



# **ALASKA BOARD OF GAME**

## **Advisory Committee Comments**

### **RC2**

**Central and Southwest  
Region Meeting**  
January 21-29, 2022  
Wasilla, AK

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**Anchorage Advisory Committee  
January 4, 2022  
William J. Hernandez Hatchery**

- I. Call to Order: 6:06PM by Kevin Taylor
- II. Roll Call

Members Present: Jim Nabulsi, Kevin Taylor, Ernie Weiss, Rick Rogers, Matt Moore, Willow Hetrick, Neil DeWitt, JR Gates, Tyler Loken, Georgina Heaverly, Lynette Hinz, Scott Crowther, Phillip Calhoun.

Members Absent (Excused): Martin Weiser, Joel Doner.

Members Absent (Unexcused): Bryce Eckroth, Ed Horton.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 13

List of User Groups Present: None
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Battle, Fari Sylvester
- IV. Guests Present: None
- V. Approval of Agenda: Matt Moore motioned; Neil DeWitt seconded; carried unanimously.
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Neil DeWitt motioned; Ernie Weiss seconded; carried unanimously.
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report: Kevin Taylor asked Georgina Heaverly to give a report on the recent Board of Fish meeting in Cordova. She had given testimony on behalf of the Anchorage AC. The bulk of the meeting was around coupling commercial and sport fishing regulations, guiding in subsistence use areas, and crab harvesting. The most recent Board of Fish member recently resigned. The SE and Yakutat finfish and crab meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19.
  - b. ADF&G: Dave Battle gave an update on the moose biopsy project and aerial moose counts. The Department **was** able to fly this year more than they have in the last 12 years. All counts and drainages have more moose in them compared to the last time they were surveyed. This may affect permit numbers depending on the final statistics. On JBER, preliminary counts are around 400 moose. The Anchorage moose count was completed this year and may be repeated in the future pending funding. Biopsy samples were taken opportunistically by darting, through the permit harvests and the roadkill moose. There are several years of data to run statistics on. **Preliminarily** there are at least 350 moose in the



Anchorage bowl.

c. Other: None

VIII. Public Comment: None

IX. Old Business: None

X. New Business: See notes in the template below.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: January 21-28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Matt Moore will be the representative.

XII. Set next meeting date; February 1, 2022, for the Anchorage AC. The Game Subcommittee will meet between now and February 1, 2022.

XIII. Other: The AC was reminded of the deadline for the southcentral proposals are April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, is the (Bristol Bay) deadline for Board of Fish proposals.

The Anchorage AC had a vacant seat from the 11/23/2021 election meeting and three alternates. A vote was taken and Phil Calhoun will be a full committee member and Tyler Loken and Rick Rodgers will remain as alternates.

Adjourn

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<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		
Support as Amended	13	0	Opposed as written because believe that it is too long of a season and too many days into the rut. There is a lot of pressure on the moose population in Unit 13 especially. Support as amended by the Anchorage AC with dates of September 5 – 25 instead so that it would be the total



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			number of days as currently but shifted back to address a changing climate.
2	Establish registration archery seasons for Dall sheep in Units 9B, 11, 13, 14A, 14B and 16		
Opposed	0	13	Opposed because would conflict the youth hunts in each GMU. Also believe that there should be a break between youth and archery and rifle hunting.
3	Open an archery only season for Dall sheep in Units 13, 14A, 14B, and 16		
No Action	--	--	See comments below.
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		
Support as Amended	13	0	Would suggest having the season be from Sept 21-30. This would not interfere with the youth or rifle hunting. Also would like to add GMU 20. Assume the Department would assume EO authority.
5	Establish three archery registration hunts for Dall sheep in Units 9, 11, 13, 14, and 16 where there are general season hunts		
No Action	--	--	The August time frame b/c it conflicts with the youth hunts. October is an unsafe month for hunters to be in the backcountry.
6	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	13	0	Support the Department if they chose that it is necessary but suggest they consider gathering the money to support programs.
7	Increase bag limit for black bear in Units 13D and 16		
Support	13	0	Very few people who seek to bear hunt. No conservation concern on black bears. This would help with predator control.
8	Shorten coyote trapping season in Units 9, 13, 14B, 16 and 17		
Opposed	0	13	Support predator control methods in the GMUs. Do not like to take opportunity away from trappers.
9	Extend the wolf trapping season in Units 13 and 16		
Opposed	0	13	Support predator control methods in the GMUs. Do not like to take opportunity away from trappers however into the month of May could have implications on the pupping season and survival. Leave it up to the Department to discuss if there are biological concerns.
10	Allow the harvest of beaver by bow and arrow under a trapping license with salvage requirements in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
11	Add bow and arrow as legal method of take for beaver in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16		



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Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
12	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
13	Increase the number of nonresident draw hunt permits and extend the nonresident season by 10 days in Unit 17A		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
14	Establish fixed-season dates for resident registration moose hunts RM575 & RM576 in Unit 17A		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
15	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
16	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to nonresident certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B, remainder		
No Action	--	--	This is a very broad proposal and the AC is cautious to this large opening and too much pressure on the resource.
17	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B		
No Action	--	--	This is a very broad proposal and the AC is cautious to this large opening and too much pressure on the resource.
18	Extend the resident winter moose season in Units 17B and 17C		
Opposed	0	13	Suggest proposing a late season hunt instead.
19	Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19 as follows		
Opposed	0	13	The ADFG should have the authority to set population and harvest objectives for the herd. If ADFG sees a biological reason to set new numbers then that is at their discretion. We suggest the Department review the numbers.
20	Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna caribou herd (MCH)		
Opposed	0	13	Need to be cautious about this movement because it would be easy to couple hunting opportunities like GMU 13. This would restrict the opportunity and not everyone likes to identify in the Tier II system.
21	Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on federal lands in Game Management Units 17 and 18		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
22	Determine customary and traditional uses of the Nushagak Peninsula caribou herd in Game Management Units 17A and 17C – Nushagak Peninsula, Bristol Bay		



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No Action	--	--	If the Department wants to do a C&T determination, we support that but are questioning why they need approval to conduct this analysis. Should be able to make those determinations without Board approval.
23	Allow the use of snowmachine to position wolf or wolverine for harvest in Unit 17		
Opposed	0	13	Opposed because this does not allow for fair chase of animals. This AC supports predator control but does not support for unethical methods of harvest.
24	Establish a season, daily and seasonal bag limit, and salvage requirement for Alaska hare in Unit 17		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
25	Review the intensive management findings for Unimak caribou and determine objectives if applicable		
Opposed	0	13	The ADFG should have the authority to set population and harvest objectives for the herd and review their previous findings for current scenarios. If ADFG sees a biological reason to set new numbers, then that is at their discretion. We suggest the Department review the numbers.
26	Determine customary and traditional uses of the Unimak Island caribou herd (Unit 10 – Unimak Island)		
No Action	--	--	If the Department wants to do a C&T determination, we support that but are questioning why they need approval to conduct this analysis. Should be able to make those determinations without Board approval.
27	Reauthorize the Northern Alaska Peninsula (NAP) Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan (IM)		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
28	Remove the resident bag limit of one brown bear every four years in Unit 9		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
29	Lengthen the season and liberalize methods and means for trapping beaver in Unit 9		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
30	Shorten the wolf trapping season in Units 9 and 10		
No Action	--	--	Support predator control methods in the GMUs. Do not like to take opportunity away from trappers however into the month of May and June could have implications on the pupping season and survival. Leave it up to the Department to discuss if there are biological concerns.
31	Close wolverine trapping and hunting in Unit 10		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose because do not support removing the opportunity for people to harvest a wolverine if they happen upon one.
32	Close the nonresident season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10		



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Oppose	0	13	We support the small (25) number of non resident hunters to be able to travel to our State to harvest the bird. We also appreciate that the birds are of high conservation concern and that the spring hunt is heavily managed by the AMBCC. We would support lowering the number from 25 but believe that some opportunity should be allowed to support the economy. The AC urges the Board and ADFG to share the information about EMGO on the AMBCC website.
33	Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents		
Oppose	0	13	Due to the lack of population growth of the species, we are concerned with increasing the # of non resident hunters as they are highly successful and could have a negative impact on the species recovery.
34	Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents		
Oppose	0	13	See comments on Proposal 33.
35	Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents		
Oppose	0	13	See comments on Proposal 33.
36	Allocate a 50/50 split for resident and nonresident Emperor goose permits for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	13	See comments on Proposal 33.
37	Allocate 500 permits to nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	13	See comments on Proposal 33.
38	Allocate 500 permits to residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17 as follows		
Oppose	0	13	See comments on Proposal 33.
39	Allocate an equal number of permits for residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	13	See comments on Proposal 33.
40	Double the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	3	9	Those is support thought that it would bring additional economic opportunity to the region. Those opposed were for conservation concerns. 1 abstain due to lack of knowledge.
41	Increase the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	13	See comments on Proposal 33.
42	Allow more years of nonresident Emperor goose tags to be allotted for a lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	13	See comments on Proposal 33.



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43	Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese to 10% for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	13	See comments on Proposal 33.
44	Allow nonresidents to purchase un-issued Emperor geese permits for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	13	See comments on Proposal 33.
45	Increase permits and require use of an outfitter for nonresident harvest of Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	13	See comments on Proposal 33.
46	Increase nonresident permits and establish preference points for harvesting Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	13	See comments on Proposal 33.
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		
Oppose	0	13	See comments on Proposal 33.
48	Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or offer a second drawing for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	13	See comments on Proposal 33.
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	13	See comments on Proposal 33.
50	Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or allow for a second lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17		
Oppose	0	13	See comments on Proposal 33.
51	Expand the DI454 bison hunt area in Unit 11		
No Action	--	--	N/A
52	Repeal the "pre-2018" caribou hunting regulations for Unit 13		
Oppose	0	13	The justification provided by the proposer was not substantial enough to warrant a need to change the regulations. Proposal is unclear.
53	Increase the community subsistence caribou hunt allocation in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	13	Opposed to the community subsistence hunt opportunity. It doesn't work the way it should and there are other people participating in this hunt than was intended.
54	Increase the youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		



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Oppose	0	13	Opposed because there could be too much pressure on the population and would allow for a family to harvest with a youth and the very next day in the general season.
55	Open a registration goat hunt for residents in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	13	Opposed because if there were sufficient goat numbers, the Department would already have the unit as a registration area.
56	Extend the general season for moose by bow and arrow only for residents and nonresidents within Unit 11, remainder		
No Action	--	--	N/A
57	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to certified bowhunters only within Unit 11, remainder		
No Action	--	--	N/A
58	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
59	Increase the community subsistence any bull moose hunt allocation in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	13	See comments on Proposal 53.
60	Create a registration archery only hunt for bull moose in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	13	Opposed because believe that October 15 is too late in the season/rut to sustain a harvest. This seems to be targeting large bulls for hardware only as the meat is likely not good.
61	Establish a drawing permit hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 13E		
Oppose	0	13	Opposed because of the any bull classification. There is already any bull tag that can be hunted with any weapon.
62	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13E		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated. The Department has EO authority to shut down hunts if antlerless numbers are of concern or exceeded. If they believe that there is harvestable surplus, we support the increased opportunity.
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	13	Opposed because there is ample opportunity for a household to harvest more than one animal outside of the community subsistence hunt. Every person in the household can harvest under the general hunt in the Unit.
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		



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Oppose	0	13	Opposed because the hide is an important part of the traditional subsistence use of the animal and is a valuable asset to the Tribe and Tribal members who could benefit from sharing the hide. If people don't want to take out the hide, then they can hunt under the general season.
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	13	See comments on Proposal 64.
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	13	0	Support because the proposal is clarifying language/housekeeping.
67	Change the salvage requirements for sheep taken in Unit 11		
Oppose	0	13	Opposed because there is waste either way when packing an animal out of the field. This is a law enforcement issue.
68	Extend the general season for brown bear by bow and arrow only for residents and nonresidents within Unit 11		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated: predator control efforts.
69	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated: predator control efforts.
70	Open a fall baiting season in Unit 13 for brown and black bear		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated: predator control efforts.
71	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Unit 13		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons state.
72	Extend the wolverine trapping season in Unit 13		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons state. Suggest to the Department that the date be changed to the "end of February" to account for leap years as 2/29 isn't a normal year.
73	Extend the wolverine trapping season in Unit 13		
No Action	--	--	See proposal; #72
74	Limit motorized access during the community subsistence moose hunt in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	13	Opposed because reduces the hunt opportunity for residents.
75	Close the Tokositna State Recreation Area in Units 13E and 16A to the use of airboats for hunting		
Oppose	0	13	Opposed because reduces the hunt opportunity.
76	Extend the ptarmigan season and the lower bag limit in Unit 13B and 13E		
No Action	--	--	N/A
77	Open a youth only hunt for ptarmigan in Unit 13, August 10-24		
No Action	--	--	N/A



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78	Extend the caribou season in Unit 16B		
No Action	--	--	N/A
79	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
80	Create a resident youth hunting season for any bull moose (YM4XX) in Unit 14A		
Oppose	0	13	Opposed because this proposal adds too many days to the hunt.
81	Allow muzzle loading and black powder cartridge long guns be used for harvesting moose in Units 14A and 14B		
Oppose	0	13	Opposed because a muzzleloader is more accurate and has more distance that a shotgun. This is an urban area and heavy multi use must be considered.
82	Extend by two days the current bow and arrow only general moose season in Units 14A, 14B, and 16A		
Oppose	0	13	Opposed because the purpose of these dates is to keep the hunts separated.
83	Remove the 50-inch bag limit requirement for the resident and nonresident moose hunt in Unit 16A		
Oppose	1	12	As written, this is an enforcement issue.
84	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 16B		
Oppose	0	13	This proposal is too broad. There is liberal hunting for males in 16B. Suggest having registration hunt instead of general hunt and try again.
85	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 16B		
Oppose	0	13	Opposed because there is not enough information on where, what, how.
86	Change the bag limit for Dall sheep in Unit 14A to full-curl ram		
No Action	--	--	N/A. Suggest the Department handle the management of this population.
87	Change the bag limit for the Dall sheep permit hunts in Unit 14A and convert the early season to archery only permit hunts		
No Action	--	--	N/A. Suggest the Department handle the management of this population.
88	Establish an archery only general season hunt for Dall sheep in Unit 14		
Oppose	0	13	Creates an additional hunt that is earlier and conflicts with the youth hunt. Also, creates general season hunt before a drawing hunt and there are population concerns for 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		



