolution to go to Area M and and the NPMFC about the bycatch.

Committee would like to draft a letter/resolution to go to the ACs on this issue, with the potential to forward the document to Area M and the NPMFC about bycatch. This will involve TCC/PJ Simon and TCC Task Force/Ben Stevens to assist. While no formal action was taken, but the committee did not want assistance from the Department/Boards in communicating with the other ACs but will instead work through these other avenues.

The AC had no fisheries proposals to submit for the BOF AYK Meeting at this time.

Federal Fish/Game Cycle

No fisheries proposal for this area, and the call for proposals for game related topics on federal lands will be released this spring some time. At this time, the AC has no federal game proposals and does not wish to review the fisheries ones.

Election for expired seats

Election discussion was held. Since the 2019-2020 meeting was held out of cycle in Galena and not Koyukuk, elections are getting out of date. It was noted that next face to face meeting should resume in Koyukuk to elect members as it was noted that one of the current Koyukuk member now resided in Nulato.

Boards noted that elections can be done in communities out of the cycle if need be, and Board staff can assist the community conducting the election.



AC also asked about the seat makeup of the committee. The current makeup was discussed and the AC will be prompted during the next Joint Board call for proposals to potentially submit a proposal to change/increase the current makeup of the committee.

Other

Mickey Stickman noted that he has taken Benedict Jones seat on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group and can give an update.

Benedict noted that some caribou herds have gotten brucellosis and was wondering if that was an issue for the WACH herd. Mikey did not believe so.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

Minutes approved by Percy Lolnitz



Mount Yenlo Advisory Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 7, 2020
Location of Meeting: Northwoods Lodge

- I. Meeting was called to order at 1:20 PM by Eric Johnson.
- II. Roll Call Members Present: Tom Brion , Eric Johnson, Roger Phillips (teleconference), Dave McHoes, Shon Parker

Members Absent: Steve Childs, Bonnie Childs, John Little, Jody Payton
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

- III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- IV. Lists of Guests: Shan Johnson (acting as secretary), Ann Parker, Via Teleconference: Payton McHoes, Tim Peltier, Area Biologist, James Van Lanen, Subsistence Division, Charity Lehman, Boards Support
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business

Election of Committee Members

It was moved by Eric Johnson and seconded by Dave McHoes to nominate Payton McHoes to the committee. Motion carried.

New Business

The advisory board conferenced called with James Van Lanen from Fish and Game Subsistence Division and Tim Peltier, Fish & Game Area Biologists to ask questions and convey the committee's concerns.

Dave McHoes asked Tim Peltier, the area biologist, if there is still a 100 bull permit hunt scheduled for this winter. He indicated there is. He said the last count for 16B north was around 32 or 38 bulls per 100 cows. Eric Johnson stated possibly in the south but certainly not in the north.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Tom Brion that the Mt. Yenlo Advisory Committee adopt Proposal 84 to establish an antlerless moose season in 16B. The committee felt that an antlerless moose season is not advisable in 16B for the next few years until the population increases. Motion failed.

It was moved by Roger Phillips and seconded by Shon Park to amend the adoption of Proposal 84 to establish an antlerless moose season after the Dept of Fish & Game can verify that the population has recovered. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Roger Phillips to adopt Proposal 85 to establish a special bowhunt for moose in 16B. Dave McHoes informed the committee that bowhunters can already hunt during the general season. The committee felt that is sufficient. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt Proposal 92 & 93 to allow year round bear hunting. The committee felt that allowing year round hunting would not work as the brown bear population has declined and hides would not be good year round. Motion failed.



It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt Proposal 97 to allow bowhunting & rifle for beaver during trapping season. Dave McHoes informed the committee that beaver hunting is already allowed with a rifle. A discussion followed indicating the problems with shooting a beaver with a bow and retrieving the beaver. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt Proposal 100 to remove the requirements that traps and snares for beaver be submerged in Unit 16. Dave McHoes informed the committee that as the law is written that when they opened up the early season in September before the regular season opens November 10th, they made it so the traps had to be submerged. This is a totally unworkable regulation with the river going up and down in September. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt Proposal 2 to establish a special archery season for Dall Sheep in Unit 16 and other units. Dave McHoes informed the committee that bow hunters can already hunt during the general season. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt proposal 3,4 and 5 to establish more archery seasons. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt Proposition 6 to reauthorize the Fish & Game brown bear tag fee. Dave informed the committee that you used to have to pay \$25 fee. The fee was removed to make it easier to kill brown bears because we wanted to reduce the brown bear population. Dave McHoes asked the area biologists if there are units included in the proposal that still need to reduce the brown bear population. The biologists did not know. The biologists did not think there was that much revenue generated. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt Proposal 7 that would increase the limit of black bears in Unit 13B and 16B from 3 to 5. Eric Johnson felt the black bear population in Unit 16B seem to be in short supply. The committee indicated that very few hunters even get 3 a year. The committee asked the area biologists if there is any biological concern with this proposal. He indicated that very few hunters take 3 black bears and has no biological concerns. By increasing the limits, you increase interest in hunting in those areas. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt Proposal 8 to shorten the trapping season for coyotes in multiple southcentral units. The reason they expanded it was hoping it would remove some coyotes to help the sheep population. Fur quality is an issue when they are trapped early. The committee felt there are too many coyotes in the area. Dave McHoes indicated no one out here traps coyotes in September. The issue only affects Anchorage where they are abusing this opening. Motion failed.

It was moved by Dave McHoes and seconded by Shon Parker to adopt Proposal 9 extend the wolf trapping season to the end of May in Units 13 and 16. Discussion was held that the hides would not be good through May. Bears could get snared as they would be out in May. Motion failed unanimously.

It was moved by Shon Parker and seconded by Tom Brion that they adjourn the meeting at 2:05 PM. Motion carried unanimously.



Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee
Teleconference Meeting
January 6th, 2021 1330hrs
1-800-504-8071, Access Code: 4421717
Meeting Minutes

Charlie Lean – Chair, Brandon Ahmasuk – Vice Chair, Kevin Knowlton – Secretary,
Jacob Mannix – Nome, Andrew McCann – Nome, Edward Stang – Nome,
Patrick Knodel – Undesignated, Tom Gray – Undesignated,
Davis Lincoln – White Mountain, Lloyd Kiyutelluk – Shishmaref,
Tanya Oblowaluk – Teller, Clifford Seetook – Wales, Henry Olanna Jr. – Brevig Mission,
Charles Saccheus – Elim, Jack Fagerstrom – Golovin

1. Call to Order: meeting called to order by Chair Charlie Lean at 1337hrs
2. Roll Call (8 members required to meet quorum)
 - a. Present on phone: Charlie Lean, Brandon Ahmasuk, Kevin Knowlton, Andrew McCann, Jacob Mannix, Tom Gray, Davis Lincoln, Jack Fagerstrom, Charles Saccheus
 - b. Excused: Edward Stang, Patrick Knodel, Clifford Seetook
3. Guests in Attendance
 - a. Alaska Department of Fish and Game Staff on phone: Bill Dunker, Sara Germain, Jim Menard
 - b. Federal Officials: None
 - c. Guests on the phone: Wes Jones – NSEDC, Ashley Dunker – NSEDC, Myra Scholze – NSEDC, Dawn Wehde - NSEDC
4. Approval of Agenda: Motion Made by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Jacob Mannix to approve the agenda as amended. Ad BOG Proposition 120 to the agenda. Motion carried unanimous
5. Chairman's Report/Update:
 - a. The caribou working group met telephonically, they recommended that the department maintain a conservative approach to the herd management though the herd population seems to have stabilized.
 - b. The chair had published a note to the Federal Seward Peninsula Regional Advisory Council reference the Norton Sound Red King Crab population not having recovered enough yet to support a commercial season while maintaining the subsistence harvest. The SPRAC put their opposition to a commercial fishery on record.
 - c. The Chair mentioned the the National Park Service had made new rules regarding navigable waters to respond to the fact they had lost to Sturgeon in the Supreme Court.
6. ADF&G Wildlife Division Report / Update: Bill Dunker and Sara Germain
 - a. In response to a question from Jack Fagerstrom about wolf population on the Seward Peninsula, Bill Dunker stated that a wolf population survey in Unit 22 had not been done and that it would be very difficult. The technique used to determine the amount of wolf predation on big game in the unit is by referencing when collared animals tend to be killed and it is mostly in the springtime after bears have come out of hibernation.
 - b. The RM840, Unit 22 registration Moose hunt was very brief this year, the harvest was maintained at a sustainable level. The department does not have enough data yet to



see if limiting the permit availability made a difference especially with having to factor in local COVID-19 travel restrictions. 520 RM840 Permits were issued with 300ish hunters actually hunting. Survey of Unit 22D and 22E shows that the moose populations remain stable with 33 bulls to every 100 cows. Which indicates that the department should maintain status quo.