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Oppose	0	13	Hunt is restrictive and there would be too much pressure on ADFG.
90	Extend the brown bear hunting season in Units 14A and 14B		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated. Support rifle and bow or bow only and 91 and 92 are very similar.
91	Establish a general season by bow and arrow only for brown bear within Units 14A and 14B		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated. Support rifle and bow or bow only.
92	Open a year-round season for brown bear in Unit 16		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
93	Open a year-round season for brown bear in Unit 16		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
94	Establish a general season by bow and arrow only for brown bear within Units 16A and 16B, remainder		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated. Support the increase in bag limits as it opens up opportunity to harvest an additional bear in different units.
95	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 16B for residents and nonresidents		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
96	Allow the take of black bear in Unit 16B the same day a hunter has flown		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
97	Allow beaver to be taken with firearm or archery equipment in Unit 16		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
98	Extend the beaver trapping season in Unit 16		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
99	Close areas within Units 14A, 14B, and 16A to trapping		
Support as Amended	13	0	Concept is good, but suggest the Board adopt language around 'existing' or 'designated' trails and dwellings, etc. This AC has concerns that there might be trail sprawl and anti-trappers may stake claim to 'trails' that are used for trapping that are not public use trails.
100	Remove requirement that traps and snares for beaver be submerged in Unit 16		
Oppose	0	13	Concerned about bycatch. Suggest the Board consider a definition of MHW of the river.
197	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	13	0	Support reauthorizing tag fee exemption
198	Eliminate bear baiting or prohibit bait stations within 50 miles of cabins.		
Oppose	0	13	Too restrictive
199	Prohibit trapping within 50 yards of multi-use trails and trailheads in Units 13, 14, and 16		



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Oppose	0	13	Too many trails and lockdown of area listed. see note of ?? for urban area options?
200	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated
201	Allow motorized vehicles for hunting moose and caribou in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area in Unit 17B		
Oppose	0	13	Could be too damaging to the environment
202	Allow the use of a firearm to take beaver while trapping in Unit 17		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
203	Extend the trapping season for muskrat in Unit 17		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated.
204	Lengthen moose seasons in Units 9B and 9C and align hunt areas in Unit 9C		
Support	13	0	More opportunity where it can be appropriate
205	Reauthorize the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd Intensive Management Plan		
Support	13	0	Continue to control predators
206	Open a resident only early/late season for brown bear in Unit 9		
Support	13	0	Support for reasons stated
207	Close brown bear hunting in Unit 9A		
Oppose	0	13	Limits opportunity for all hunters.
208	Change the brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C to align with Unit 9A		
No Action	--	--	N/A. Suggest the Department handle the management of this population.
209	Modify the Copper River bison harvest opportunity in Units 11 and 13D		
Support	13	0	Support ADF&G proposal to increase the upper limit for number of bison permits. No biological concerns.
210	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunts in Unit 13		
No Action	--	--	N/A. Suggest the Department handle the management of this population.
211	Repeal the Copper Basin area community subsistence harvest hunt area for moose and caribou		
Support	11	2	Support the idea that the community harvest hunt doesn't work the way it was envisioned. Opposed because support the community subsistence hunt and would hate to take away from those people.
212	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		



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No Action	--	--	See proposal 66.
213	Remove the requirement for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	12	1- Abstain Decoupling reduces pressure on moose in unit 13. Opposed voted against to keep hunting pressure off moose in surrounding units like unit 16. 1 abstain: there are too many problems with both populations for this regulation to fix.
214	Eliminate all moose drawing permit hunts in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	13	Opposed as draw permits are one of the tools to manage herd size in areas where hunter numbers need to be limited.
215	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
Support	13	0	Support ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.
216	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13C		
Support	13	0	ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.
217	Eliminate all caribou drawing permit hunts in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	13	Opposed, hunts may or may not be closed for purposes of sustained yields to protect herd numbers for future.
218	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13		
Support	13	0	Support as many hunters may want to take a bear but are too selective or hunt bear as an opportunity animal. Therefore, not enough being harvested and a 2 bear limit allows hunters to take a bear and then possibly take another large bear.
219	Modify the Unit 13 predation control program		
Support	13	0	Support predation control efforts
220	Close moose and wolf hunting within Unit 13A		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose the prohibition of hunting wolves and moose in 13A.
221	Align otter and beaver trapping seasons in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	13	See ADF&G comments. Season extension would impact birth rates.
222	Align the ptarmigan hunting season for all of Unit 13 and reduce the bag limit to five per day		
Oppose	0	13	See ADF&G comments
223	Reauthorize the Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan		



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Support	13	0	Support the use of predation control to achieve population goals.
224	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
Support	13	0	Support ADF&G as it is a management tool for population control, habitat preservation.
225	Eliminate antlerless moose hunts in Units 14 A and B and allow harvest by nuisance hunt program		
Oppose	0	13	This is a tool to balance population size. We will not remove it from ADF&G as it is needed.
226	Open resident bull permit hunts in Unit 14A		
Oppose	0	13	This is an attempt to add an antlered bull into an antlerless hunt. Antlerless means no antlers. Drawing hunts for bulls currently exist in these areas.
227	Reduce the bag limit for grouse in Unit 14A and eliminate the ruffed grouse differentiation		
Oppose	0	13	See ADF&G comments
228	Require trap identification tags in Units 14A, 14B, and 16		
Oppose	0	13	This proposal will not work as lawbreakers will not put their names on traps. Or they will put someone else's name on a trap.
229	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Unit 14A		
Support	13	0	Support Provide more opportunity for trappers.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick

Minutes Approved By: Kevin Taylor

Date: 1/4/2022



## Cooper Landing Advisory Committee Minutes

Meeting - December 20, 2021

Meeting called to order by Josh Hayes at 10:00 a.m.

### Roll Call - Members Present:

Josh Hayes  
John Pearson  
Billy Coulette  
Mike Adams  
Tom Lessard  
Jason Lesmeister

### Members Absent:

Todd Donahue  
Alex Kime  
Robert Gibson

### Alternate Members Present:

Lorraine Temple

### Fish & Game Representative Present:

Jacob Spelham  
Fari Sylvester

### Guest Speaker:

Ed Holsten

Minutes from last meeting were unanimously approved.

Guest speaker Ed Holsten discussed trap setbacks on federal land being rejected. Holsten also stated the Federal Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) would like to see more written proposals from local residents and local Advisory Committees (AC). Holsten discussed the last round of proposals were accepted with addendums added to all of them.

Elections were held for three AC positions.

Josh Hayes was elected as Chairman  
John Pearson was elected as Vice Chairman  
Billy Coulette was elected onto the board.

First topic of discussion was Proposal 141. Black Bear stations being one-mile apart. The AC voted unanimously to oppose this proposal. The regulation did not seem applicable for Unit Seven and Unit 15 due to current laws and terrain, as well as current land ownership.



Next topic of discussion was Proposal Eight. A shortened trapping season on coyotes in central and south-central Alaska. The AC voted unanimously in favor of this proposal. It will align the trapping seasons and our main concerns were the road-accessible areas. There is less confusion when seasons are aligned.

The next agenda item was Proposal 198. No bear-bait stations within 50 miles of a cabin. The AC unanimously opposed this regulation because there is no science-based justification for the law. It seems this proposal may have been generated by individuals who are anti-bear baiting.

Board of Fish Proposal 238 was discussed. It would set netters to put their nets within six hundred feet from the mouth of Kenai River if an escapement of 13,500 king salmon was met. The AC unanimously opposed this proposal because this law would affect not only the Kenai River but all of the tributary that drain into the Kenai River. There are indirect implications to the Coho fishery. This proposal was brought to the table on an off year out of the normal cycle which decreases public input and conflicts with paired restrictions. It directly conflicts with the late-season king salmon management plan. Set nets have a substantial bycatch of king salmon and coho salmon. This law would be passed on the lowest of escapement goals which leads to poor biological management and even worse conservation practices. We believe this proposal may be due to last year's larger sockeye escapement. We also believe this is not a good reason to make changes based on just one year of sockeye escapement data. The Cooper Landing community believes there is a lack of knowledge on the Kenai River's carrying capacity.

Next meeting will be held Monday, February 28 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Jason Lesmeister - Secretary



## **Board of Game Central and Southwest GMU Proposals**

### **Cooper Landing Advisory Committee Comments**

Comments Due: January 7, 2022

#### **Proposal 8 A shortened trapping season on coyotes in central and south-central Alaska:**

Vote 7-0

The AC voted unanimously in favor of this proposal because it will align the trapping seasons and our main concerns were the road-accessible areas. There is less confusion when seasons are aligned.

#### **Proposal 198 No bear-bait stations within 50 miles of a cabin.:**

Vote 0-7

The AC unanimously opposed this regulation because there is no science-based justification for the law. It seems this proposal may have been generated by individuals who are anti-bear baiting.



## **Board of Game Statewide Regulations Proposals**

### **Cooper Landing Advisory Committee Comments**

Comments Due: February 18, 2022

#### **Proposal 141 Black Bear stations being one mile apart.:**

Vote-0-7

The AC voted unanimously to oppose this proposal. The regulation did not seem applicable for Unit Seven and Unit 15 due to current laws and terrain, as well as current land ownership.



**Board of Fisheries Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Westward Arctic Shellfish, and  
Shellfish General Provisions and Prince William Sound Shrimp**

**Cooper Landing Advisory Committee**

Comments Due: February 24, 2022

C. IN THE COOK INLET AREA COMMERCIAL FISHERY: Amend the *Kenai River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan* to allow fishing with set gillnet gear within 600 feet of the mean high water mark in the Upper Subdistrict when sonar passage of large late-run Kenai River king salmon exceeds 13,500 fish, and Kenai and Kasilof river sockeye salmon escapement objectives are being met. (*newly assigned Proposal 283, formerly BGP #1*)

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**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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<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 <sup>th</sup> . 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	<p>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.</p> <p>This might increase the number of communities that would want to join this hunt.</p> <p>Same reasons as proposal 53.</p>
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	<p>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.</p> <p>Elders that used to use hides aren't around anymore. Hides are usually cut up so bad you can't use.</p> <p>It was brought up that maybe make this optional for 60+ hunting by themselves, as it is hard to bring out.</p> <p>It was also brought up that age shouldn't be a factor in determining salvage requirements.</p>
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	<p>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.</p> <p>Elders that used to use hides aren't around anymore. Hides are usually cut up so bad you can't use.</p> <p>It was brought up that maybe make this optional for 60+ hunting by themselves, as it is hard to bring out.</p> <p>It was also brought up that age shouldn't be a factor in determining salvage requirements.</p>



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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?</p> <p>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\_\_\_\_\_



**ADF&G Copper Basin Advisory Committee Meeting  
December 14, 2021  
Teleconference**

- I. Call to Order: 5:07 by Alysia Hancock
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Chair Alysia Hancock, Vice-Chair Karen Linnell, Secretary Sarah Gallt, Chuck McMahan, David Bruss, Brad Henspeter, Mercedes Starr Knighten @5:22PM, Jim Odden, Dave Sarafin, Don Horrell, James Horrell, Greg Parish, Kirk Wilson  
Members Absent: (Unexcused) Christopher Gene, (Unexcused) Nick Jackson  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8  
List of User Groups Present: Mark Spencer: AK Expeditions, Sterling Spillpnek: AITRC, Odin Miller: AITRC
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Heidi Hatcher, Joelle Hepler, Fari Sylvester
- IV. Guests Present: Ruth McHenry, Ryan Ford, Jim Simon, Barbara Wallace, Barb Wallice, Greg
- V. Approval of Agenda – N/A
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – N/A
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair’s report – N/A
  - b. ADF&G – Heidi Hatcher gave an update on wildlife animal populations.
  - c. Others: Karen gave an update on the recent Board of Fish meeting held in Cordova.
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business: Vote to move forward to Board Original Proposals from 12-14-2020 meeting for Southwest/ Central comments pre covid. 10 approved, 2 abstained as were not present during meeting when discussed. Will send forward these proposals for upcoming meeting.
- X. New Business: Comments to central and southwest additional proposals in “blue” book
- XI. Set next meeting date: January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:00 PM AKST.
- XII. Other



Adjourn at 10:06 PM AKST

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197	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the central/southwest region		
	12	0	Helps remove barrier so people can take a brown bear if they have an opportunity without having a tag. Has been in place for years, housekeeping in our eyes.
198	Prohibit bear-baiting within 50 miles of inhabited buildings		
	0	13	Discussion ensued, Heidi presented on Unit 13. Cons: would practically eliminate bear-baiting stations all together. The current standard of ¼ mile is reasonable. This would not work for unit 13.
199	Prohibit trapping within 50 yards within multiuse trails		
	0	13	<p>Discussion included information and history. Cons: too broad of a proposal, covers too many areas. We understand there are specific areas that are populated in residential areas now that are having issues of dogs getting caught in traps. Solutions: work with local fish and game and wildlife troopers. Put on classes on trapping safety, what to look for.</p> <p>Many of the trails people are using today were originally put in by trappers. Trappers need to follow ethical trapping but there is a responsibility of the public to manage their dogs (keep on leash...) also. Many trails are maintained and broken in by trappers and then other people take advantage of it.</p>
209	Increase bison permits from 24 to 50		
	13	0	Pros: Help reduce population so they don't eat themselves out of the area, might increase odds of receiving permit Cons: public comment said would increase people and conflict with private land use, no biological reason. Fish and game can use this as a tool, they don't have to issue all if population declines
210	Eliminate Community Moose Harvest hunt in Unit 13		
	0	13	Other groups don't live here; the community hunts allows people to be able to help others who cannot hunt get meat, it is not interfering with



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			ability to hunt. The general season is meeting ANS. If bull to cow ratio drops fish and game will lower the quota of the any bull tags given out.
211	Repealing Community Harvest of moose and caribou		
	0	13	Comments: The CH is not unconstitutional, AITRC managed hunt is not exclusive. Similar reasons as 210
212	Clarify the Unit 13 Tier 1 subsistence caribou permit conditions that members of a household may not hunt caribou or moose in any other state hunts in other locations		
	13	0	Reviewed Tier 1 stipulation. State has no authority over federal hunts. This proposal clarifies that the condition of the Tier 1 tag that you cannot hunt caribou and moose in any other STATE hunt. You can have state and federal permits for moose and caribou if you qualify for the permits, but it still doesn't increase the ultimate bag limit.
213	Remove Tier 1 requirements for Unit 13		
	0	13	Could be overrun with 20K people, big concerns, keep way it is. If you remove the requirement to hunt moose more people from all over the state will apply and come to fill this tag. The increase in permits this will cause will also cause the quotas to be filled very quickly after opening day.
214	Eliminate non-resident draw hunts for Unit 13		
	2	11	Not a large impact to populations, antlerless moose hunts are a useful tool for management, non resident draw hunts brings money to our local economy. Should be focused on animal resource, not economy. Draw hunts do not count toward ANS, Fish and Game controls number of permits issued
215	Reauthorizing the antlerless moose hunts in 13A		
	13	0	Yearly proposal, help control moose population, antlerless moose hunts are a useful tool for management, traditionally Ahtna has been opposed because it could lead to taking of cows
216	To establish antlerless moose in 13C		
As ammended	9 as ammended	4	AMEND to: changing the dates to Sept 1-20. Pros: population management tool for fish and game to use if they need to, if you are above abundance objective population becomes less productive. Cons: as it is originally written Oct 1-Oct 31 could disrupt late rutting season especially in the upper Chisto and Gakona areas. If there was a



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			March hunt you could have problems with shooting bulls with dropped antlers so we dismissed this possibility.
217	Eliminate all caribou drawing permits in Unit 13		
	0	13	Popular hunts for youth, residents and non resident opportunity, will cost state money from people who put in for this drawing hunt: that goes to important research
218	Increase brown bear limit to 2 in Unit 13		
	0	13	Harvest level is stable right now with limit of 1. Moose populations are doing well. We allow brown bear over bait also in 13. There is important concurrent studies happening with several agencies and groups on Brown bears: need 1 more year until complete, without skewed data.
219	Modify Predator Program to add 13D to wolf management plan		
	12	1	Pros: Would help meet objectives for moose in that area, important tool for population management: Turn wolf control on and off as needed. Cons: compete with trappers in that area. Wrangle St Elias NPS (next to unit 13) and Denali are wolf refugias.
220	Closing moose and wolf in Unit 13		
	0	13	Manage wildlife according to constitution and regulation. Suppose to manage for sustain yield. There have been some other moratoriums to help populations. We are meeting objectives right now
221	Align otter and beaver trapping seasons in Unit 13		
	0	13	Cons: Beaver and otter pelts are not in good condition in May, and this would extend into breeding season for otters. Otters are carnivorous so don't compete for veg with beavers.
222	Extend ptarmigan season and bag limits align seasons		
	0	13	The birds that make it to February are the ones that add to the population. We have taken this up at previous meetings in 2020 for a similar proposal.



Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_ Sarah Gallt and Alysia Hancock \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_ Alysia Hancock \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 1-7-22 \_\_\_\_\_



**Fairbanks AC game/trap subcommittee meeting  
December 6, 2021  
ADF&G Office College Rd**

- I. Call to Order: 6:02pm
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present: Mark Richards, Jeff Lucas, Levi Lewellyn, Austin Smith, Mark Oppe
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mark Nelson

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1	Shift to later moose hunting seasons in Units 13 and 14		
TNA			
2	Establish registration archery seasons for Dall sheep in Units 9B, 11, 13, 14A, 14B and 16		
Oppose			Takes place during youth hunt, not the time to increase sheep harvests
3	Open an archery only season for Dall sheep in Units 13, 14A, 14B, and 16		
Oppose			Plenty of opportunity already to harvest sheep with bow, sheep declines
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			See comments on proposal 3
5	Establish three archery registration hunts for Dall sheep in Units 9, 11, 13, 14, and 16 where there are general season hunts		
Oppose			See comments on proposal 3
6	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Moot/TNA			
7	Increase bag limit for black bear in Units 13D and 16		
TNA			



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8	Shorten coyote trapping season in Units 9, 13, 14B, 16 and 17		
Oppose			We see no valid reason to shorten season
9	Extend the wolf trapping season in Units 13 and 16		
TNA			
10	Allow the harvest of beaver by bow and arrow under a trapping license with salvage requirements in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16		
Support			This aligns with regulations for other units
11	Add bow and arrow as legal method of take for beaver in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16		
Support			See comments on proposal 10
12	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
TNA			
13	Increase the number of nonresident draw hunt permits and extend the nonresident season by 10 days in Unit 17A		
Support			Dept. proposal – warrants allowance of more nonresident harvest opportunity
14	Establish fixed-season dates for resident registration moose hunts RM575 & RM576 in Unit 17A		
TNA			
15	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B		
TNA			
16	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to nonresident certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B, remainder		
TNA			
17	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B		
TNA			
18	Extend the resident winter moose season in Units 17B and 17C		
TNA			
19	Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19 as follows		
TNA			
20	Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna caribou herd (MCH)		
TNA			
21	Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on federal lands in Game Management Units 17 and 18		



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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
TNA			
23			Allow the use of snowmachine to position wolf or wolverine for harvest in Unit 17
TNA			
24			Establish a season, daily and seasonal bag limit, and salvage requirement for Alaska hare in Unit 17
TNA			
25			Review the intensive management findings for Unimak caribou and determine objectives if applicable
TNA			
26			Determine customary and traditional uses of the Unimak Island caribou herd (Unit 10 – Unimak Island)
TNA			
27			Reauthorize the Northern Alaska Peninsula (NAP) Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan (IM)
TNA			
28			Remove the resident bag limit of one brown bear every four years in Unit 9
*Support			Pending FULL AC review
29			Lengthen the season and liberalize methods and means for trapping beaver in Unit 9
Support			No conservation concerns with liberalized harvest opportunity
30			Shorten the wolf trapping season in Units 9 and 10
Support			Aligns with seasons in other units
31			Close wolverine trapping and hunting in Unit 10
TNA			
32			Close the nonresident season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10
TNA			
33			Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents
Oppose			Asks for too much nonresident opportunity
34			Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents
Oppose			See comments on proposal 33
35			Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents
Oppose			See comments on proposal 33
36			Allocate a 50/50 split for resident and nonresident Emperor goose permits for Units 9, 10, and 17



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Oppose			See comments on proposal 33
37			Allocate 500 permits to nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
Oppose			See comments on proposal 33
38			Allocate 500 permits to residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17 as follows
Oppose			See comments on proposal 33
39			Allocate an equal number of permits for residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
Oppose			See comments on proposal 33
40			Double the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
Oppose			See comments on proposal 33
41			Increase the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
Oppose			See comments on proposal 33
42			Allow more years of nonresident Emperor goose tags to be allotted for a lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17
Oppose			See comments on proposal 33
43			Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese to 10% for Units 9, 10, and 17
Oppose			See comments on proposal 33
44			Allow nonresidents to purchase un-issued Emperor geese permits for Units 9, 10, and 17
Oppose			See comments on proposal 33
45			Increase permits and require use of an outfitter for nonresident harvest of Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
Oppose			See comments on proposal 33
46			Increase nonresident permits and establish preference points for harvesting Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17
Oppose			See comments on proposal 33
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
Oppose			See comments on proposal 33
48			Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or offer a second drawing for Units 9, 10, and 17
Oppose			See comments on proposal 33



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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			See comments on proposal 33
50			Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or allow for a second lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17
Oppose			See comments on proposal 33
51			Expand the DI454 bison hunt area in Unit 11
Support			With Ahtna land closures, this is necessary for population mgmt
52			Repeal the “pre-2018” caribou hunting regulations for Unit 13
Oppose			
53			Increase the community subsistence caribou hunt allocation in Unit 13
Oppose			
54			Increase the youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13
Oppose			Already ample youth hunt opportunity
55			Open a registration goat hunt for residents in Unit 13
TNA			
56			Extend the general season for moose by bow and arrow only for residents and nonresidents within Unit 11, remainder
Oppose			Ample bowhunting opportunity already
57			Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to certified bowhunters only within Unit 11, remainder
Oppose			See comments on proposal 56
58			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13
TNA			
59			Increase the community subsistence any bull moose hunt allocation in Unit 13
Oppose			AC not in support of the CSH hunt
60			Create a registration archery only hunt for bull moose in Unit 13
Oppose			See comments on proposal 56
61			Establish a drawing permit hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 13E
Oppose			See comments on proposal 56
62			Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13E
TNA			



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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
*TNA			FULL AC REVIEW
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			All age groups should be exempt
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			See comments on proposal 64
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
TNA			
67			Change the salvage requirements for sheep taken in Unit 11
Oppose			Boning out sheep meat necessary for lighter pack weight
68			Extend the general season for brown bear by bow and arrow only for residents and nonresidents within Unit 11
Oppose			Ample opportunity for bowhunting already exists
69			Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13
*			FULL AC REVIEW – need Dept comments
70			Open a fall baiting season in Unit 13 for brown and black bear
*			FULL AC REVIEW – conflicts during gen. hunt
71			Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Unit 13
TNA			
72			Extend the wolverine trapping season in Unit 13
Support			Aligns with trapping season in other units
73			Extend the wolverine trapping season in Unit 13
Support			See comments on proposal 72
74			Limit motorized access during the community subsistence moose hunt in Unit 13
Oppose			Too complicated, not really necessary
75			Close the Tokositna State Recreation Area in Units 13E and 16A to the use of airboats for hunting
TNA			
76			Extend the ptarmigan season and the lower bag limit in Unit 13B and 13E
TNA			
77			Open a youth only hunt for ptarmigan in Unit 13, August 10-24



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78			Extend the caribou season in Unit 16B
TNA			
79			Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B
TNA			
80			Create a resident youth hunting season for any bull moose (YM4XX) in Unit 14A
Oppose			
81			Allow muzzle loading and black powder cartridge long guns be used for harvesting moose in Units 14A and 14B
Oppose			Targeted hunts in populated areas require short range weapons
82			Extend by two days the current bow and arrow only general moose season in Units 14A, 14B, and 16A
Oppose			Ample opportunity exists for bowhunters
83			Remove the 50-inch bag limit requirement for the resident and nonresident moose hunt in Unit 16A
Oppose			Proposal is confusing
84			Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 16B
TNA			
85			Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 16B
Oppose			Ample opportunity exists for bowhunters
86			Change the bag limit for Dall sheep in Unit 14A to full-curl ram
*			FULL AC REVIEW
87			Change the bag limit for the Dall sheep permit hunts in Unit 14A and convert the early season to archery only permit hunts
Oppose			Bowhunters can already participate in earlier season
88			Establish an archery only general season hunt for Dall sheep in Unit 14
Oppose			Conflicts with youth hunt timeframe
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
Oppose			Ample opportunity exists for bowhunters
90			Extend the brown bear hunting season in Units 14A and 14B
*Support			Pending Dept comments



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91	Establish a general season by bow and arrow only for brown bear within Units 14A and 14B		
Oppose			Ample opportunity already exists
92	Open a year-round season for brown bear in Unit 16		
TNA			
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TNA			
94	Establish a general season by bow and arrow only for brown bear within Units 16A and 16B, remainder		
Oppose			Ample opportunity already exists
95	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 16B for residents and nonresidents		
Support			
96	Allow the take of black bear in Unit 16B the same day a hunter has flown		
Oppose			Slippery slope when allowed for general hunts, not the same as allowance for bear bait stations
97	Allow beaver to be taken with firearm or archery equipment in Unit 16		
Support			Aligns with other beaver harvest regulations
98	Extend the beaver trapping season in Unit 16		
TNA			
99	Close areas within Units 14A, 14B, and 16A to trapping		
Oppose			Too broad
100	Remove requirement that traps and snares for beaver be submerged in Unit 16		
Support			
<b>Supplemental Proposals</b>			
197	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
TNA			
198	Eliminate bear baiting or prohibit bait stations within 50 miles of cabins		
Oppose			50 miles is a very long way from cabins!
199	Prohibit trapping within 50 yards of multi-use trails and trailheads in Units 13, 14, and 16		
Oppose			See comments on proposal 99
200	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
TNA			
201	Allow motorized vehicles for hunting moose and caribou in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area in Unit 17B		
TNA			



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202			Allow the use of a firearm to take beaver while trapping in Unit 17
Support			Aligns with regulations in other units
203			Extend the trapping season for muskrat in Unit 17
TNA			
204			Lengthen moose seasons in Units 9B and 9C and align hunt areas in Unit 9C
TNA			
205			Reauthorize the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd Intensive Management Plan
TNA			
206			Open a resident only early/late season for brown bear in Unit 9
*Support			FULL AC REVIEW
207			Close brown bear hunting in Unit 9A
Oppose			
208			Change the brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C to align with Unit 9A
TNA			
209			Modify the Copper River bison harvest opportunity in Units 11 and 13D
Support			Necessary with Ahtna land closures and need for adequate herd mgmt
210			Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunts in Unit 13
**			FULL AC REVIEW
211			Repeal the Copper Basin area community subsistence harvest hunt area for moose and caribou
**			FULL AC REVIEW
212			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
TNA			
213			Remove the requirement for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13
*			FULL AC REVIEW
214			Eliminate all moose drawing permit hunts in Unit 13
Oppose			
215			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A
TNA			
216			Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13C
TNA			
217			Eliminate all caribou drawing permit hunts in Unit 13
Oppose			Eliminates resident opportunities that have decreased already
218			Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13



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*Support			Pending Dept comments
219			Modify the Unit 13 predation control program
TNA			
220			Close moose and wolf hunting within Unit 13A
Oppose			Not at all necessary
221			Align otter and beaver trapping seasons in Unit 13
TNA			
222			Align the ptarmigan hunting season for all of Unit 13 and reduce the bag limit to five per day
TNA			
223			Reauthorize the Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan
TNA			
224			Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B
TNA			
225			Eliminate antlerless moose hunts in Units 14A and B and allow harvest by nuisance hunt program
TNA			
226			Open resident bull permit hunts in Unit 14A
TNA			
227			Reduce the bag limit for grouse in Unit 14A and eliminate the ruffed grouse differentiation
TNA			
228			Require trap identification tags in Units 14A, 14B, and 16
Oppose			Costly for trappers, existing regulations working
229			Lengthen the marten trapping season in Unit 14A
TNA			

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Mark Richards

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12/6/21



Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee  
12/15/2021 Meeting Minutes  
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**I. Call to Order:** Chair at 6:32PM

**II. Roll Call:**

	<b>CHAIR</b> Kirk Schwalm	<b>VICE- CHAIR</b> Mark Richards	<b>SECRETARY</b> Mark Oppe	Jeff Lucas	Gale Vick	Virgil Umphenour	Mike Tinker	John Wisniewski
Present	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>X</b>
Absent							<b>X</b>	
Abs/Excused			<b>X</b>					
	Levi Lewellyn	John Siegfried	Austin Smith	Warren Guichici	Bill Larry	Mike Kramer	Chuck Derrick	
Present	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	
Absent								
Abs/Excused								

**III. Introduction of Guests:** Reed Morisky, Mackenzie Mitchell, Al Barrette, Diane Leinberger, Chris Stark, Bruce Ervin, Lenny & Diane Jewkes, Jim Simon, Karen Gordon, Matt Stevens

**Fish & Game Staff Present:** Tony Hollis, Mark Nelson, Katie Sechrist, Andy Gryska, Deena Jallen, Shane Ransbury, Christy Gleason

**IV. Comments**

**Chair Comments:** Report from Western Arctic Caribou Herd Work Group meeting today, WG voted 3-11 against WSA 21-01

**Vice Chair:** none

**Trapping:** none

**Game:** none



**Fish:** none

**AC Member Comments:** none

**Public Comments:** Al Barrette, new biz, class at UAF called Hunt-ology (Business, Science and Philosophy of hunting), professor Margaret Kepper (Peggy) will come to Jan AC meeting to discuss.