Jack Fagerstrom asked if due to COVID -19 the department would be providing the opportunity for the harvest of extra moose or releasing access to caribou tracking information. Bill Dunker advised that the issue of extra moose is being addressed at the state level with no decision yet and public access to the caribou collar locations is restricted by state law but what he could share was that the majority of the heard has not migrated south of the Kobuk nor west onto the Seward Peninsula yet this year.

Tom Gray asked if the department had considered shortening the reporting times for moose harvest so the department could close the season in the fall leaving a portion of the harvest available for a winter hunt. Bill Dunker stated that the department feels that it is not at a point where they need to make any changes at this time. Jack Fagerstrom expressed that the winter hunting opportunity is vary important to the residence of Golovin because of limited access during the fall hunt.

Brandon Ahmasuk asked, when was the last ANS study done in Unit 22 for moose? And if 321 bull moose harvest in unit 22 was sustainable? Bill Dunker advised it has been a number of years since an ANS study had been done and that any changes to the ANS required board action but a proposal to the board addressing the issue would be the way to address it and the deadline for proposals to the board will be due in the spring of 2022.

- c. Seward Peninsula Muskox – the population survey is scheduled for February 2021, last years harvest data showed 28 muskox bulls were harvested in Game Management Unit 22 which was approximately 2.1% of the population. The Seward Peninsula Muskox population appears to have stabilized. Unit 22A will have a scheduled hunt in RY21, though a hunt of the population in unit 22B East, near Koyuk has been underutilized. Consideration of separating management of 22B West and East is being considered.

7. New Business – Board of Game

The State of Alaska Joint Board of Fish and Game asked for input from the Advisory Committees on how they would like to see the board handle future meetings with the uncertainty of COVID-19 restrictions? The NNSAC prefers in person meetings but with circumstances being what they are Telephonic meetings will work. Due to connectivity issues in the smaller villages Zoom, Teams and others virtual means are not practical. Meetings should not be postponed with some time sensitive issues needing action. For example, the Norton sound Red King crab commercial season and the delicacy of the current population. As things in the population change, they need to be addressed in a timely manner.



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119	Add Muskoxen in Tier II hunts. (Charlie Lean)		
Support	10		Motion Made by Kevin Knowlton, Second by Tom Gray to support the proposal. No further discussion
129	Allow the use of expanding (soft point) bullets for big game hunting excluding wolf and wolverine. (Ted Spraker)		
Opposed		10	Motion Made by Jack Fagerstrom, Second by Kevin Knowlton to support the proposal. Against it for rural Alaska, cannot afford multiple or larger caliber rifles. Proper shot placement is the key to big game hunting. The definition of the available bullets is vague.
130	Prohibit use of urine from any species of the deer family as bait or scent lures. (ADF&G)		
Support	10		Motion Made by Jacob Mannix, Second by Kevin Knowlton to support the proposal. No further discussion.
134	Allow use of camera sensory devices. (John Ryan)		
No action			Difficult to enforce.
190	Reauthorize brown bear tag fee exemptions. (ADF&G)		
Support	9	1	Motion Made by Tom Gray, Second by Kevin Knowlton to support the proposal. A means to show how many hunters are hunting Bear, this could be achieved with no fee charge by making the region a registration hunt area.
	<i>Proposal 120 was added to the Agenda and the AC deliberated on it.</i>		
120	Taking of game by proxy. (Roger Seavey, McGrath AC)		
Support as Ammended	10		Motion Made by Jacob Mannix, Second by Kevin Knowlton to support the proposal as amended, to add Game Management Unit 22 to be covered by the proposal. No further discission.

Board of Fish

- a. Jim Menard Region manager for Fish reported that the 2019 Salmon harvest and return was not good, and the department is not sure why. The trawl surveys of 2015



did show that this might be the case but nothing definitive. By using the Trawl survey of 2016 data 2021 should be better.

- b. Red King Crab - the Board of Fish changed the winter commercial opening date to February 1st so the season will open then. This year for a commercial harvest looks to be like last year with no buyers and only two fishermen catcher/seller not looking to have a good harvest.

Tom Gray inquired about the 2021 summer commercial season; he is very concerned about the subsistence availability.

Wes Jones inquired as to what is the biomass of 5" males. Jim Menard replied that information is not available now and that is an allocative issue. He suggested if the AC disagreed with the Harvest Guideline we take it up at the Crab Planning Team Charlie Lean asked of Jim Menard, Have you read the regulation on how to manage the crab fishery in the King and Tanner Crab Management Policy? Jim replied that the guidance from the BOF had sunseted and that the crab planning team will be meeting next week.

Tom Gray stated that subsistence crab harvest has really taken a hit and the priority is subsistence and because the manager still focuses a commercial fishery while planning on having an opening for the commercial season.

8. Public Comment

Jack Fagerstrom for the village of Golovin, With COVID -19 we need to be able to get food with the least amount of gas usage. What resources are available to us? We need to be provided with information on the location of harvestable game.

9. Advisory Committee members comments

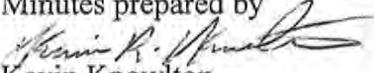
None.

10. The committee unanimously supported the Chair, Charlie Lean, to attend the upcoming board meetings

11. Next meeting date is to be at the call of the chair should an issue arise.

12. Meeting adjourned at 1618hrs.

Minutes prepared by


Kevin Knowlton
NNSAC Secretary

Approved


Charlie Lean
NNSAC Chair

Brandon Ahmasuk
NNSAC Vice Chair





**Nushagak Advisory Committee
December 7 & 15, 2020
Teleconference
Nushagak Drainage**

- I. Call to Order: 9:08 AM by Chair Joe Chythlook

- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Dan Dunaway, undesignated, secretary
Gayla Hoseth, undesignated
Peter Christopher, New Stuyahok
Barbara Moore, Manokotak (Joined 10:13am)
Gust Tuguing Jr, Koliganek
Richard King, Ekwok
Todd Fritze, Dillingham
Joe Chythlook, Dillingham, Chair
Curt Armstrong , Dillingham
Susie Jenkins-Brito, Dillingham, Vice Chair
Tom O'Connor, Dillingham
Mariano Floresta, Clark's Point
Travis Ball, Aleknagik
Wassillie Andrews, New Stuyahok Alt
Joe Wassily, Clark's Point, Alt
Kay Andrews, Aleknagik Alt
Steve Perkins, Dillingham, Alt at large
Kaleb Westfall, Dillingham, Alt at large (joined later in meeting)

- Members Absent (Excused):
Peter Walcott Sr Ekwok Alt
Walter Kanulie Togiak Alt

- Members Absent (Unexcused):
Moses Kritz
Chris Carr

- Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8



List of User Groups Present:

- Subsistence fishing, hunting, and gathering
- Commercial Fishing (Set and Drift)
- Sport Fishing
- Trapping
- Guided hunting and fishing
- Native Non-profit and For-profit
- Salmon Processing
- CDQ group and fishery consultants

III. Fish and Game & Enforcement Staff Present:

Tim Sands (Commercial Fisheries), Lee Borden (Sport Fish), Jason Dye (Sport Fish), Todd Rinaldi (Wildlife Conservation), Taryn Brito (Boards), Chris Peterson (Wildlife Conservation), Sergeant Dave Bump (Wildlife Troopers).

Togiak National Wildlife Refuge: Patrick Walsh, Andy Aderman, Kenton Moos

IV. Guests Present:

Robert Heyano, Angelo Brito, Bronson Brito, Rick Mauder, David Bendinger OBI, Gene Sandone BBEDC, Lindsay Layland, ony Zoch BBEDC, Gary Kline BBEDC, Jeff Regnart BBSRI, Gregg Marxmiller, Heidi Kritz BBNA, Jim Hurley, Jack Savo Jr, Mark Schwantes, Frank Woods, Billy (William) Johnson, Kenneth Nukwuk, Michael Link BBSRI.

V. Approval of Agenda - Susie move Tom O. 2nd to adopt

Peter Christopher discussed asked about an emergency antlerless moose hunt for 17 B&C. He also asked to add a December hunt for caribou.

Chair suggested taking those up when the proposals are addressed.

Kay Andrew asked to add a discussion on 17B&C winter moose under board of game proposals.

VI. Election of Members and Officers:

Four Dillingham designated seats, 1 undesignated and both alternate seats were open. There was a discussion whether to postpone elections until later and how to vote.

Gayla Move Susie 2nd to vote by email or text to Taryn. Adopted by Unanimous Consent
Dillingham seats Susie moved, Todd 2nd to open nominations.

Todd Fritze	by Dan	Final votes	<u>19</u>	seated underlined
Susie Brito	by Gayla		<u>22</u>	
Tom O'Connor	by Susie		<u>25</u>	

Curt Armstrong by Todd	<u>17</u>
William (Billy) Johnson by Peter	10
Jack Savo Jr by Andy Aderman	6
Dan Dunaway by Travis Ball	13

Undesignated and Alternates, highest count to seat, next 2 highest counts to be alternates. Susie Move, Tom O 2nd to open nominations.

	final count and seated
Dan Dunaway by Susie	<u>16 undesignated</u>
Steve Perkins by Dan	2
William Billy Johnson by Peter	8 Alt
Kenneth Nukwuk by Barb	3 Alt
Lindsay Layland By Susie	3 withdrew

Susie moved to seat all elected members. Tom O 2nd
Adopted by unanimous consent.

Officers

Susie moved to open nominations Gayla 2nd

Gayla nominated Susie Jenkins-Brito as chair.

Travis nominated Dan Dunaway as secretary

Susie nominated Travis Ball as Vice Chair

Peter nominates Joe Chythlook as Chair

Joe declined nomination, is interested in retiring.

Officers selected by unanimous consent; no objections voiced.

Discussion: concerns expressed that several village reps terms have expired as far back as 2018. Reminders have been sent to all communities. Togiak AC representative may be elected by Tribal Council if Togiak AC does not meet.

Clark's Point reps were recently re-elect, AC unanimously voted to seat Mariano Floresta as Rep and Joe Wassily as Alternate.

VII. Reports

- a. ADFG Commercial Fisheries Update AMB Tim Sands: discussed the 2020 season summary for Nushagak district. Major issue was low king salmon returns even with the extra precautions like the reduced commercial schedule. Kings are



approaching “Stock of Concern Status”. He then discussed the 2021 forecast of 51 million sockeye bay-wide and 14.76 sockeye total return expected for the Nushagak district stocks. . King salmon returns will continue to be of great concern. There was a discussion of the process and consequences if the kings are officially declared a stock of concern. Interest was expressed for a public discussion of management pre-season.

- b. ADFG Sport Fish AMB Lee Borden: Summarized the 2020 sport fishery: effort notably reduced in June and early July. Some increase in effort for coho and rainbow trout late July and into September. Department projects were reduced or halted due to reduced anglers in the fishery and declining budgets. One public comment also noted sport effort on Nushagak kings was noticeably reduced this summer due to Covid restrictions and many sport operations were curtailed or closed
- c. ADFG Wildlife Todd Rinaldi: Explained biologist Watine left her position in April. New area biologist Brian Riley hired for the Dillingham office; originally to arrive in November but Dillingham quarantine rules have forced postponement. Now hope to be on-site in January 2021. Mulchatna Caribou were surveyed very carefully but only 13, 500 animals estimated for entire range of herd, less than half the minimum population goal. There are some ADFG proposals designed to address concerns. Assistant Bio. Chris Peterson provided more details of caribou survey results. She is encouraged by good bull to cow ratio and young healthy bulls. 17B&C Moose population and harvest were discussed - “abysmal calf survival” apparently due to bear predation. Fall 2020 harvest was at levels similar to total annual harvest levels including winter harvests and a 2020 winter season is not justified - the bulls just aren’t there”. 17A moose populations appears strong hence an ADFG proposal is offered. Todd briefly described the process for requesting emergency hunts for moose and caribou in response to public comments and one Tribal Council request. Wolves were discussed briefly as well as a comment about Brown Bear baiting.
- d. ADFG Boards, Taryn O’Connor-Brito updated the AC on the meeting plans and struggles to hold Board meetings while meeting COVID concerns. There does not appear to be much support for remote regulatory meetings. Board of Game will meet for work session on January 21st to discuss possible meeting dates. She encouraged villages to update their representative elections.
- e. USFWS Togiak Refuge biologist Aderman provided updated the AC on Nushagak Peninsula caribou: Population has dropped to about 200 animals from estimate of up to 700 in 2019. 300 animals harvested in 2019-2020 hunt - seems like 200 animals cannot be accounted for. Therefore fall 2020 the decision on consultation the Nushagak Caribou committee was to allow Manokotak to take 5 bulls. NO other harvest will be allowed. Moose information to be discussed during proposals.



- f. Alaska State Troopers Wildlife, Bump: Main enforcement Wood River in-river is always a problem, some wastage of subsistence and commercial salmon. Not much sport fish enforcement as not much effort was out there. Lower effort in the herring or bear seasons, less nonresident caribou, and moose hunters. There were questions about reselling taxidermy, reports of headhunters and wastage in upper Nushagak, violations of the "sport hunting buffer", and seining salmon in the middle reaches of the Nushagak River.
- g. Bristol Bay Science and Research Inst. (BBSRI) Jeff Regnart and Michael Link: Brief discussion of the effort to revamp Nushagak chinook management plan (RC9). Expressed interest in keeping AC advised, the Board of Fish King committee was disbanded but kept working - no output available yet. Michael Link was ready to discuss more on the king plan when the AC takes it up.

VIII. Public Comment

None currently. 1:40 to 2:06 Lunch Break

IX. New Business

Address Central/ Southwest Board of Game Proposals

2:06 Roll call, 11 members present.

Proposals 6 to 22 addressed. **See proposal template for actions taken by AC.**

6:10 PM Travis asked to recess meeting to another day. AC selected Dec 15, 9:00 to resume the meeting by teleconference. Date selected in part to assure further public notice.

RECESS

12-15-20 Resume meeting under new business

9:05 call to order

Roll Call,

Members Present:

Dan Dunaway, undesignated, secretary

Gayla Hoseth, undesignated

Peter Christopher, New Stuyahok

Todd Fritze, Dillingham

Joe Chythlook, Dillingham

Curt Armstrong, Dillingham

Susie Jenkins-Brito, Dillingham, Chair

Tom O'Connor, Dillingham

Mariano Floresta, Clark's Point

Travis Ball, Aleknagik, Vice Chair



Billy Johnson, Alt
Kenneth Nukwuk, Alt

Members Absent (Excused):

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Joe Wassily, Clark's Point Alt
Kay Andrews, Aleknagik Alt

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Moses Kritz, Togiak
Chris Carr, Portage Creek
Barbara Moore, Manokotak
Gust Tuguing Jr, Koliganek
Richard King, Ekwok
Peter Walcott Sr, Ekwok Alt
Walter Kanulie, Togiak Alt

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Trooper Bump

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Guests Present:

Robert Heyano, Pete Andrew, Robin Samuelson BBEDC OBI, Gene Sandone BBEDC,
Lindsay Layland, Michael Link BBSRI, Cody Larson BBNA, Mark Schwantes.



9:08am: Joe Chythlook move, Dan 2nd to resume meeting agenda.
No comments, no additions. Passed unanimous consent.