Chuck: Chitina Dipnetters Association (CDA) in talks with Ahtna on restoration project on Haley creek basin, putting in bathroom and new turnaround parking area. Ahtna asking for support. Concerns are over damage to trail with garbage collection, will trail be shut down, alternatives to vaulted toilet and dumpster (they want CDA to pay for that at \$60K/year using dipnet permit funds– Obrien Creek, Haley Creek, 2016 legislation fees. CDA pays already for services using \$15 dipnet fees, approx. 7,000 permittees/year.

Al Barrette: do we get D-J funds for the \$15 dipnet permit fees?

Chuck: No

**V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** approval of Nov. 17, 2021 minutes by unanimous consent

**VI. Approval of Agenda:** approved by unanimous consent

**VII. Old Business:** none

**VIII. New Business:**

**Department/AWT Update:** Christy Gleason – introduction of new staff, Shane Ransbury, commercial fisheries.

Tony H: finished 20A moose survey Sunday, quite challenging with weather, snowing or really cold or windy. Like to cut off moose surveys by Dec 5<sup>th</sup> due to bulls dropping antlers. Had to extend time this year, haven't run numbers yet, possible lower bull:cow ratio. Will bring #s to the Jan. meeting. Minto Flats MGMT area cow hunt still open, 7 taken so far, quota is 15. Slower this year.

Kirk: is there a correction factor for doing later survey due to bulls dropping antlers?

Tony: Not really, won't feel as confident with later survey as to # of bulls. Good portion was before antlers were being dropped. Still get good idea of what's going on.

Katie Sechrist – Wildlife Conservation Hunter Access Program update: couple projects in the area, one in particular is construction project to replace Fortune Creek bridge on Cache Creek rd. Matt Stevens here from Forestry (collaborator). Starting in May will do large P-R access project. Start in May, replace bridge, road improvements. Ideally be out end of August in time for fall hunting season. Million



dollar plus project. Will get word out, spread the news to bear baiters/hunters.

Levi: is this Dept generated or did it come from the public?

Katie: Dept generated in collaboration with Forestry, been on books for a while.

Kramer: Have used Cache creek road for a while, in past have been maintained and funded by Forestry, because of logging. Glad ADFG is involved, but why isn't Forestry funding it?

Katie: Good question, it is a state forestry road, understand that forestry doesn't have adequate funds, came up with match with forestry. Forestry staff involved and committed to maintaining road long term.

Al: glad we can use P-R funds for this, and it's why we should be able to use D-J funds for Chitina dipnet projects.

Bill Larry: what is projected life of new bridge?

Katie: Think it is 20 years but should last longer

Chris Stark (board of forestry, represents environmental side). Lots of hunters use that road. Upgrades happen when Forestry gets funds. Forestry can't do much road stuff, and bridge was toast. Thankful that ADFG jumped in to help using P-R funds.

Katie: one other update on education and safety improvements at South Cushman rifle range. That is moving fwd and on track, will be constructed this summer.

Facility will be closed, hopefully open in August. Large million dollar project.

Kirk: glad to see that happen, important facility for hunters.

Katie: application period open, let us know of any access needs.

Matt Stevens: Fbks/Delta forester, not a whole lot to add. Value of timber limiting factor in funding improvements to forestry roads. About 300 miles of forestry road to maintain, any help we can get is much appreciated.

### **Introduction of new members, Austin Smith and Bill Larry:**

Bill Larry: owner of Alaska Fun Center, been on AC a long time, also a trapper.

Interests in hatchery issues

Austin Smith: originally from Tennessee, stationed at Ft Greely, wants to get involved more in issues.

**Fisheries Issues:** Gale Vick: Does everyone have a copy of BOF summary? [was passed around] We went through all the proposals the AC had supported, vs the ones we opposed. Spoke about those actions at BOF meeting. Mackenzie Mitchell here tonight to answer any questions. Chuck/John do you have questions for Mackenzie?

Chuck: proposal 18, extend boundary of lower district. CDA supported your appointment to BOF, so did AC. We (CDA) submitted one proposal to BOF to benefit fishery. You voted no, reasoning was it dealt with safety issue, congestion of boats, reasoning I heard was confusing, not what proposal was about. Alleviate congestion was purpose of proposal. Amended proposal twice with 2 RCs, so it would have better chance of passing. Very disappointed.

Mackenzie: sorry to disappoint you, proposal was written to remedy danger and congestion, when I spoke with Sommerville, he didn't believe it would alleviate the



problem. Way proposal was written, don't understand the congestion or danger issue when you can continue to drift...seems more allocative in time and area.

Concurred with Dept and Troopers.

Chuck: Sommerville refuted by Klaus...

Discussion...

Al: I found it hard too to see how it was allocative

Jeff Lucas: have drifted that area, one of the safety concerns was when we hit markers we were done and went back up to drift again.

Kirk: never dipped out of a boat down there.

Gale: thanks Mackenzie for her service, important as we go into AYK proposals to have conversations with her. Lots of issues about food security, thanks Mackenzie for comments on prop 19. Mackenzie, any questions to us?

Mackenzie: more than happy to speak to anyone re the Cordova BOG meeting, just trying to make myself available to answer questions.

Kramer: Cordova not a fair place for meeting, too many commercial interests

Virgil: question whether any staff or hatchery admin said about my proposals?

Mackenzie: one proposal addressed something said at prior meeting, consensus was there was no proof of Virgil's claim.

Siegfried: want to touch on something. Most of CDA actions were addressed by Chuck, goes into what Kramer said about meeting in Cordova. As observer at meeting, where it went foul was one commercial fisherman after another lined up at committee of whole saying same talking points, three days into meeting we were a day behind. Other thing I noticed, safe line at meeting...when board member gets across that line they are surrounded, usually by comm fishermen. Mackenzie very rarely came across that line.

Gale: few comments on discussion, one other contention meeting in Cordova is cost to get there, other board members complained that proposers were not at meeting to speak to their proposals. And they would not weigh them as much because of no shows. One board member was not even there, even via teleconference. We should address the BOF with comments, never seen this a meeting before. Does not encourage trust from public.

Asking Mackenzie if she is comfortable speaking about research committee.

Mackenzie: live in Fbks, happy to meet with any of you any time. Re research committee, now chair of that committee, trying to get some research projects going, working with ACs and stakeholders and others, perhaps get BOF to go on record endorse on projects.

Gale: roundtable summit on AYK salmon issues, big issue is funding for research. What can board do vs what they can't do re research and funding? Would like to invite Mackenzie to fisheries subcommittee meetings.

Kirk: heard a news spot about roundtable summit, Russian salmon issues, hatcheries in Russia

Gale: Joint Technical Committee for Yukon river panel. Will let Chris speak to that Chris Stark: on the JTC, working on reconfiguring escapement goal for Canada, was set at 45K in 2007. Presently the project is in Canadian hands, modeling to make



projections. New model will not tell panel what that # should be. Panel will pick “risk factors,” guess is we will be where we were before, amazing uncertainty on salmon stocks in western Alaska. Don’t expect tremendous change in border passage escapement goal.

Gale: work for JTC is for Canadian bound fish.

Chris: what is important is what is returning to the U.S. from Canada. Goal for panel will just be Canadian escapement

Date for next panel meeting is January 22-27, 2022.

Gale: Stan Zuray report on ichthyophonous to subcommittee. High percentage of Ich in salmon this year. Waiting for results from Rapid Research Center.

Deena Jallen: samples from last season studied, still don’t know things about Ich, how lethal is it, how prevalent is it upriver, where does mortality occur...plans to study it more.

Virgil: in 1999 Doyon wanted 30 king salmon filleted from District 5, fish were bad, many had Ich, you can tell when filleting if it’s bad, looks like pockets of pus all through fillet against backbone, has weird smell, have cooked some of it and it tastes horrible. Have found Ich in copper river fish, Dillingham, in different species of fish. Comes from eating infected herring. Research, however, showed no infected herring in Bering Sea, so salmon must be going south past AK peninsula to eat herring.

Gale: BOF hatchery meeting coming in March, one-day meeting, not regulatory. Will be working on a lot of comments to bring to AC for Jan. meeting so we can get out on-time comments for the board.

Kirk: comments for Hatchery meeting due Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> (??)

Gale: also have AYK cycle coming up, proposals due April 11<sup>th</sup>. Will have new fisheries calendar at next meeting. Will get out minutes from last subcommittee meeting. Set date for next subcommittee meeting: Monday Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> in person/hybrid 6:30pm location TBD

Discussion on location for future meetings, larger venue than F&G conference room.

### **Game Trap recommendations on Region IV proposals:**

Proposal 28: Support

Proposal 63:

Jim Simon: Fed community harvest system established by FSB, to work out harvest mgmt, only applies to federal lands. Moose & caribou. State harvest system...some proposals submitted because hunts shut down before quota is reached. Request to lift prohibition that. State CSH system developed by efforts from Ahtna villages, open to all AK residents, AHTNA wants to address their own needs. Understand why your AC doesn’t support CSH system. There are issues with it, complexities of fed subsistence system. No new people being added to CSH hunt. No conservation concerns.

Al: reserve right to comment later.

Bruce Ervin: live in Tok, Northway tribal member, works for TCC.



Jim Simon: do believe more participants will come aboard

Kirk: AC has opposed CSH hunt in the past. Don't think CSH system is well suited to Fbks users.

Virgil: put in for years for those when drawing permits, never could draw one, we represent Fbks area, not in best interest of our hunters.

Ask for unanimous consent TNA proposal 63 – agreed

Al: would ask Jim, do you thing the CSH system has been abused?

Jim: Can't identify any real abuse 16.05.330c upheld as constitutional to give priority for subsistence. Issue isn't going away. My personal belief is that state should be sovereign, get rid of fed control.

Proposal 69

Jim: Dept underestimates brown bears in Unit 13, suspect Dept will be supportive. No formal decisions yet.

Kirk: would support as long as Dept believes it is sustainable.

Mark: Dept believes most of additional harvest will be over bait.

Virgil: Spring bears good eating, support

Chuck: is proposal supposed to be pred control?

Al: question for Jim or Bruce, since no one from Dept online. What would be population objective to pursue something like this or not.

Jim: no real answer at this point.

Prop 69: support pending Dept comments

Prop 70: Mark – a no vote on any fall baiting

Jeff: yes, it opens opportunity

Levi: another element to help get moose, oppose

Kirk: same proposal few years ago, area crowded, user conflicts, concerns adding more opportunity in same time frame is too much

Virgil: went to first bear baiting class in Fbks. Dept thought baiting would be outlawed in short order. Gives ammo to antis to try to close bear baiting.

Al: as subsistence hunter and observer and bear baiter, I found baiting in fall less productive, as bears are more into berries and fish, vs springtime when little food available.

Prop 90 vote (TNA)

Mike: take up 76, I hunt ptarmigan there, seems like reasonable proposal. Asks to support

Levi: if we change regs now, we seem to always be chasing further changes with 3-year cycle

Prop 76 Support by unanimous consent

Proposal 86: Mat-Valley AC TNA



Prop 90: support pending Dept position

Jeff, Prop 100 want to bring up to full AC after ATA discussion.  
TNA prop 100

Prop 206 discussion, roll call vote: 10-1

Prop 210/211 repeal CSH hunt: unanimous

Prop 213 discussion: TNA  
Al Barrette, don't combine moose and caribou in discussion.

Prop 218 Support pending Dept comments

**Schedule game/trap subcommittee:**

**WACH WG Report:** Kirk & Mark

**Other:** none

**IX. Adjourn:** Chair at 10:20PM

Minutes Recorded by Mark Richards



**Kenai/Soldotna Advisory Committee  
12/22/2021  
Soldotna Library**

I. Call to Order: 6:03pm by Mike Crawford, chair

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Al	Belknap	X		
Andrew	Carmichael	X		
Chris	Hanna		X	
Cody	Rutter	X		
Dick	Dykema	X		
Dyer	Van Devere	X		
Jerry	Strieby	X		
Joe	Thomas	@6:40	X	
John	Ellanbass		X	
Jon	Essert	X		
Mike	Crawford - Chair	X		
Monte	Roberts		X	
Paul A.	Shadura II – Vice Chair	@6:09pm		
Scott	Miller	@6:09pm		
Todd	Smith			X
Will	Lee – Secretary	X		

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused):

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 7

List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Nick Fowler

IV. Guests Present: 0

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

Discussion about the latest razor clam closure. Will take up at a future meeting.

Nick gave us a summary of the previous hunting season  
658 Black Bear Harvest, highest ever on the Kenai Peninsula  
2020 – Highest Brown Bear harvest since 2012  
20 females | 24 Males | 9 Other  
2021 8 females | 24 Males | 4 Other

Goat Harvest – 86 early season | 338 permits | 12 Late season, very average

Moose – 15A 33 calves per 100 cows

66 bulls per 100 cows

15B 54 per 100

33 per 100

15C – 35 per 100

32 per 100

400 Total Harvest

266 C

40 B

66 A

18 / 7

Research on Moose is on going and there is active research going on within the current fire areas.