See Proposal Template beginning Proposal 23

Planning for Board of Fish Call for proposals

- Discuss subcommittee creation to review Wood River Special Harvest Area
 - Discuss subcommittee creation to review King Salmon Mgt Plan
- General discussion of both items together. Chair hoping AC can be proactive on these versus reactive to various proposals by possibly creating open working groups to discuss potential changes desired in both management plans. Given information shared by BBSRI, work is still being done despite BOF inactivating King Planning team. Comments shared indicated it may be worth waiting to see what they develop. Robin Samuelson shared his experience from original King Plan - need to have a large group of all stakeholders not a small group. Robert Heyano concerned if there is the appearance of an AC sanctioned effort it needs to be a very open process. BBSRI Mike Link applauds wanting to be proactive, take wide view of whole plan, avoid single user group “micro bandaids”. BBSRI may have recommendations prior to call for BOF Bristol Bay proposals closing but no promises at this time. Tim Sands warned about “side groups” that may come up with ideas that surprise public. Commercial fishermen need to know what to expect, haphazard and last minute does not work.

*** AC reached Consensus: There is a clear need to have future meetings to address these issues and to encourage maximum public participation. No group or subcommittees formed at this time.

Wildlife Food Security

ADFG Rinaldi acknowledge receipt of letter from Koliganek speaking to the need to have hunts for moose and Caribou and stating that the season closed early. The request will be forwarded through normal channels for further consideration, but it does not meet the criteria for identifying a food shortage or security issue. He emphasized there would be no emergency opening of winter hunts in 17 B&C.

X. Miscellaneous Business

Deadline, approval, and submission of minutes to Board of Game

AC asked Secretary to complete minutes ASAP. Travis moved Dan 2nd to have Chair approve and submit minutes to BOG. Adopted by unanimous consent.

Select representative(s) for board meeting: deferred to next meeting

Set next meeting date and location: deferred pending BOG workshop and meeting schedule



XI. Adjourn: December 15, 11:23

AC comments to proposal only. Wildlife proposals were introduced and explained by ADFG Biologist Todd Rinaldi.

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6	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	11	0	Joe C move Dan 2nd Joe this reduces paperwork, DLP process is cumbersome would like to reduce burden on shooter in DLP cases plus cannot keep skull or hide. I like no harvest ticket required; this exemption is simpler. Dan supports easier system to just seal bear if a harvest opportunity presents. Others commented on DLP system being complicated and can be avoided sometimes with this regulation.
8	Shorten coyote trapping season in Units 9, 13, 14B, 16 and 17		
Support as Amended	11	0	Dan Move Tom 2 nd Todd F - coyotes are like an invasive species, now I do not see as many foxes. We trap (snare mostly) wolves late and it is nice to be able to keep an incidental coyote. Discussion of how he adjusts snares to avoid nontarget animals. <u>Tom O move Todd F 2nd: amend Proposal 8 to remove GMU 17 and remain neutral on remaining GMU named.</u>
10	Allow the harvest of beaver by bow and arrow under a trapping license with salvage requirements in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16		
			Through a discussion Nushagak AC determined bows already allowed in GMU 17



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12	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	11	0	<p>Dan Move Todd F 2nd</p> <p>Dan spoke in support, this has been an essential tool and herd needs reduction, good opportunity for meat.</p> <p>Joe C more like housekeeping. Widespread group support.</p>
13	Increase the number of nonresident draw hunt permits and extend the nonresident season by 10 days in Unit 17A		
OPPOSE	0	11	<p>Joe Move Dan 2nd</p> <p>Extended discussion. Joe spoke on history how moose from 17C were allowed to move to 17A by area residents restricting themselves. Joe very reluctant to support this. Others spoke of the current greatly reduced opportunity to local residents of 17B&C - they are already planning to try in 17A. There may be considerable increase in local resident effort going over there and object to increasing opportunity for nonresidents and adding competition. We let moose move over there, we might need moose to move back to 17C if the herd stays so low.</p> <p>For ADFG to make this proposal and in this manner, seems like advocating for a single user group. Let that group speak for themselves.</p> <p>ADFG Discussion that current Non Res effort is very low and has not accessed the current 50 available.</p> <p>AC Comment: Then if so few are used, making it 100 sends the wrong message to the public.</p> <p>Discussion if guides are required. Not for nonresidents but on the Togiak Refuge only one guide has a concession for hunts on refuge lands in the area.</p> <p>TNWR noted moose are not uniformly distributed in the unit and adding more hunters may increase hunter competition where the animals are found.</p> <p>AC members expressed concern for added competition when there is local need. Frank former chair suggested if more moose need to</p>



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			<p>be taken, extend winter season for residents first by 15-30 days. Others present supported this idea.</p> <p>Several AC members expressed disappointment with ADFG. The current 17A moose plan was hammered out and coordinated after several long meetings, including villages, tribes, Togiak and Nushagak ACs, even the Federal Bristol Bay RAC. It was coordination and buy-in among villages that helped population grow so well. Why did ADFG choose to ignore that process in submitting this proposal?</p>
14	Establish fixed-season dates for resident registration moose hunts RM575 & RM576 in Unit 17A		
Support	11	0	<p>Gayla move Dan 2nd</p> <p>ADFG said this will reduce administrative burden make it easier for hunters to plan and maximize opportunity.</p> <p>AC, I support as long as its clear hunters must expect EO closure when harvest goals are reached. Gayla asked if the moose plan need all members to agree before this can be enacted?</p> <p>FWS is neutral.</p> <p>Comment that it would be nice to know what 17A villages thought of this but they haven't met yet.</p> <p>A review of fall hunt history and harvest was discussed.</p> <p>ADFG reminded group of goal to reduce herd size.</p>
15	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bow hunters only within Unit 17B		
Oppose	0	11	<p>Todd F move, Dan 2nd</p> <p>Todd F opposes, our herd can't support existing harvest let alone a special "set aside" hunt at prime time when success could be very high. Tom, I agree and in this country they still need to carry a firearm along, so who can tell which hole was made first? Rich, they can already hunt w a bow during normal season. Dan, I oppose this, agree w Rich, I don't like the concept of special gear hunts, - just designed to sell more gear. Joe and Peter also announced opposition.</p> <p>ADFG said the herd can't support added harvest.</p>



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			Before voting motion to adopt was amended to take proposals 15, 16, 17 as a block. Comments for 15 apply for 16 and 17.
16	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to nonresident certified bow hunters only within Unit 17B, remainder		
Oppose	0	11	SEE comments for 15
17	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B		
Oppose	0	11	SEE comments for 15
18	Extend the resident winter moose season in Units 17B and 17C		
Oppose	3	8	<p>Dan move Todd F 2nd</p> <p>ADFG reported harvest goal usually achieved in 3 weeks adding longer time not likely to add more most. Survey information indicated increase harvest not justified.</p> <p>Ekwok rep supports as weather is so variable now hunters might be able to have a chance at better travel conditions.</p> <p>New Stuyahok rep noted we have concerns for the herd in B&C, we would probably see more harvest, I can only support adding 2 weeks.</p> <p>ADFG noted all registration hunts are subject to closure by EO on short notice. This is a "May Be Announced" hunt if herd size warrants.</p> <p>Other AC members found a wider weather window appealing and believe the EO authority reduces over harvest concerns.</p> <p>Others opposed for now given the poor herd status. Not the time.</p>



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19	Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19 as follows		
Support	11	0	<p>Dan move, Tom 2nd</p> <p>ADFG & Togiak Refuge staff described aspects of the review possibly including an intensive habitat analysis and vegetation mapping. It is required as part of the update to the Intensive Management plan (IM). Historical population records reviewed back to 1946 and may encompass 40,000 sq mi range. ADFG and Togiak Refuge on same page for this process. Also, UAA working on it. Seeking funding.</p> <p>If this results in changed population goals its likely harvest goals will change as well and most likely reduced.</p>
20	Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna caribou herd (MCH)		
Oppose	5	6	<p>Todd F move Dan 2nd</p> <p>ADFG outlined the Tier 2 system. ADFG is required to submit this proposal due to poor herd condition.</p> <p>Comments how near Valdez some time ago, relatively new residents were qualifying for Tier 2 while longtime residents did not. Another noted similar observations around Naknek when the caribou hunt went Tier 2 there.</p> <p>ADFG expressed confidence such problems are mostly resolved in recent Tier 2 like GMU 13 and 16. If / when herd improves it might be possible to increase bag limit to existing permit holder's vs increasing permits. Also suggested its possible many non-locals who hunted in the 90's may be aging out of the hunt now.</p>



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21	Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on federal lands in Game Management Units 17 and 18		
Support	11	0	<p>Joe move, Todd F 2nd</p> <p>ADFG noted this is an odd proposal as it is for Federal land, has many nuances, will have to go thru NEPA, other analyses and hoops.</p> <p>AC comment, hard to tell if current IM is helping and I'm losing enthusiasm for it. Upriver guys have taken a lot of wolves in recent years. Its likely new president's administration will oppose this.</p> <p>ADFG says IM in GMU 16 has helped as well as in upper GMU 17. Discussed GMU IM designed to accommodate village hunters. This is designed to supplement existing IM effort overmuch wider area.</p>



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22	Determine customary and traditional uses of the Nushagak Peninsula caribou herd in Game Management Units 17A and 17C – Nushagak Peninsula, Bristol Bay		
No Action	?	?	<p>Joe move Tom 2nd ADFG noted this is an introduced population. Togiak Refuge noted their neutral position, this is a State action. AC question, would it have noticeable effect from current status. ADFG: ANS can be different from harvest-able surplus. There may be more objectives. Gayla asked for a review of Federal management and their Nushagak Caribou management group - this proposal could complicate the current process. Public: what impacts will this have on the original agreements with local villages and management TNWR? noted current management plan does not use State ANS, simply if one is a local resident then they are qualified to participate. AC : is this the place to spend State's limited funds - maybe there are better places. Public comment: re the existing cooperative mgt plan/group: if they have looked at it I'm ok but if they haven't seen it yet they should be allowed to review it first. We need to stay with original intent of that agreement. Some AC members and others spoke in agreement. One AC member who sits on management group does not recall this coming before them. The group should have an opportunity. Todd F moved for no action on this proposal. Supported unanimously</p> <p>meeting recessed 6:10 pm</p>
23	Allow the use of snowmachine to position wolf or wolverine for harvest in Unit 17		
Support	11	0	<p>Joe Move, Todd F 2nd Todd F spoke in support and to history of proposal after wolf and wolverine were dropped from a proposal that included caribou in</p>



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			<p>2017. This is a long-time common practice in western Alaska and folks don't like looking over their shoulders. Its allowed in other GMUs.</p> <p>ADFG noted that since IM is in effect in much of GMU 17 they support. It would help moose and caribou populations but emphasized snowmobile must be stationary at time of firing.</p>
24	Establish a season, daily and seasonal bag limit, and salvage requirement for Alaska hare in Unit 17		
Support	11	0	<p>Billy move, Dan 2nd</p> <p>ADFG explained genesis of the proposal, there are numerous local accounts across SW AK that there are far fewer today. Noted locally known as jack rabbits. Study going on across western AK form GMU 9, 17, 18, 22,23. One animal collared. Low abundance across their range. Little is known about them.</p> <p>AC member Tom said he supports and asked ADFG to call him he has more information.</p> <p>Joe C agrees with this and this is almost housekeeping, it may have been an oversight to not address in the past. Several other AC members spoke in support, particularly since it protects the breeding season.</p>
32	Close the nonresident season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10		
Support As Amended	12	0	<p>Gayla moved, Tom 2nd</p> <p>Dan noted to Boards on compiling BOG book that while many proposals on emperor geese included GMU, the Book only lists the proposals as applying other GMU mainly 9 and 10.</p> <p>Long discussion.</p> <p>Gayla spoke on history of Emperor management, AMBCC involvement and long widespread effort to help population rebuild. Only recently, a after closure since late 80's has harvest been allowed. Emperors are a valued subsistence species across western Alaska yet so many proposals in this book all seem to be directed to trophy hunters and possibly nonresidents. A lot of subsistence users sacrificed years of harvest and</p>



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			<p>egging to help restore. She noted Emperors are typically not in GMU17 during the fall hunt and it may have been why the proposal doesn't address GMU17.</p> <p>ADFG recounted recent harvest data estimates whole quota statewide was 1,800 birds, approx 150 taken across GMU 9 and 17 and that currently nonresident harvest is very low, residents take about 3 X the number harvested by nonresidents. Current pop estimate is just under 28,000</p> <p>Other AC members spoke to how few Emperors are around GMU17 and should be resident hunters only.</p> <p>Dan mentioned his experience in the Ak Pen and Aleutians where they are known as "beach geese" were prized in Sand Point and it took a couple years to get it across to not harvest them in late 80's.</p> <p>Long discussion on harvest permit process and data, what if population goes over 28,000.</p> <p>We need to be careful about liberalizing nonresident bag limit as they often hire guides and are more effective.</p> <p>Discussion on the numerous proposals after 32 to expand hunting opportunities.</p> <p>Gayla asked second to withdraw her initial motion and to submit a motion to adopt 32 with an amendment to include GMU 17. Second agreed and seconded new motion.</p> <p>Roll Call vote approved proposal 32 as amended to include GMU 17.</p>
33	Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Gayla moved to address proposals 33 through 50 as a block. Fritze 2nd</p> <p>Discussion, GMU 17 not in one of 4 zones where nonresident hunting is allowed, this is probably when GMU 17 was left out of #32.</p> <p>Given our long discussion in #32 and final action let's stay on record to tell BOG we are opposed to increased nonresident hunting.</p> <p>Consensus to include in motion to adopt, the statement: Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50</p>



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34	Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
35	Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
36	Allocate a 50/50 split for resident and nonresident Emperor goose permits for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
37	Allocate 500 permits to nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
38	Allocate 500 permits to residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17 as follows		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
39	Allocate an equal number of permits for residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
40	Double the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50



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41	Increase the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
42	Allow more years of nonresident Emperor goose tags to be allotted for a lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
43	Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese to 10% for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
44	Allow nonresidents to purchase un-issued Emperor geese permits for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
45	Increase permits and require use of an outfitter for nonresident harvest of Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
46	Increase nonresident permits and establish preference points for harvesting Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
47	Increase the number of nonresidents permits for taking Emperor geese or set a hunt quota with 24-hour harvest reporting requirement for Units 9, 10, and 17		



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Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
48	Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or offer a second drawing for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
49	Establish resident and nonresident quotas per region for taking Emperor geese with reporting requirements, or offer a second drawing for un-issued permits for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50
50	Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or allow for a second lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	12	See Nush AC comments 32 & 33 Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50

Note: The AC began to address statewide proposals until it was noted the proposals had not been listed in the public notice and were intended for a later meeting. Proposal 169 was taken up first followed by proposal 132. This discussion can be found below.



Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 12-19, 2021 | 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>			
132	Allow bird wings and parts to be used for trapping		
			<p>Gayla move, Fritze 2nd Gayla discussed history of proposals like this came from large number of swans harvested near Bethel where only breasts were salvages created outrage among many users who salvage much more meat off large birds. BOG addressed in last cycle. Trapper seeks much more clarity as many trappers use the outer portions of the wings for attractants. Full discussion on what portion of wings of large birds like cranes and swans are used for trapping, maqui (steam baths) brooms other. Dan, represented this AC to BOG in 2017 and this issue was very thoroughly discussed.</p> <p>Tom, were the statewide proposals on the public notice for this meeting? Boards? Taryn NO.</p> <p>Gayla and second withdrew motion pending another AC meeting to notice and address Statewide items.</p>
169	Prohibit the harvest of white animals		
Oppose	0	12	<p>Fritze move Dan 2nd Todd, As a trapper I'm opposed, I can't control what goes in my traps. There are "piebald beaver and otters in our area." What about naturally white animals - hares, weasels, ptarmigan, sheep? This is poorly written. Don't parts of the state have hunting on snowy owls? Peter Christopher, Agrees with Todd on small game and trapping, could support protecting large white game like moose but not small game.</p>



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			<p>Peter Christopher Motion to amend to protect large animals that are white failed for lack of a second.</p> <p>Joe C, This is first time to ever see a proposal like this. It needs more work, and I do not support amending it.</p> <p>Peter Christopher, notes he would have supported the proposal if amended to exclude small game.</p>

Minutes Recorded By: Dan Dunaway, Secretary
Minutes Approved By: Susie Jenkins-Brito, Chair
Date: January 22, 2021



Seldovia Advisory Committee
12/22/2020
Online via Zoom

- I. Call to Order: 6:07 pm by Michael Opheim
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Michael Opheim, Stephen Payton, Walt Sonen, Keith Swick, Alvin Swick, Jordan Cameron, Jevon Chartier