Kalgin Island | 124 permits / 23 harvested

Caribou

Fox River – Hard to access 50 to 100 animals

Killeys River – 22 Harvested, 479, almost back to pre-avalanche numbers

Low Lands – Not growing

Kenai Mountains – 150



Sheep – 6 killed | 5 Full-Curl | 1 non-full curl – No expectation of any recovery.

Bever – 39 Total Harvest

Lynx – 307 Total Harvest

Otters – 45 Total Harvest

Wolves – 22 Total Harvest

Wolverines – 16 Total Harvest

### Board of Game Proposals

197	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	12	0	Healthy bear population
198	Eliminate bear baiting or prohibit bait stations within 50 miles of cabins.		
Opposed	0	12	50 mile radius is unreasonable and would be hard to enforce, this is excessive and would decrease opportunity
199	Prohibit trapping within 50 yards of multi-use trails and trailheads in Units 13, 14, and 16		
	0	12	This is very broad and far sweeping that it would also prohibit public access. Though this is a dog issue, 50 yards is not much for a dog to cover. Dogs are supposed to be leashed on public trails. 6 of 12 members have actively trapped in the last 10 years.
202	Allow the use of a firearm to take beaver while trapping in Unit 17		
Support	12	0	Would allow the ability to take beaver during times when there is open water. The current limitation in the early part of the trapping season is open water. December 1 <sup>st</sup> opener with firearms, there is mostly ice.  There is currently no limit in this unit, there is no advantage to having firearms closed.  Assuming there is no biological concern to the beaver population
203	Extend the trapping season for muskrat in Unit 17		
Support	12	0	Assuming no biological concern, this aligns regulations better.
204	Lengthen moose seasons in Units 9B and 9C and align hunt areas in Unit 9C		
Support	12	0	Supported to lengthen the season in 9B & 9C
205	Reauthorize the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd Intensive Management Plan		
Support	12	0	This allows the department continue management as needed.
209	Modify the Copper River bison harvest opportunity in Units 11 and 13D		
Support	12	0	Increased opportunity as the herd has grown



213	Remove the requirement for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
			Lots of discussion and issues, need a solution or a reason to remove the pair moose harvest requirement with the caribou. There could be some moose concerns within unit 13. Table for later meeting and more information.
251	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	12	0	
252	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	12	0	No biological concern, population can provide the extra opportunity.

- Discussion about AC elections
- Set meeting dates for 2022
  - January 4<sup>th</sup>
  - January 10<sup>th</sup>
  - February 1<sup>st</sup> | Election
    - 2020 Expired Seats to be filled

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date | January 4<sup>th</sup>, 6pm @ TBD

XIII. Other

XIV. Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_Will Lee\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_Mike Crawford\_\_

Date: \_\_1-4-2022\_\_



# ***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



**Lake Iliamna Advisory Committee  
1/5/2022  
Teleconference**

- I. Call to Order: 9:09 by Randy Alvarez
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present:  
Thomas Hedlund, William Trefon Jr., Bob Tracey, Randy Alvarez, Ned Fowler, Henry Olympic, Kyle Aguiar (arrived late).  
  
Members Absent (Excused):  
Timothy Anelon  
  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Jim Tilley  
Karla Jensen  
  
Needed for Quorum on AC: 6  
  
List of User Groups Present: Trapping, Sport Fishing, Subsistence, Hunting, Commercial Fishing, Photography, Guiding, Processing, Personal Use, Outdoorsperson, ASSOC, /Corporation, Conservationist.
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Dave Crowley-DWC, Alicia Carson-DWC, Todd Rinaldi-DWC, Taryn O'Connor-Brito-BDS, Kristy Tibbles-BDS
- IV. Guests Present: Cody Larson-BBNA, Heidi Kritz-BBNA, Rene Rogue-BBNA, Karl Hill-lgiugig
- V. Approval of Agenda: Approval of the agenda was moved by Henry Olympic and seconded by Thomas Hedlund. Unanimous Approval
- VI. Elections
  - a. Election for 1 undesignated seat:
    - i. Nominations opened by chair. William Trefon Jr. nominates Thomas Hedlund to retain his seat. Henry Olympic seconds the motion.
    - ii. No Further Nominations are brought forward.
    - iii. Henry Olympic closes nominations and is seconded by William Trefon Jr. Thomas Hedlund is to retain his seat through June 30, 2024, and motion is passes with unanimous support.



- b. Election for Secretary:( interim through June 2022)
    - i. Ned Fowler moves to open the floor for nominations and is seconded by Bob Tracey.
    - ii. Billy Trefon and Henry Olympic declined nominations.
    - iii. Randy Alvarez nominates Ned Fowler who accepts nomination. Thomas Hedlund seconds nominations
    - iv. Ned is voted in as interim secretary.
- VII. Public Comment: Cody Larson-BBNA offers to help Lake Iliamna A/C draft fisheries proposal prior to next meeting.
- VIII. A/C Comment: William Trefon is very interested in discussing new moose proposal for changing regulations in local area.
- IX. New Business:
- X. Central/Southwest supplemental props:
  - a. Dave Crowley proposes to provide Department opinion on different topics discusses. See template below.
- XI. Statewide Game Proposals
  - a. See template below.
- XII. Minutes approval for submission
  - a. Randy Alvarez will approve minutes for submission, no opposition is expressed.
- XIII. Select representative(s) for board meeting
  - a. Randy Alvarez would prefer for a physical representative for the Central Southwest meeting
    - i. Kyle Aguilar states that he may be available but would prefer that someone else would be able to go
    - ii. Randy states that he will ask Jim Tilly if he is available
    - iii. Randy also states that he may be available
    - iv. Randy Alvarez will get back to Taryn with information on who will go
  - b. Committee agrees that no representative is needed for the statewide meeting and will only submit the minutes.
- XIV. Set next meeting date
  - a. Next meeting will be at the call of the chairman.
- XV. Other
  - a. Taryn will call Ned and explain how to find minute templates. Notes that this will be done once internet returns.



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January 21-29, 2022 | 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
<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>			
197	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	6	0	<p>Dave Crowley presents the information that the brown bear tag exemption fee needs reauthorization.</p> <p>Bob Tracey moves to adopt, Ned Fowler seconds.</p>
204	Lengthen moose seasons in Units 9B and 9C and align hunt areas in Unit 9C		
Support as Amended	5	1	<p>Dave Crowley shares 2020 moose survey which suggest a higher-than-average bull cow ratio of 67/100. Also presents a 2012-2019 calf mortality study which shows good survival for calves which is 23-26%. The moose population in the Lake Iliamna country is in good shape</p> <p>William Trefon is concerned about in which way the extension is targeted at going and would rather see the extension on the beginning of the season rather than the end of the season.</p> <p>Bob Tracey moves to adopt proposition 204 and William Trefon seconds</p> <p>Randy Alvarez asks Dave Crowley how the 9c and 9b subunit's moose season compare. Dave Crowley states that part of 9c subunit has a different winter season but doesn't see a need for different seasons. The proposal would in fact simplify the regulations</p> <p>William Trefon voices concern over the added days of hunting at the end of the season because of moose being closer the rut and more chances of meat being not as edible.</p>



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			<p>Randy Alvarez states opinion that he doesn't have a strong opinion on if added days to moose season are on the early or late side of the season.</p> <p>Bob Tracey has the opinion that it is harder to find moose in august because they are not moving around as much, and it would be easier to get moose later in the season.</p> <p>Henry Olympic is of the same opinion as William Trefon in that he is worried about the quality of meat if hunting later into September.</p> <p>William Trefon moves to amend Prop 205 by adding the 5 day extension the beginning of the season instead of the end, differing from how the proposal was written. Henry Olympic seconds the amendment</p> <p>Ned Fowler is not opposed to the amendment but also doesn't think that the meat is too affected by rut if properly handled.</p> <p>Comment made that even if bulls are in full rut proper handling of tarsal glands and hide meat is still very good.</p> <p>Vote on amendment carries 5-1 Vote on Proposition 204 as amended: Carries 5-1</p>
206	Open a resident only early/late season for brown bear in Unit 9		
Support	6	0	<p>Dave Crowley share that the department is neutral on the issue of harvest, but they are opposed for the added seasons, as manager he is personally opposed to the draw hunt structure it adds a lot off added complexity to the hunting seasons.</p> <p>Ned Fowler moves to adopt. Randy Alvarez seconds the motion</p>



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			<p>Ned Fowler notes that resident brown bear harvest is relatively low</p> <p>Dave Crowley comments that resident harvest is not limited there is just a lack of participation. Also states that the near village hunt has gone up and the other hunts are stable.</p> <p>Randy Alvarez points out that there are no dates on the proposition</p>
207	Close brown bear hunting in Unit 9A		
Oppose	0	6	<p>Dave Crowley shares that Game Management Unit 9 is managed for abundance. The bear viewing throughout unit 9 is good. For Game Management Unit 9A the annual harvest is 28 bears for the last decade</p> <p>William Trefon moves to adopt Ned Fowler seconds</p> <p>Randy Alvarez comments that bears move around a lot. Does not think that a change is needed in management process because if the management was poor there would be a decline in harvest which there has not been</p> <p>Ned Fowler states that the closure seems unnecessary because there is national park lands and state game areas in 9a that already ban bear hunting.</p> <p>William Trefon asks Dave Crowley to comment on how much land is available to be hunted and Dave responds with a very small amount because of the national parks and state game sanctuary in the subunit</p>
208	Change the brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C to align with Unit 9A		



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Support	6	0	<p>William Trefon asks Dave Crowley what benefit is there to this proposition. Dave replies stating that there would be increased harvest opportunities and that because of weather patterns in subunit 9C the bears head up to the high country earlier and exit the high country in the spring later.</p> <p>Ned Fowler moves to adopt Bob Tracey seconds</p>

## Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals

March 4-12, 2022 | Fairbanks, AK

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146	Limit big game registration permits to one per species, per year		
Opposed	0	7	<p>William Trefon and Bob Tracey both state their concern about how this proposal would affect moose hunting. Both state similar sentiments and are not in support of this amendment. They ask Dave to read aloud the proposal.</p> <p>Todd states that this proposal is addressing goat hunting in Game Management Unit 14 and is overreaching in what it is trying to accomplish</p> <p>Kyle Aguilar moves to adopt, William Trefon seconds.</p>

Alaska Board of Game Statewide Regulations Meeting Proposals  
March 4-12, 2022 | 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
239	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online		
Support	7	0	<p>Ned Folwler moves to adopt, Bob Tracy seconds.</p> <p>Todd Rinaldi notes department does village visits. Funding is good, and this will remain a priority.</p> <p>Bob Tracy would like to see them online.</p> <p>Ned Fowler agrees, and comments it can be difficult to know when department will be in town.</p>
247	Discontinue lethal taking of wolves under predation control implementation plans		
Opposed	0	7	<p>Todd Rinaldi explains proposal would remove wolf control as a tool.</p> <p>Ned Fowler moves to adopt, Kyle Aguair seconds.</p> <p>Randy Alvarez states that it would close a lot of area used for wolf hunting and Billy Trefon notes Nondalton is in preserve.</p>

Adjourn  
12:30pmMinutes Recorded By: Ned Fowler  
Minutes Approved By: Randy Alvarez  
Date: 1/7/2022



**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- Egecik 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 24<sup>th</sup>. 2 weeks later than what it was.

Adjourned meeting at 12:45pm



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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



## **Lower Bristol Bay Advisory Committee**

**November 30, 2021**

### **Zoom meeting**

**I. Call to Order: 10:05am AKT by Mitch Seybert**

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

Mitch Seybert

Mike Enright

Kim Rice

Catie Bursch

Tracey Vrem

John Christiansen Jr

Eddie Clark

Jordan Dyer

**Members Absent:** Gerda Kosbruk, Tim Enright, Gerald Olson

**Members Absent and Excused:** Mary West, Brian Cato

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** Seven

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

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

David Bump, Wildlife Trooper, King Salmon

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

Todd Rinaldi, Wildlife Management Coordinator for Region 4, Palmer

Alecia Carson, ADF&G Program Tech, King Salmon

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

**IV. Guests Present:**

Cody Larson- Bristol Bay Native Association

**V. Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by Tracey, seconded by John Christiansen, unanimous consent.

**VI. Elections of Officers:**

Floor opened for Nominations for officers



**Nominations for Chairman:**

Mitch Seybert – Nominated by Eddie Clark, seconded by Mike Enright. Approved by unanimous consent.

**Nominations for Vice Chairman:**

Tracey Vrem – Nominated by Eddie Clark, seconded by Mike Enright. Approved by unanimous consent.

**Nominations for Secretary:**

Catie Bursch – Nominated by Mitch Seybert, seconded by Eddie Clark. Approved by unanimous consent.

Officer terms renewed through June 30, 2023. Elections due at first meeting following expiration.

**VII. Reports**

ADF&G- Dave Crowley and Todd Rinaldi – covered moose composition surveys, caribou composition surveys for Northern Alaska Peninsula (NAP) and Southern Alaska Peninsula (SAP).

**VIII. New Business**

- I. Supplemental proposals for Board of Game Central/Southwest Region meeting.

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197	Brown Bear tag fee exemption. Reauthorized annually or fee comes back in.		
Support	8	0	No comments or discussion
204	Lengthen moose season in Units 9B and 9C and align hunt areas in Unit 9C		
Support	8	0	Provides more opportunity since Mulchatna season is closed. Bull/cow ratio is high, and herd can sustain more hunting opportunity.



205	Reauthorize the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd Intensive Management Plan		
Support	8	0	There is no wolf control now as herd is growing rapidly, but committee is in support of having the plan updated and in place for future use if needed.
206	Hunting season and bag limit for Brown Bear		
Oppose	0	8	Proposal asking for too many changes. Worried about pregnant sows being taken in the fall.
207	Hunting season and bag limit for Brown Bear		
Oppose	0	8	Bears range widely across Unit boundaries. Bear hunting and viewing have co-existed in the past.
208	Hunting season and bag limit for Brown Bear		
Oppose	2	6	It may result in a moderate increase for hunters, but very specific area.

## II. Proposals for Board of Game Statewide Game meeting.

Catie Bursch moved to table this until next meeting.