Members Absent (Excused): Cutter Grahn, Brian Chartier alt.
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Charity Lehman, Mike Booze, Holly Dickson, Nick Fowler, Jason Herreman, Andrew Garry.
- IV. Guests Present: Brian Korth, Tom Dunagan, Stan Dunagan, Jeremiah Campbell, Vivian Rojas, Troy Sandera, Dwayne Hollman.
- V. Approval of Agenda: Walt Sonen Motions, Keith Swick seconds
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Not finished. AC agrees to wait and Michael can approve.
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report: none
 - b. ADF&G: none
 - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment: Tom Dunagan – Spoke of disapproval of eliminating king salmon stocking effort in Seldovia
Troy Sandera - Spoke of disapproval with eliminating king salmon stocking effort in Seldovia
Stan Dunagan and Dwayne Hollman – spoke of disapproval with eliminating king salmon stocking effort in Seldovia
Vivian Rojas - spoke of disapproval with eliminating king salmon stocking effort in Seldovia



Jeremiah Campbell - spoke of disapproval with eliminating king salmon stocking effort in Seldovia

IX. Old Business: Board of Fish and Board of Game Proposals

Proposed end of stocking kin salmon smolt in Seldovia – After public testimony and discussion among AC. The AC also disagrees with the proposed elimination of king salmon stocking in Seldovia. The AC designates Michael and Stephen to write letter in opposition of the stocking plan on behalf of the AC.

X. New Business:

Fishery proposal 241: Walt Sonen motions, Jevon Chartier Seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Fishery proposal 242: Walt Sonen motions, Jevon Chartier Seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Fisheries proposals 244/245 brought up but AC decided they did not pertain to the Seldovia area and not to deliberate on them

Fishery Proposal 255: AC agrees that clams in the area have been over harvested and closing the sport fishery is justifiable. Walt Sonen motions, Stephen Payton seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Fishery Proposal 256: Walt Sonen motions, Stephen Payton seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Fishery Proposal 257: Walt Sonen motions, Stephen Payton seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Fishery Proposal 258: Walt Sonen motions, Stephen Payton seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Fishery Proposal 259: Walt Sonen motions, Stephen Payton seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Fishery Proposal 260: Walt Sonen motions, Stephen Payton seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Fishery Proposal 262: Walt Sonen motions, Stephen Payton seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Game Proposal 179: Alvin Swick motions, Jevon Chartier seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Game Proposal 180: Alvin Swick motions, Keith Swick seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0
Jason Herreman brings ACR 6 to the AC's attention. Walt Sonen motions, Jevon Chartier seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0

Cutter Grahn had proposal 146 brought before the AC. After discussion the AC decided to support the proposal as amended to say only on the Kenai Peninsula. Alvin Swick motions, Jevon Chartier seconds. AC votes to approve 7-0



- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: N/A
- XII. Set next meeting date: TBD
- XIII. Other
- XIV. Adjourn: 7:30 pm – Walt Sonen, second by Alvin Swick
- XV. Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Stephen Payton
Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim
Date: 1/28/2021



Seward Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom

Call to Order at 7:00 PM by Chair McCracken

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Andy Bacon, Kenn Carpenter, Mark Clemens, Diane Dubuc, Arne Hatch,
Jim McCracken Nathan Smith,

Members Absent: WC Casey, Trent Foldager, Jim Hubbard, Bob White

Comprising a quorum of the Committee

Fish and Game Staff Present: Nicholas Fowler, Area Wildlife Biologist, Kenai Peninsula
Jason Herreman, Assistant Area Biologist
Charity Lehman, Southcentral Regional Coordinator, Boards Support

Motion (Bacon/Dubuc) to approve the agenda

Discussion of kids fishing day added under new business

Hearing no objection from the Committee, the agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Motion (Dubuc/Clemens) to approve the November 11, 2020 minutes

November 11, 2020 meeting minutes approved by unanimous consent

The Chair opened public comment and hearing no members of the public wishing to comment,
closed public comment

Reports:

Harriman provided harvest statistics for Fall 2020, including Black Bear, Brown Bear, Goats,
Moose

Notes from that report:

- Brown Bear: 2020 harvest was over their cap but since they manage on a 3 year average, harvest did not exceed guideline levels. Looking ahead, the higher harvest of 2020 may impact opportunity in '21 and '22 with possible closures.
- Goat: Higher harvest level (92) in proportion to permits issued (383) than in previous years. Nanny take was high, so Dept. will likely need to issue fewer permits this year.
- Moose: 3 undersize harvest, 2 hunters were allowed to keep the meat, one was way under size and meat was siezed. 12 moose harvested in unit 7, vs. 13 last year and 7, 9, 12 in years prior. No moose surveys conducted in Unit 7 due to budget cuts.

Old Business- none

New Business:



Susitna Advisory Committee
12/15/2020
Virtual (Zoom)

- I. Call to Order: 5:00 by Steve Harrison
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Steve Harrison, Bryan Kirby, Billy Fitzgerald, Mike Wood, Eli Hoffman
Members Absent (Excused): Tim Bradley
Members Absent (Unexcused): Peter Mathieson, Tim Bueclle, Todd Kingery
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tim Peltier
- IV. Guests Present: None
- V. Approval of Agenda Motion by Bryan 2nd Mike
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Motion by Eli 2nd by Bryan
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report: None
 - b. ADF&G: None
 - c. Others: None
- VIII. Public Comment
None
- IX. Old Business
None
- X. New Business
BOG Proposals for Units 13, 14, 16 & BOF Proposals 235/236
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting
- XII. Set next meeting date
TBA
- XIII. Other
 - I. Adjourn 6:58



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1	Shift to later moose hunting seasons in Units 13 and 14		
2	Establish registration archery seasons for Dall sheep in Units 9B, 11, 13, 14A, 14B and 16		
3	Open an archery only season for Dall sheep in Units 13, 14A, 14B, and 16		
4	Establish a registration hunt by bow and arrow only for Dall sheep within Units 9, 11, 13A, 13B remainder, 13C remainder, 13D remainder, 14A remainder, 14B, and 16		
5	Establish three archery registration hunts for Dall sheep in Units 9, 11, 13, 14, and 16 where there are general season hunts		
6	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
7	Increase bag limit for black bear in Units 13D and 16		
8	Shorten coyote trapping season in Units 9, 13, 14B, 16 and 17		
9	Extend the wolf trapping season in Units 13 and 16		
10	Allow the harvest of beaver by bow and arrow under a trapping license with salvage requirements in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16		
	3	1	
11	Add bow and arrow as legal method of take for beaver in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16		
	3	1	
12	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
13	Increase the number of nonresident draw hunt permits and extend the nonresident season by 10 days in Unit 17A		



14	Establish fixed-season dates for resident registration moose hunts RM575 & RM576 in Unit 17A		
15	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B		
16	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to nonresident certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B, remainder		
17	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B		
18	Extend the resident winter moose season in Units 17B and 17C		
19	Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19 as follows		
20	Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna caribou herd (MCH)		
21	Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on federal lands in Game Management Units 17 and 18		
22	Determine customary and traditional uses of the Nushagak Peninsula caribou herd in Game Management Units 17A and 17C – Nushagak Peninsula, Bristol Bay		
23	Allow the use of snowmachine to position wolf or wolverine for harvest in Unit 17		
24	Establish a season, daily and seasonal bag limit, and salvage requirement for Alaska hare in Unit 17		
25	Review the intensive management findings for Unimak caribou and determine objectives if applicable		
26	Determine customary and traditional uses of the Unimak Island caribou herd (Unit 10 – Unimak Island)		
27	Reauthorize the Northern Alaska Peninsula (NAP) Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan (IM)		
28	Remove the resident bag limit of one brown bear every four years in Unit 9		
29	Lengthen the season and liberalize methods and means for trapping beaver in Unit 9		
30	Shorten the wolf trapping season in Units 9 and 10		



31	Close wolverine trapping and hunting in Unit 10
32	Close the nonresident season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10
33	Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents
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35	Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents
36	Allocate a 50/50 split for resident and nonresident Emperor goose permits for Units 9, 10, and 17
37	Allocate 500 permits to nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
38	Allocate 500 permits to residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17 as follows
39	Allocate an equal number of permits for residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
40	Double the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
41	Increase the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
42	Allow more years of nonresident Emperor goose tags to be allotted for a lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17
43	Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese to 10% for Units 9, 10, and 17
44	Allow nonresidents to purchase un-issued Emperor geese permits for Units 9, 10, and 17
45	Increase permits and require use of an outfitter for nonresident harvest of Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
46	Increase nonresident permits and establish preference points for harvesting Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
47	Increase the number of nonresidents permits for taking Emperor geese or set a hunt quota with 24-hour harvest reporting requirement for Units 9, 10, and 17
48	Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or offer a second drawing for Units 9, 10, and 17



49	Establish resident and nonresident quotas per region for taking Emperor geese with reporting requirements, or offer a second drawing for un-issued permits for Units 9, 10, and 17		
50	Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or allow for a second lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17		
51	Expand the DI454 bison hunt area in Unit 11		
52	Repeal the “pre-2018” caribou hunting regulations for Unit 13		
53	Increase the community subsistence caribou hunt allocation in Unit 13		
54	Increase the youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		
	5	0	
55	Open a registration goat hunt for residents in Unit 13		
56	Extend the general season for moose by bow and arrow only for residents and nonresidents within Unit 11, remainder		
57	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to certified bowhunters only within Unit 11, remainder		
58	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
	5	0	
59	Increase the community subsistence any bull moose hunt allocation in Unit 13		
60	Create a registration archery only hunt for bull moose in Unit 13		
	1	4	
61	Establish a drawing permit hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 13E		
62	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13E		
	4	1	
63	Eliminate the restrictions of one harvest report per household and one bag limit per household in the community subsistence caribou hunt for Unit 13		
64	Eliminate the salvage requirement for hide of moose for Alaska residents aged 60 years and older participating in the community subsistence moose hunt in Unit 13 and make it optional		
65	Eliminate the moose hide salvage requirement for hunters aged 62 years and older participating in the community subsistence moose hunt in Unit 13 and make it optional		



66	Clarify the Unit 13 Tier I subsistence caribou permit condition that members of a household may not hunt caribou or moose in any other state hunts in other locations	
67	Change the salvage requirements for sheep taken in Unit 11	
68	Extend the general season for brown bear by bow and arrow only for residents and nonresidents within Unit 11	
69	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13	
70	Open a fall baiting season in Unit 13 for brown and black bear	
71	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Unit 13	
72	Extend the wolverine trapping season in Unit 13	
73	Extend the wolverine trapping season in Unit 13	
74	Limit motorized access during the community subsistence moose hunt in Unit 13	
75	Close the Tokositna State Recreation Area in Units 13E and 16A to the use of airboats for hunting	
76	Extend the ptarmigan season and the lower bag limit in Unit 13B and 13E	
77	Open a youth only hunt for ptarmigan in Unit 13, August 10-24	
78	Extend the caribou season in Unit 16B	
	0	5
79	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B	
	5	0
	Support due to the high moose numbers and safety	
80	Create a resident youth hunting season for any bull moose (YM4XX) in Unit 14A	
81	Allow muzzle loading and black powder cartridge long guns be used for harvesting moose in Units 14A and 14B	
82	Extend by two days the current bow and arrow only general moose season in Units 14A, 14B, and 16A	
	5	0
83	Remove the 50-inch bag limit requirement for the resident and nonresident moose hunt in Unit 16A	
84	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 16B	
	5	0



85	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 16B	
86	Change the bag limit for Dall sheep in Unit 14A to full-curl ram	
87	Change the bag limit for the Dall sheep permit hunts in Unit 14A and convert the early season to archery only permit hunts	
88	Establish an archery only general season hunt for Dall sheep in Unit 14	
89	Establish a registration hunt for Dall sheep open to certified bowhunters only, by longbow or recurve bow only within Unit 14A, Metal Creek area	
90	Extend the brown bear hunting season in Units 14A and 14B	
91	Establish a general season by bow and arrow only for brown bear within Units 14A and 14B	
92	Open a year-round season for brown bear in Unit 16	
	1	4
93	Open a year-round season for brown bear in Unit 16	
	1	4
94	Establish a general season by bow and arrow only for brown bear within Units 16A and 16B, remainder	
95	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 16B for residents and nonresidents	
96	Allow the take of black bear in Unit 16B the same day a hunter has flown	
97	Allow beaver to be taken with firearm or archery equipment in Unit 16	
98	Extend the beaver trapping season in Unit 16	
99	Close areas within Units 14A, 14B, and 16A to trapping	
	1	4
100	Remove requirement that traps and snares for beaver be submerged in Unit 16	
	5	0

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Bryan Kirby

Minutes Approved By: Steve Harrison

Date: 1/4/21



Togiak
Fish and Game Advisory Committee
January 27, 2021 Teleconference

- I. Call to Order 10:09am by Chairman Moses Kritz.
- II. Roll Call
 - Members Present: (8 at start) (10 later) (8 needed for quorum)
Peter Lockuk Sr, Joe Alexie, Jimmy Coopchiak, Roger Wassillie, Moses Kritz, Frank Logusak
Walter Kanulie, Kenneth Nukwak, Mikey Sharp (arrived late), Thomas Dock- Alt (arrived late)
 - Members Absent:
Lester Moore, Darren Byayuk, Jonah Lomack, Dan Nanalook jr., Tessa Nickerson, Norman Gloko,
Julius Henry, William Sanchez- Alt
- III. Approval of Agenda
Peter Lockuk- Motion to approve agenda with addition of discussion of BOF & BOG schedule changes.
2nd by Frank Logusak, Approved unanimously
- IV. Introductions
 - Staff
Lee Borden, Sport Fish; Jordan Head, Comm Fish; Tim Sands, Comm Fish; Bryan Riley,
Wildlife; Todd Rinaldi, Wildlife; Joe Wittkop, AWT; Andy Aderman, TNWR;
Pat Walsh, TNWR; Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Boards
 - Guests
Mike Gilbert, Copper River Seafoods; Cathy Albright, Togiak Fisheries;
Robert Dubey, Togiak Fisheries; Cody Larson, BBNA, Keith Fayer Sr. Togiak.
- V. Elections for Members
 - Nominations and Elections for two 2023 Togiak designated seats
 - Walter Kanulie nominated for another term
 - Dan Nanalook Jr nominated for another term
 - Nominees unopposed, Unanimous support.
 - Nominations and Elections for two 2023 Undesignated seats
 - Keith Fayer Sr. nominated to replace Darren Byayuk,
 - Peter Lockuk Sr. nominated for another term.
 - Nominees unopposed. Unanimous support.
 - Nominations and Elections for four 2022 Undesignated seats
 - Moses Kritz nominated for another term
 - Frank Logusak nominated for another term
 - Joe Alexie nominated for another term
 - Jonah Lomack nominated for another term
 - Nominees unopposed. Unanimous support.



- Nominations and Elections for two 2021 Alternate seats
 - Thomas Dock nominated for another term
 - William Sanchez nominated for another term
 - Nominees unopposed. Unanimous support.

- Nominations and Election for one 2022 Togiak Designated Seat on Nushagak AC
 - Moses Kritz nominated for another term
 - Nominee unopposed, will be forwarded to Nushagak AC, Unanimous support.
 - Walter Kanulie appointed Alternate; appointment excepted.

VI. Elections for Officers

- Election for Chairman
 - Moses Kritz nominated for chairman
 - Nomination unopposed. Unanimous support
- Vice Chairman
 - Walter Kanulie nominated vice chairman
 - Frank Logusak nominated vice chairman
 - Walter Kanulie elected vice chair by a vote of 7-2
- Secretary
 - Peter Lockuk Sr. nominated secretary
 - Nomination unopposed. Unanimous support

VII. ADF&G Staff Updates

- ADF&G Boards- Taryn O'Connor-Brito
Update on changes made to the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game meeting schedules due to COVID 19.
- Commercial Fisheries- Jordan Head
Update on Togiak salmon season summary for 2020 and forecast for 2021.
2020 Togiak run fell below 20-year average. Harvest was also a little below average. Escapement goal was met. Forecast for next year is pretty much right at 20-year average. It was a decent year for Chinook. Chum returns were low throughout western Alaska. Test fishery evidence suggests that this should rebound.
 - Comment from member that there may be interest in submission of a proposal to address the king line. Tim Sands cautions the AC that submitting a proposal could have an unintended consequence.
 - Frank comments that lack of enforcement presence is noted at Anchor Point line, and that the setnet fleet could benefit for more of an enforcement presence. Kenneth concurred with Frank's assessment.
 - Jimmy is interested in the status of funding for the Togiak tower. Tim Sands states that the current plan is to operate, notwithstanding any budget cuts. The Togiak tower seems to be one of the first things to get cut when there is a shortage. Tim is trying to keep it operating.
 - Moses notes that when the sport fishery on the Nushagak is doing poorly many sport fisherman come to the Togiak. The AC is interested in historic escapement numbers for kings from both before and after the line went into effect. Tim notes that there is no directed count on kings. Moses also notes that conservation for kings has been an issue and suggests high seas trawling may be something the AC needs to address with the NPFMC. Jimmy suggests



BBNA may be of help in staffing the Togiak tower if funding is short. Cody Larson affirms that it may be a possibility.