Seconded by Tracey Vrem.

Motion carries unanimously.

## III. Educational Permit for Commercial Fishing Skills Camp in Pilot Point.

Catie Bursch provided short update of the program which had one successful camp but was placed on hold the last two years due to Covid Pandemic.

Eddie Clark moved to support program with letter to CFEC.

Seconded by Jordan Dyer.

Motion carries unanimously.

Eddie Clark moved that letter of support could be signed by Jordan Dyer.

Mitch Seybert seconded.

Motion carries unanimously.

## X. Miscellaneous Business:

### I. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes will be approved by Catie Bursch for submission to the Board of Game after they are emailed to the LBBAC committee members.

Motion to adopt by Eddie Clark. Seconded by T. Vrem.

Motion carries unanimously.

### II. Committee representation at upcoming Board of Game meeting:

T. Vrem will likely go. If he cannot Mitch Seybert offered to attend.

### III. Next LBBAC meeting tentatively early Feb pending confirmation of availability.

Adjournment: 12:27pm

Minutes Recorded By: Catie Bursch  
Minutes Approved By: Catie Bursch  
Date: 12/14/2021



**Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee**  
**November 16, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm**  
**2021**  
**Teleconference 1-800-504-8071 Code:5432709**

I. Call to Order: 1:55 PM by Phillip Peter

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

In Person

- Phillip Peter – Akiachak
- John Andrew – Kwethluk
- Henry Parks – Nunapitchuk
- David Gilila - Akiak

Teleconference

- Earl Samuelson Sr. – Napaskiak
- Adolph Lupie – Tuntutuliak
- George Alexie - Eek

19	Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19 as follows		
NA			No action; based on action of Proposal 20
20	Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna caribou herd (MCH)		
Motion Carries with amendment	7	0	Would not support Tier II and comment about working group and possible moratorium. Details to be decided  Motion: David Gilila 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Adolph Lupie
21	Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on federal lands in Game Management Units 17 and 18		
NA			No action; based on action of Proposal 20

Adjourn: 2:30 PM

Minutes Recorded By: John Andrew

Minutes Approved By: [Signature]

Date: 1-14-22



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee  
12/15/2021  
Zoom**

**I. Call to Order:** 7:05pm by Herb Mansavage

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

- Herb Mansavage
- Dan Montgomery
- Chad Schierman
- Andy Couch
- Austin Manelick
- Casey Dinkel
- Gene Sandone
- Mike Barnett
- Birch Yuknis
- Mel Grove
- Neil Dewitt
- Dom Nickles
- Glenn Helmuth
- Hunter Hongslo

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8**

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

- Tim Peltier
- Chris Brockman
- Todd Rinaldi
- Fari Sylvester

**IV. Guests Present:**

- Tony Jones
- Rod Arno
- Cabot Pitts
- Don Dygert

**V. Approval of Agenda:** Dan motioned, Neil seconded – Accepted



**VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: To Be Approved At Next Meeting**

**VII. Public Comment**

- Rod Arno (Alaska Outdoor Council)
  - On 12/03/2021, Judge Sharon Gleason blew off the state. Feds don't need to give state any control or say. State is appealing in 9<sup>th</sup> court but chances are slim.
  - AOC submitted Proposal 211 to get rid of subsistence community harvest hunts. Feds are taking care of subsistence. AHTNA gives out permits and dividing against Alaska. AOC's opinion is that state not cooperate with the feds. All Alaskans should be equal on state lands. Allocation issue.

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197	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	14	0	Support: Greater sustained harvest, public safety, no conservation concern.
198	Eliminate bear baiting or prohibit bait stations within 50 miles of cabins.		
Oppose	0	14	Oppose: This proposal is too restrictive and eliminate all baiting opportunity due to abundance of cabins.
199	Prohibit trapping within 50 yards of multi-use trails and trailheads in Units 13, 14, and 16		
Oppose	0	14	Oppose: This proposal is too restrictive as it includes an extensive list of trails which would close too big of an area. Some of these trails were created specifically for trapping use. AC is not opposed to responsible trapping and off of populated trails.
209	Modify the Copper River bison harvest opportunity in Units 11 and 13D		
Support	14	0	Dept: Plans to allocate money to collar and habitat study. Population can accept more harvest. Access is limited and AHTNA not allowing access. Support: Increased opportunity and harvest.
210	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunts in Unit 13		
No Action	-	-	See Comments Under Proposal 211.



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211	Repeal the Copper Basin area community subsistence harvest hunt area for moose and caribou		
Support	14	0	Dept: Unit 13 moose population is doing good, more pressure on any bull cohort may have impact, bull/cow ratio not optimized. Support: Subsistence opportunities issues have been addressed through management on Federal lands, equal opportunity for all residents on state lands.
212	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		
Oppose	0	14	Oppose: Allowing this would be double-dipping. *No Action on Proposal 66 due to comments on this proposal
213	Remove the requirement for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
Support	10	4	Support: Greater opportunity, caribou and moose should not be tied together. Oppose: Increase Tier I applicants and decrease revenue from draw permits.
214	Eliminate all moose drawing permit hunts in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	14	Dept: Maximum sustained harvest met, meeting objectives. Oppose: Not impact to population, greater opportunity for all residents.
215	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
Support	13	0	Dept: Essential management tool to manage population, adjust bull/cow ratio, and future habitat. Support: Conservative approach, department manages effectively. *1 Abstain
216	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13C		
Support	10	4	Dept: Unit 13C moose population has increased last 20 years, population readjustment in 2011 and population is above new objective which could impact habitat, harvest objective has not been met since 1995. This would provide additional opportunity and intensive management tool for quality habitat. "Up To" wording is effective, discretionary, and eases administration/management. "Up To" maximum (200) is proportional to population but would take conservative approach with a low quantity of tags to start.



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			Support: Conservative approach, effective management tool, concern with "Up To 200 Permits". Oppose: Too many permits, extreme for population, have seen negative impacts in other areas.
217	Eliminate all caribou drawing permit hunts in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	14	Oppose: Most popular hunt for caribou in Unit 13, one of the most popular draw permits in the state, lost revenue for the state, less opportunity.
218	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13		
Oppose	5	7	Dept: More harvest is not sustainable, population is declining, Unit 16/17 have two bear limits and no impact, moose/caribou populations not limited by bear. Support: Increased opportunity, likely won't impact harvest or population. Oppose: Conservation concerns. *2 Abstain
219	Modify the Unit 13 predation control program		
Support	14	0	Dept: Unit 13D was not originally included in order to be control area/study, limited hunting and trapping due to difficult access, another management tool, likely to control/improve moose population. Support: Another management tool, improve moose/caribou population.
220	Close moose and wolf hunting within Unit 13A		
Oppose	0	14	Oppose: No conservation concern.
221	Align otter and beaver trapping seasons in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	14	Dept: Opposed, significant biological concern, increase otter and bycatch harvest, overlap breed/pupping season, otter season would not be aligned with other areas. Oppose: Biological concern.
222	Align the ptarmigan hunting season for all of Unit 13 and reduce the bag limit to five per day		
Oppose	4	9	Dept: This would add 6 weeks additional to season, bag limit reduced from 10 to 5, harvest is likely to increase, hunting season



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			would overlap breeding season, Unit 13B/E recently changed season but too soon to see response, Opposed to Neutral. Support: More opportunity. Oppose: Conservation concern, higher success due spring access via snowmachine. *1 Abstain

### VIII. Next Meeting: 12/29/2021

### IX. Closing Comments:

- Chris Brockman
  - Unit 14A Antlerless proposals are important.
  - Acting manager for Unit 17 if any questions come up.
- Dan Montgomery
  - Asked about in-person meetings in future. Herb looking at options.
- Andy Couch
  - Concerns with Unit 14A moose management.
- Birch Yuknis
  - Asked about department comments. They are being finalized and should be issued in couple days.
- Mel Grove
  - Will not be available for next 2 meetings.

### X. Adjournment: 10:04pm

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman

Date: 12/15/2021

**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee  
12/29/2021  
Zoom**

**I. Call to Order:** 7:03pm by Herb Mansavage

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

- Herb Mansavage
- Dan Montgomery
- Chad Schierman
- Andy Couch
- Austin Manelick
- Gene Sandone
- Bob Cassell
- Mike Barnett
- Birch Yuknis
- Neil Dewitt
- Dom Nickles
- Glenn Helmuth
- Hunter Hongslo

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8**

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

- Tim Peltier
- Chris Brockman
- Gerrit Van Diest
- Fari Sylvester

**IV. Guests Present:**

- Maio Nishkian

**V. Approval of Agenda:** Andy motioned to amend to include vote at end to maintain online option for in-person meetings, Neil seconded – Agenda accepted as amended.

**VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** To Be Approved At Next Meeting

**VII. Public Comments**



- Maio Nishkian
  - Concerns about proposals regarding community harvest. Herb stated those proposals had already been discussed/voted on at previous meetings but AC is in general opposed to community harvest.
  - Interested in information on users of the community harvest. Department stated that there will be upcoming presentation for the Board of Game on community harvest.

## VIII. Proposals

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204	Lengthen moose seasons in Units 9B and 9C and align hunt areas in Unit 9C		
Support	14	0	Dept: Extends season by 5 days, no conversation concerns. Support: No conservation concerns, more opportunity.
205	Reauthorize the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd Intensive Management Plan		
Support	14	0	Dept: Another tool. Support: Management tool, (2)(D) regarding brown bear population objective seems irrelevant to this proposal.
206	Open a resident only early/late season for brown bear in Unit 9		
Support	8	5	Dept: Extends season by 6 days in the fall and 5 days in the spring, resident only. Neutral on allocation (resident/non-resident), supportive for reasoning beyond shortened season in 2018. Support: More opportunity, conflicts between residents and guides, suggest decoupling two solutions proposed. Oppose: Bear population is just recovering, no population data from department. *1 Abstain (Not Enough Info)
207	Close brown bear hunting in Unit 9A		
Oppose	0	14	Dept: Opposed, season and bag limits is already taking conservative approach. Oppose: No conservation concerns with current regulations.



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208	Change the brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C to align with Unit 9A		
Support	14	0	Dept: Bear population is good, monitor harvest, no bear surveys, harvest likely to be low, no sustainability concern. Support: No conservation concerns, aligns seasons, more opportunity.
223	Reauthorize the Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan		
Support	14	0	Dept: Supports, reauthorize for 10 years, does not mean control will be used but good tool, removes snaring/helicopter by public as they were not seen as very effective, likely approach would be to take away restrictions (sow/cub), no limit, no closed season. Support: Bear population/sign increased, would help increase declined moose population, bear predator control worked in past, encourage keeping tools of snaring/helicopter as any method adds effectiveness, public would like to see predator control soon.
224	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
Support	13	1	Dept: Support, recent survey of 7100 exceeds goal of 6000-6500, steadily lowering permits, 800 tags this season with current harvest of 275 so far, calf/cow ratio is pretty good, nutritionally stressed, little predation (roads/harvest account for most of take), decrease tags in lower success areas (DM400/401/406). Support: Effective tool, has been sustainable for years, lots of freezers filled over the years, suggest targeting to not stress areas with less moose. Oppose: Seeing significantly less moose over recent years in Pt. Mackenzie area.
225	Eliminate antlerless moose hunts in Units 14 A and B and allow harvest by nuisance hunt program		
No Action	-	-	See comments from Proposal 224.
226	Open resident bull permit hunts in Unit 14A		
Support	14	0	Dept: Neutral, provide further opportunity, workable plan. Support: More opportunity, likely would have lots of interest and more revenue for state, no conservation concern.
227	Reduce the bag limit for grouse in Unit 14A and eliminate the ruffed grouse differentiation		
Oppose	2	12	Dept: Opposed, Ruffed Grouse population is low, Ruffed Grouse population is typically cyclic with 4 year cycle that peaks then declines



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			but did not peak last cycle and is concern across the nation, not information on Spruce Grouse population to warrant limit reduction. Support: Less birds being seen. Oppose: Hunter obligation to know difference, no reason to change limits based on population.
228	Require trap identification tags in Units 14A, 14B, and 16		
Oppose	0	14	Dept: Neutral. Oppose: Proposal is too broad/whole unit, identification would add work and difficult to keep clean, many of the trails created by trappers, potential harassment issues for trappers, acknowledge need for accountability, potentially create proposal that is more specific (core areas, avoid kill sets near trails, etc.).
229	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Unit 14A		
Support	14	0	Dept: Supports, no biological concern, increase harvest. Support: No biological concern, more opportunity.

### IX. Next Meeting: 01/05/2022

### X. Other Topics:

- Send all proposals of interest to Herb for next meeting's agenda.
- Statewide comments not due until February.
- Andy motioned to maintain online option for in-person meetings, Neil seconded.
  - Andy withdrew motion as AC supports other options accommodated as needed, Neil seconded withdrawal of motion.

### XI. Closing Comments:

- Andy Couch
  - Suggested commenting on the fishing stocking plan, address Eklutna fin-clipping, stocking late coho at Eklutna.
- Gene Sandone
  - Interested in hearing from Sport Fish comment on why fish are not fin-clipped at Eklutna.
  - Pike issues being seen at Big Lake in deeper locations.



- Chris Brockman
  - Acting manager for Unit 17 if any questions come up.
  - Available for trapping perspective if AC creates proposal regarding trapping near trails. Teaches class on how to get pets out of traps.
- Fari Sylvester
  - Teleconference is always included on meeting notice for others to join.

**XII. Adjournment: 9:26pm**

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman

Date: 12/29/2021



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee  
01/05/22  
Zoom**

**I. Call to Order: 7:01pm by Herb Mansavage**

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

- Dan Montgomery
- Chad Schierman
- Herb Mansavage
- Andy Couch
- Bob Cassell
- Mike Barnett
- Birch Yuknis
- Neil Dewitt
- Dom Nickles
- Glenn Helmuth
- Hunter Hongslo (Left at 8:45pm)
- Aaron Bloomquist
- Austin Manelick
- Gene Sandone (Joined at 7:53pm)

**Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8**

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

- Fari Sylvester
- Tim Peltier
- Chris Brockman
- Todd Rinaldi

**IV. Guests Present:**

- Mark Richards
- Mike Harris
- Al Barrette
- Don Dygert
- Rod Arno



**V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Andy motioned to amend 12/15/2021 Meeting Minutes with changes on Proposals 211/215/217/219 and 12/15/2021 Meeting Minutes with changes on Proposals 206/207/224, Neil seconded – Accepted as amended.