- Mike Gilbert wants to know the proposal submission deadline for fisheries proposals. Tim and Taryn believe it has been extended until May 10. Cody is leaving for another meeting but wants AC members to be aware that BBNA can provide technical support in getting proposals drafted. Taryn will forward Cody's contact info to AC members.
- Sport Fish- Lee Borden
Sport Harvest of Kings: 2019 total harvest was 1,617. 725 of those were over 20 inches. 2020 effort down to 20-30% of normal due to COVID, no staff on the river. Plan to do a sport fish survey in 2021. Lee will provide chairman Kritz with last 5 years of data for chinook.
- Togiak National Wildlife Refuge (Wildlife)- Andy Adermann
Nush Pen Caribou on decline. 209 caribou found during last survey. This was fewer than expected. Planning committee opened hunt for 5 caribou. All permits offered to community of Manokotak. Manokotak declined to use them. Recently caribou have been congregating around Picnic Beach and Kulukuk. Weather has not been cooperating for flying.
-Kenneth wants to know what is contributing to the decline, and if it is predator related, or if the caribou left the area. Frank is also interested in the wolf population. Andy says there is no place on the refuge that wolves do not use. Pat Walsh is supervising the wolf study.
- Pat Walsh says the refuge has about 10 years' worth of data on wolves. There are approximately 11 packs, averaging 7 per pack, but size varies significantly. Population is probably about 75 or so. Wolves do feed on caribou, but they are not the main population driver. Population on caribou decreased due to management for habitat concerns. It went farther than wanted. Part of why the caribou are congregating in Kulukuk may be to get away from pursuit by snowmachine.
- Moses would like an update on 17A moose.
- Andy says in October 2019 survey counted 2,130. 10% decline from 2017. Long term goal is to get it down to 800-1200.
- Wildlife Conservation- Brian Riley, and Todd Rinaldi
Introduction: Brian is the new wildlife biologist for GMU 17. Currently in Illinois. Should be in Dillingham by the end of February.
Mulchatna caribou: Fall comp estimated around 13,500. Same as last year. Range has been fairly predictable recently. There are 60 GPS collars out, making locating groups easier.
Moose: Success rate has been high, and season in progress will likely remain open until Feb 7.
- Alaska Wildlife Troopers- Joseph Wittkop
Federal Fisheries: No violations
Herring Fishery: Only a few minor violations noted. Only issued warnings.
Spring Bear: Low participation; no violations.
Sport Fish: Reduced participation due to COVID. Enforcement team not funded.
West Side Comm Fish: Limited staff. Still present. Saw closed period violations, closed waters violations, lack of marking, failure to report lost gear.
Togiak Comm Fish: No boat present. Violations for close period for set net. Hours or days late.
Waste cases. Permit holder not present. Also, markings.
Winter Game: Good compliance with closed season for moose. Saw evidence of a few caribou taken out of season. Hears the concern for lack of AWT presence in Togiak and will make requests for additional patrols. Have been limited by staffing but will do what he can.
- Moses is curious what part of the summer is worst for violations. His personal feeling is it gets worse later in the season. Joe says high volume days and yes, later in the season.
- Peter notes that violations in the fall are common out at the points and are regularly not followed up due to lack of presence by enforcement. Joe hears and understands.



- Jordan Head asks Joe to explain what info is most beneficial when reporting violations. Joe says it is useful to have time, date location, and type of violation. Specifics like GPS coordinates, CFEC or ADF&G numbers, names, photos or videos containing identifying landmarks also helpful.
- Moses asks Joe to explain circumstances where waste may be considered. Storms? Late on time? Joe states that the short answer is Fishermen are responsible for anything caught, and anything caught needs to be salvaged. Bad quality is not a violation, but cases of abandoned gear where nothing is salvageable for any use. That is waste.

VIII. Public Comments

- No additional public testimony.

IX. New Business

I. Discuss BOF and BOG Schedule Changes

- Taryn explains that the Board of Game will re-visit what to do with the current proposals in the proposal book, and whether or not to re-open the call.
- Moses asks Todd to give a short overview of proposals currently in the book relating to GMU 17A. moose. Todd provided the following list.
 - o Prop 12- Antlerless Moose Reauthorization- needs dealt with at this meeting.
 - o Prop 13- Department proposal seeking to change the draw hunt for moose. Trying to increase harvest. Developed by Todd, and Lauren, recognizing that this was developed without input from the AC.
 - o Prop 14- Department Proposal Increase RM575 and RM576 season dates. 31-day window is currently floating. This would set a 2-month fixed season for January-February. Again, trying to increase harvest, and opportunity.
 - o Props 15-17- Bow hunting proposals. Bowhunting only opportunity.
 - o Proposal 6- Brown Bear Tag fee exemption. Not a moose proposal but does need dealt with at this meeting.
- Moses believes that the moose population needs to be controlled. He thinks there may be support for bringing more nonresident hunters in when the moose population is above management objectives, but that the population fell below the 1,200 mark that the support for the extra non-resident effort would not be there. Proposals 12, 13, and 14 will probably find support.
- If the call for proposals were to re-open the AC may consider submitting an additional moose proposal to open moose seasons in 17A earlier.
- Note: Thomas Dock has joined the meeting.
- Kenneth and Moses note that when 17A is discussed the reliance of the community of Manokotak as well as Togiak needs to be kept in mind. Manokotak is outside the boundary, but the boundary is close, and the area is heavily used by the community for subsistence.
- Taryn explains the change of schedules for the BOF and BOG will result in overlap of cycle for those boards in the Southwest Region.
- This is new information for the Togiak AC. Walter suggests that it may be worth having another meeting in a couple of weeks to give the AC time to regroup. Moses concurs.



- II. Proposal 12: Address Antlerless Moose Reauthorization for 17A
 - Jimmy moves to adopt. Seconded by Peter. Unanimous Support
- III. Proposal 6: Address Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemption for Central/Southwest
 - Frank moves to adopt. Seconded by Kenneth. Unanimous Support.

- X. Miscellaneous Business:
 - I. Discuss of approval of these minutes for submission to the Board of Game Central/Southwest Region Meeting.
 - Frank moves that Walter approve these minutes for submission to the Board of Game.
 - Seconded by Moses. Unanimous Support.

 - II. Discuss date and agenda for next Togiak AC teleconference.
 - February 16th at 10:00am. Teleconference.
 - Moses asks that Nushagak AC members be invited to attend.
Agenda to include:
 - o Discussion of changes to BOF/BOG schedules.
 - o Board of Fisheries call for finfish proposals

- XI. Frank moves to adjourn. 12:45pm

3/3/2021- These minutes are acceptable to the Togiak Advisory Committee. The Committee has assigned me to approve these minutes and I do so electronically. Walter Kanulie.



Upper Lynn Canal Fish and Game Advisory Committee

March 5, 2021

RE: Proposal 174

To the Alaska Board of Game:

The Upper Lynn Canal AC met by Zoom for a public meeting on Thursday, March 4, 2021. At the meeting, the **AC voted to support Proposal 174 Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C with a vote of 8 – 1**. The AC supports allowing ADF&G the ability to use this management tool in the future.

Please accept this letter as a report of the AC's action. Draft minutes for the March 4th AC meeting will be submitted to Boards Support as soon as they are complete.

Sincerely,

Tim McDonough
Upper Lynn Canal AC Chair