**VI. Approval of Agenda:** Neil motioned to amend agenda to include Proposals 27/67/80, discussion AC representation at Board of Game meeting, and vote to authorize Chairman to approve minutes, Andy seconded – Accepted as amended.

**VII. Public Comments**

- Mike Harris
  - Representing Alaska Bowhunters Association (ABA).
  - Asked for AC support on ABA Proposals 57/68/82/91/94.
  - ABA supports extending brown bear hunts for all weapons but would like support on Proposals 68/91/94 in case of limitations.
  - ABA also supports other bowhunting Proposals 56/60/85/87/88/89/97 and asked for AC's support.
  - ABA opposes Proposal 61 based on department's comments.

**VIII. Proposals**

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<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>			
27	Reauthorize the Northern Alaska Peninsula (NAP) Caribou Herd Intensive Management Plan (IM)		
Support	13	0	Support: More opportunity, similar to Proposal 209 except Line 2 Subject D.
28	Remove the resident bag limit of one brown bear every four years in Unit 9		
Support	9	3	Dept: Neutral, no conservation concern, keep seasons the same. Support: More opportunity, no conservation concern.



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			Oppose: Managed conservatively, not necessary, managed for trophy potential and every 4 year limit gives more people opportunity. *1 Abstain (Not Enough Data)
29	Lengthen the season and liberalize methods and means for trapping beaver in Unit 9		
Support	13	0	Dept: Neutral, no conservation concern, safety concern of shooting into water, opposed to reduced sealing requirements (opportunity to talk to trappers, gain feedback/information). Support: Overpopulation of beavers, damming little creeks which affects salmon spawning, also used as food in addition to pelt, opportunity for statewide proposal of hunting for furbearer.
33	Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.
34	Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents		
Support	9	4	Dept: Neutral, no biological concern with current harvest. Support: Quota is not being met, resource not being used, opportunity for more, Emperor Geese are federal trust and should be equal opportunity. Oppose: Resident opportunity should be increased before increasing non-resident opportunity, beginning of limit creep for non-residents. *1 Abstain (Late on proposal, not enough information)
35	Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.
36	Allocate a 50/50 split for resident and nonresident Emperor goose permits for Units 9, 10, and 17		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.
37	Allocate 500 permits to nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.



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38	Allocate 500 permits to residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17 as follows		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.
39	Allocate an equal number of permits for residents and nonresidents for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.
40	Double the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.
41	Increase the number of nonresident permits for taking Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.
42	Allow more years of nonresident Emperor goose tags to be allotted for a lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.
43	Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese to 10% for Units 9, 10, and 17		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.
44	Allow nonresidents to purchase un-issued Emperor geese permits for Units 9, 10, and 17		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.
45	Increase permits and require use of an outfitter for nonresident harvest of Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.
46	Increase nonresident permits and establish preference points for harvesting Emperor geese for Units 9, 10, and 17		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.
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		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.
48	Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or offer a second drawing for Units 9, 10, and 17		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.
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		



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No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.
50	Increase the number nonresident permits for harvesting Emperor geese or allow for a second lottery for Units 9, 10, and 17		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 34.
51	Expand the DI454 bison hunt area in Unit 11		
Support	14	0	Support: Bison have expanded south, more opportunity, more public land, AHTNA has closed land to bison hunting.
52	Repeal the “pre-2018” caribou hunting regulations for Unit 13		
Oppose	5	9	Dept: Housekeeping. Support: Trust department on housekeeping. Oppose: Seems to be more than housekeeping.
53	Increase the community subsistence caribou hunt allocation in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	14	Oppose: Not necessary, equal allocation.
54	Increase the youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		
Support	13	1	Support: More opportunity for youth. Oppose: Youth have opportunity to hunt regular season and do not need more opportunity.
55	Open a registration goat hunt for residents in Unit 13		
Support	8	5	Dept: Opposed, population does supply harvest surplus, may affect 13D population which is draw area. Support: Not viable population, opportunity to hunt, suggested shortened reporting time to reduce harvest if needed. Oppose: Low population.
56	Extend the general season for moose by bow and arrow only for residents and nonresidents within Unit 11, remainder		
No Action	-	-	See comments on Proposal 57.
57	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to certified bowhunters only within Unit 11, remainder		
Oppose	6	7	Dept: Neutral, allocation, likely high success, good bull/cow ratio (50/100), no biological concern. Support: Unit 11 is remote and underutilized, additional opportunity, bow hunting is low success.



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			Oppose: Moose are most vulnerable during this time, shouldn't be restricted to just bowhunting.
59	Increase the community subsistence any bull moose hunt allocation in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: Equal allocation.
60	Create a registration archery only hunt for bull moose in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: Too long of season.
61	Establish a drawing permit hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 13E		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: Conservation concern.
62	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13E		
Support	10	3	Support: Population over objective and increasing, more opportunity, good management tool. Oppose: Not enough moose to take cows.
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	13	Oppose: Strongly against, equal allocation.
	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		
No Action	-	-	See comments from Proposal 212.
67	Change the salvage requirements for sheep taken in Unit 11		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: Not necessary, added weight, low spoilage risk, personal choice.
68	Extend the general season for brown bear by bow and arrow only for residents and nonresidents within Unit 11		
Oppose	4	9	Dept: Neutral due to allocation, slight harvest increase expected. Support: More opportunity, predator control. Oppose: Low quality hide during propose season, not needed, extend for everybody.
69	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13		
No Action	-	-	See comments from Proposal 218.
70	Open a fall baiting season in Unit 13 for brown and black bear		



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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
Support	7	6	Dept: Neutral on method/Opposed on harvest, population low and declining based on surveys, moose/caribou populations are good (bears not affecting), concern for hunter conflicts. Support: More opportunity to harvest bears. Oppose: Low population.
72	Extend the wolverine trapping season in Unit 13		
Support	13	0	Dept: Neutral, no conversation concern, vulnerability concern during denning season. Support: More opportunity, predator control.
74	Limit motorized access during the community subsistence moose hunt in Unit 13		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: Poorly written proposal, contradicting facts, support more access, likely turn hunt into road hunt.
78	Extend the caribou season in Unit 16B		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: Risk of meat waste due to caribou being inedible, not opposed to more opportunity.
80	Create a resident youth hunting season for any bull moose (YM4XX) in Unit 14A		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: Too late of season.
82	Extend by two days the current bow and arrow only general moose season in Units 14A, 14B, and 16A		
Support	8	5	Dept: Neutral due to allocation, likely low impact on harvest, eliminates barrier between seasons. Support: More opportunity, bowhunting has low take. Oppose: Unnecessary, give moose break between seasons, possible enforcement issues.
83	Remove the 50-inch bag limit requirement for the resident and nonresident moose hunt in Unit 16A		
Oppose	2	11	Support: Population declining, lots of sublegal moose being taken. Oppose: Likely increase sublegal take, won't help population.
84	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 16B		
Oppose	5	8	Dept: Population still in objective, management tool. Oppose: Population is low, not needed, propose as tool when population increase and needed.



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85	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 16B		
Oppose	2	10	Support: More opportunity for bow hunters. Oppose: No special season.
86	Change the bag limit for Dall sheep in Unit 14A to full-curl ram		
Support	8	5	Dept: Neutral, can manage either way, same impact as other areas. Support: Full curl would allow more permits, high trophy quality area, mismanaged with too many permits, take pressure off mature rams. Oppose: Low pressure opportunity for hunters intimidated by legality requirements.
87	Change the bag limit for the Dall sheep permit hunts in Unit 14A and convert the early season to archery only permit hunts		
Support	9	4	Support: Mixed bag, opportunity to archery, more permits, more opportunity. Oppose: Takes away opportunity from rifle hunters.
88	Establish an archery only general season hunt for Dall sheep in Unit 14		
Oppose	4	9	Support: Opportunity for bow hunters without pressure of other hunters, challenging time to hunt. Oppose: Interferes with youth season, increased pressure to sheep, conflict that could target pilots.
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		
Oppose	6	6	Support: More opportunity, specialized/challenging. Oppose: No special season, possible support if archery but too restrictive, increased woundage. *1 Abstain (Should be all archery)
90	Extend the brown bear hunting season in Units 14A and 14B		
Support As Amended	13	0	Dept: Neutral, no biological concern, may increase harvest. Support: Increase in brown bear population, more opportunity, align with Unit 16A.



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			*Dan motioned to amend to change season end to 6/15 instead of 6/30, Andy seconded – Approved as Amended*
91	Establish a general season by bow and arrow only for brown bear within Units 14A and 14B		
No Action	-	-	See comments from Proposal 90.
92	Open a year-round season for brown bear in Unit 16		
Support	13	0	Dept: Neutral, no biological concern. Support: More opportunity, re-establish year-round season as prior, cabin defense method as opposed to DLP.
93	Open a year-round season for brown bear in Unit 16		
No Action	-	-	See comments from Proposal 92.
94	Establish a general season by bow and arrow only for brown bear within Units 16A and 16B, remainder		
No Action	-	-	See comments from Proposal 92.
97	Allow beaver to be taken with firearm or archery equipment in Unit 16		
Support	13	0	Support: More beaver harvest opportunity, another resource.
99	Close areas within Units 14A, 14B, and 16A to trapping		
Oppose	0	13	Oppose: Too restrictive, acknowledge concern and something needs to be done.

### IX. Other Topics:

- Andy motioned to authorize Chairman to approve meeting minutes, Neil seconded – Accepted.
- Andy motioned for Herb to testify for committee at Board of Game meeting with Dan as alternative, Neil seconded – Accepted.

### X. Closing Comments:

- Neil Dewitt
  - Need to sign in online for attendance at Board of Game meeting due to COVID.
- Dan Montgomery
  - Board of Fish meeting cancelled.



- Strongly suggest public comments.
- Andy Couch
  - Suggested attendance at Board of Game meeting for opportunity to see the process.
  - AC members can comment but need to be clear they are personal comments and not on behalf of the AC.
- Birch Yuknis
  - Encouraged attendance at Board of Game meeting for opportunity to see the process.
- Herb Mansavage
  - Next meeting around 1/26-2/2 timeframe as Statewide comments are due 2/18

**XI. Adjournment: 11:13pm**

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman

Date: 01/06/2022



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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 then 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 effects 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.



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Naknek/Kvichak Fish and Game Advisory Committee**  
Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:30pm  
At the Naknek Village Council Office, Dolly's Hall  
**Teleconference 1-800-504-8071, access code 8425142**

I. Call to order 6:34 PM

II. Roll call-

Present: Everett Thompson, William Regan Jr, Joe Klutsch, Joey Klutsch, John Wise, Ralph Zimin, Graham Morrison, Patricia Edel.

Absent: George Wilson Jr, Marc Watson, Gustie Tallekpallek

III. Approval of agenda- Everett Thompson moved to approve, Joe Klutsch 2nd. Motion carries Unanimously

IV. Approval of minutes from the February 4, 2019 meeting- Everett Thompson moved to table minutes until fall meeting. John Wise 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries unanimously

V. Introduction: Staff - Taryn O'Coconor-Brito, Boards Support; Lee Borden, Sport Fish; Dave Crowley, Wildlife; Troopers David Bump and Travis Lyons. Guests- Lydia Olympic

VI. Elections for AC members- Brief discussion of committee members reiterating they still want to be on board, no new nominations, all incumbents reinstated, no objection.

VII. Elections for officers - Committee asked if they would like to see change in officers, no change wanted.

VIII. ADF&G staff updates:

Lee Borden talked about the sports fish, the hot summer, some mortality of fish and recent surveys on Naknek River done. Use is up considerably since last survey was done in 1999. Committee brought up low numbers of kings and pressure on other species. Jason Dye is new Regional Coordinator.

Dave Crowley talked about better North Pen. Caribou Herd numbers up to 4000, calf survival rate better south than Mulchatna herd up north, calf survival rate. Mulchatna herd closed hunt after Jan. 31. Moose numbers talked about.

IX. Comments

- Public, None
- AC members,

Predation, moose, caribou and fish numbers

X. New Business



I. Board of Fisheries Proposal 279: Requirements and Specifications for use of 200 fathoms of drift gillnet in Bristol Bay- Everett Moved to adopt, John second. Everett moved to amend prop 279 to support if it pertains only to the Nushagak using 200 fathoms of gear while Naknek Special Harvest Area was in Effect. Graham 2nd. Amendment passed unanimously. Proposal supported as amended 6-1

II. Board of Fisheries Proposal 281: Live Earthworms- Joe moved to adopt, Ralph 2nd. All in favor. Motion carries unanimously

III. Board of Game Proposal 166: Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemption Reauthorization- Everett moved to adopt, Joey second. Discussion was made that \$25 for a tag fee isn't substantial and that residents won't consider it a burden if fee isn't reinstated. Fee exemption prop was opposed unanimously.

IV. Board of Game call for proposals for the 2020/2021 Central/Southwest and Statewide

Game Meetings, props due May 1, committee doesn't foresee putting any in.

XI. Miscellaneous Business:

I. Discussion of approval of these minutes for submission to the Board of Fisheries and Board of Game (on time comments due February 21st), committee designated Everett to finish minutes, and William to approve minutes.

II. Discussion of date and location for next meeting - Early November

XII. Adjourn 8:03

Minutes recorded by Everett Thompson

Minutes approved by William Regan

Date: Thursday, February 20, 2020



**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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> to vote by email or text to Taryn. Adopted by Unanimous Consent

Dillingham seats Susie moved, Todd 2<sup>nd</sup> to open nominations.

Todd Fritze	by Dan	Final votes	<u>19</u>	seated underlined
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Susie Brito	by Gayla		<u>22</u>	
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Tom O'Connor	by Susie		<u>25</u>	
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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Adopted by unanimous consent.

#### Officers

Susie moved to open nominations Gayla 2<sup>nd</sup>

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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):

Wassillie Andrews, New Stuyahok Alt  
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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Tim Sands, Lee Borden, Jason Dye, Todd Rinaldi, Taryn Brito, Chris Peterson,  
Trooper Bump

Togiak National Wildlife Refuge: Patrick Walsh, Andy Aderman, Derek Thompson

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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<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>			
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 <sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>: 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 2<sup>nd</sup></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 2<sup>nd</sup></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&amp;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 2<sup>nd</sup></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 2<sup>nd</sup></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 2<sup>nd</sup></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&amp;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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			<p>Another AC member expressed strong objection that ADFG described this as a “gravy hunt” and went on to firmly express how valued the winter hunt is to Nushagak villages</p> <p>Another suggested waiting to take this up in 3 years.</p> <p>A roll call vote was conducted.</p>
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 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>ADFG &amp; 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 2<sup>nd</sup></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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			<p>One AC member expressed strong doubts as to age out comment - there are still lots of road system airplane hunters ready to fly out. AC member Joe wished for a better tool than Tier 2 and knows of problems but given poor herd condition he's inclined to support this.</p> <p>AC member question / suggestion regarding if ADFG will mount an information and education effort to assure locals get help to apply if this pass. ADFG said yes and nearby GMU 18 and (staff have extensive experience and can help. Further noted application periods occur at same time as draw hunts and subsistence supplements get sent out.</p> <p>AC members comment the system is quite complicated. Another voice support for proposal as it would exclude nonresidents.</p> <p>Roll call vote.</p>
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 2<sup>nd</sup></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 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>ADFG noted this is an introduced population.</p> <p>Togiak Refuge noted their neutral position, this is a State action.</p> <p>AC question, would it have noticeable effect from current status.</p> <p>ADFG: ANS can be different from harvest-able surplus. There may be more objectives.</p> <p>Gayla asked for a review of Federal management and their Nushagak Caribou management group - this proposal could complicate the current process.</p> <p>Public: what impacts will this have on the original agreements with local villages and management</p> <p>TNWR? noted current management plan does not use State ANS, simply if one is a local resident then they are qualified to participate.</p> <p>AC : is this the place to spend State's limited funds - maybe there are better places.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>One AC member who sits on management group does not recall this coming before them. The group should have an opportunity.</p> <p>Todd F moved for no action on this proposal.</p> <p>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 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>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 2<sup>nd</sup></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 2<sup>nd</sup></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 2<sup>nd</sup></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:  <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through 50</b></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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50</b>
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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50</b>
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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50</b>
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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50</b>
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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50</b>
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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50</b>
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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through50</b>



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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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through 50</b>
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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through 50</b>
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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through 50</b>
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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through 50</b>
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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through 50</b>
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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through 50</b>
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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through 50</b>
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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through 50</b>
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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through 50</b>
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 <b>Given our discussion of proposal 32, the Nushagak AC asks the BOF to oppose proposals 33 through 50</b>

**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

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132	Allow bird wings and parts to be used for trapping		
			<p>Gayla move, Fritze 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Trapper seeks much more clarity as many trappers use the outer portions of the wings for attractants.</p> <p>Full discussion on what portion of wings of large birds like cranes and swans are used for trapping, maqui (steam baths) brooms other.</p> <p>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	O	12	<p>Fritze move Dan 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>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."</p> <p>What about naturally white animals - hares, weasels, ptarmigan, sheep? This is poorly written.</p> <p>Don't parts of the state have hunting on snowy owls?</p> <p>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



**Nushagak Advisory Committee  
December 16, 2021  
Zoom / Teleconference**

**I. Call to Order: 09:06 by Susie Jenkins-Brito, Chair**

**II. Roll Call**

Members Present:

Dan Dunaway, undesignated, secretary  
Susie Jenkins-Brito, Dillingham, Chair  
Travis Ball, Aleknagik, Vice Chair  
Gayla Hoseth, undesignated  
Peter Christopher, New Stuyahok joined noon  
Todd Fritze, Dillingham  
Joe Chythlook, Dillingham,  
Curt Armstrong, Dillingham  
Tom O'Connor, Dillingham  
Mariano Floresta, Clark's Point  
Travis Ball, Aleknagik  
Moses Kritz joined 10:15  
Kenneth Nukwak, Manokotak, Alt at Large

Members Absent:

Peter Walcott Sr., Ekwok Alt  
Walter Kanulie, Togiak Alt  
Barbara Moore, Manokotak  
Gust Tunguing Jr, Koliganek  
Richard King, Ekwok  
Wassillie Andrews, New Stuyahok Alt  
Joe Wassily, Clark's Point Alt  
Kay Andrews, Aleknagik Alt  
Chris Carr, Portage Creek

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

\*Note: quite a few Nushagak River based reps were absent due to a funeral.

List of User Groups Present:

**Member Activities:**

1. Trapping
2. Sport Fishing



3. Subsistence
4. Hunting
5. Commercial Fishing
6. Guiding
7. Processing
8. Outdoors Person
9. Assoc./Corp.
10. Conservationist

\*Note: typically, members of the Nushagak AC participate in many more than one of the listed activities.

**III. Alaska Dept. Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Todd Rinaldi Wildlife Cons.  
Chris Brockman Wildlife Cons  
Tim Sands - Com Fish  
Lee Borden Sport Fish  
Joe Wittkop **AK Wildlife Trooper**

**IV. Guests Present:**

Cody Larson, Renee Roque - BBNA Natural Resources  
Andy Aderman, Pat Walsh - USFWS Togiak Refuge  
Kaleb Westfall, commercial fisherman, Dillingham City Council  
Ward Hurlburt, commercial fisherman, Dillingham  
\*others may have joined thru the meeting unannounced

**V. Approval of Agenda**

Joe C moved, Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the agenda.  
Susie asked if there was unanimous consent with no changes. No objections raised.

**VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Todd F move, Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Minutes from March 23, 20201 by unanimous consent. No objections, minutes approved.

**VII. Elections,**

- One Dillingham designated seat open (term through June 30, 2024)
- Two alternates open (terms through June 30, 2022)

Boards explained open seats and election process.

Gayla move Travis 2<sup>nd</sup> to open for nominations for designated Dillingham seat.

Todd F nominated Joe Chythlook

no other nominations

Gayla move to close Dan 2<sup>nd</sup>

Joe C elected for designated Dillingham seat by unanimous consent.



Dan moves, Travis 2nd to open nominations for at large alternates. No objections

Dan nominated Kenneth Nukwak,

Susie nominated Ward Hurlburt

Curt nominated Steve Perkins

Tom move, Gayla 2<sup>nd</sup> to close nominations, by unanimous consent. No objections

Board staff received and recorded votes by text, email and voice

Results: Kenneth (10), Ward Hurlburt (8), Steve Perkins (9)

Todd F noted we had neglected to allow candidates or others speak to nominations.

Chair apologized for oversight. Dan spoke briefly to Kenneth's qualifications, Kenneth spoke to his interests and appreciated support of voters and his community.

Joe C moved Tom 2nd to accept Kenneth and Steve as alternates by unanimous consent.

No objections. Steve Perkins was no in attendance but has served in the past.

## VII. Updates

### a. Chair:

Asked that updates that are not related to Wildlife be brief, that purpose of this meeting was to address wildlife proposals not considered 1 year ago and in the supplemental BOG book, and that there are quite a few to look at. She noted that another AC meeting can be planned for February 2022 to deal with fisheries and other items.

### b. ADF&G:

Tim Sands Com Fish: In the interest of saving time, noted that a lot of commercial fisheries information is available on the Commercial Fisheries website. Or people may call him at the Dillingham office.

Todd Rinaldi Wildlife: discussed GMU 17 moose abundance. 17 B is huge, hard to cover and is divided into 2 parts to survey. Population objective for 17B is 4,900 to 6,000 and best current estimate is 3,000 to 3,500. Objectives may be unrealistic and set too high, but more analysis is needed. 17B harvest objective is 200-400 but the last 5 year average is 61 in the fall and this is why RM585 could be opened in 17B for the winter. 17C goal is 2,800-3,500 and currently estimated at 2,700 to 2,800 so not far below goal. The 17C harvest objective is 165-350. However not meeting harvest goals - 17C has averaged 145 animals in all recent seasons. The Dept is looking at productivity and calf survival and specific causes of mortality. Estimate survival at less than 10% - much lower than anywhere else in Alaska. Brown bears appear to be the main predator. Herd is very productive with good twin rates, but few calves make it to autumn. ADFG is doing a feasibility assessment on implementing possible management actions and options. Hopes to provide the study to the public after presenting to the BOG. Todd R was hoping to provide a hunter harvest graphic to the AC showing resident and nonresident harvest breakdown by the end of the meeting.

Chris Brockman, ADFG Wildlife joined the meeting and was introduced. 20 years' experience, trapper hunter and acting area Biologist for 17 until permanent staff is hired. The recruitment for an assistant biologist failed when the applicant declined an offer of the position. [note: Dillingham has not had a wildlife biologist in the Dillingham position for more than a few months for over 2 years.]

AC member noted there are a LOT of brown bears in the Wood River lakes lately and asked for estimates of bear and wolf populations. Todd says no recent bear estimates have been done and last study on wolves was in 2012 estimating about 5 wolves per 1000 square Km. He noted there have been 3 years under intensive management where harvest was over 70 animals, 104 were taken in 2020 - 21. Intensive Management area has been maximized but in the future likely to be focused on the calving areas to be more efficient. Moose aren't habitat limited, good food available but looking at other intensive management options that may be extremely expensive or might not be socially acceptable. Brown bear harvest is low in 17B&C.

AC member thanked Todd R for the bear information saying there are a lot of bears in the Lake system. Do you have an estimate of bears in the area? Todd has none but looking at new techniques like hair snares, but bears seem to have increased. Todd discussed wolf collaring work in the area. We think we are meeting IM goals in the area. Wolf survey is planned for spring in 17B, C and possibly portions of 9.

Another AC member asked about bear survey times of day and techniques. Todd explained some methods and acknowledged counting bears is extremely difficult. He encouraged people to share their observations.

AC member noted that with these huge all-time high red runs likely supporting a fast growing bear population. Noted sows appear to be successfully bringing litters of 3 and 4 cubs through winters.

This member also asked about the frequency and numbers harvested of Ceremonial/Funerary moose and caribou hunts in GMU 17. Todd R explained the process for 17 (a call-in process) and that there were about 7 such hunts last year in 17.

AC member asked how much sport effort has been on harvesting bears. Todd R: sport effort and harvest are low, very few people take 2 bears. Nonresidents must register. One challenge to manage bears is few folks want to harvest 1 bear let alone take 2 per year. Trying to look at ways to encourage more harvest of bears. AC member said it's a good idea to get more sport harvest bears.

AC member asked about meaning of "socially unacceptable harvest of bears" Todd said not much can be done. This feasibility study is about exploring beyond sport harvest to removal of bears under Intensive Management or under predator control. Might investigate ways to harvest more bears. Maybe baiting and other methods that might be used. Todd noted this may concern some people. May have to have Department remove bears which can get extremely expensive and raise public concerns.

AC member went on to outline the problems of selling a bear hide even though GMU 17 regulations allow it. Taxidermists are afraid to deal with the hides due to the hassles. Maybe some regulation language could be improved. Rinaldi outlined some limitations on sale - might only be able to be sold once. That prevents a taxidermist from re-selling the bear. Brockman substantiated that regulatory situation.

c. Other

USFWS Togiak Refuge:

Biologist Andy Aderman: Gave a brief outline off 17A Moose. 2019 survey shows about 2,000 moose and above goal, hope to do another survey in 2022, excellent calf production, 70% twinning, only 11% survival to November, harvest increased to an all-time high. 20-21 - 164 harvest above 108 moose in 19-20. This strong harvest should help get population closer to ideal levels.

Nushagak Peninsula Caribou, 2021 survey counted 258 animals and estimated 287 +/- 47 while 202 estimate was 226 +/- 41. Caribou committee met and recommended issuing 4 harvest permits all to Manokotak. No animals reported taken yet this year. Andy expects the caribou will be shared throughout the village when they are caught.

BBNA:

Gayla Hoseth, BBNA Natural Resources Director, introduced new staff Renee Roque and announced Tribal travel funds are available for BOG meeting. She mentioned the Federal Bristol Bay RAC was wishing some of the AC chairs could participate in RAC meetings to explain positions and coordinate where possible. Cody Larson BBNA Nat Res. noted that April 1 is the deadline for fish proposals and offered to help people with subsistence proposals.

AC Chair Brito reviewed BOG schedule: BOG to meet in person in Wasilla; January 20 is a work session, and it is good that BBNA can help some folks attend. Additionally, the Nushagak AC is tentatively scheduled to meet February 3 to prepare for BOF.

Alaska Wildlife Troopers:

Trooper Wittkop did a quick summary of annual activities. 1) Vessel Kvichak has been sold, therefore no patrol vessel for Togiak Herring. Patrolled by air and few violations observed. 2) conducted CDQ halibut patrols jointly with NMFS; 41 people contacted, more of an info and education effort, while it's a Federal fishery the Troopers are increasing their collaboration due in part to previous local complaints of gear conflicts with near shore yellow fin sole trawl fleet. Troopers were observing the trawl fleet as well. 3) Spring 21 Bear: Lots of snow allowed hunting access. No violations observed. Wittkop discussed issues around the sale of bear hides. Seller needs a permit and needs to post permit number when advertising a sale. 4) Sport Fish enforcement: limited effort due to intense commercial fishery and less staff. 5) Commercial fishery: Troopers had one additional pilot, 1 small boat for a big season. Violations were about normal, main problems were close waters and close period violations. Lots of rough weather and huge catches seemed to cause a higher rate of failure to report lost nets. Weather seemed to push some into violations in the Snake River area. One violator was selling fish using pre-signed fish tickets without permit holder present; 1 over length set net, 1 set netter not fishing in reported stat area. Wittkop also mentioned under-reporting of king salmon in the catch. 6) Fall Big Game: relaxed covid travel rules seemed to bring a surge of nonresident hunters compared to 2020. Hunter compliance was generally good; 2 under size bulls and one cow were reported. There was confusion among hunter about harvest tickets versus registration hunts and the difference in hunt stipulations. Wittkop encountered a problem with a bear DLP



reporting and salvage. 7) Winter moose: little activity yet and travel conditions poor but patrols will be conducted. 8) Subsistence: complaints continue regarding illegal subsistence drift netting for kings. Wittkop noted a new anonymous and easier reporting system and encouraged concerned people to use it. AK Tips Hotline. 9) Equipment: vessel Kvichak has been sold and not replaced yet. AWT is coordinating with NMFS on a new vessel to be built; its likely to be based in Kodiak.

## **VIII. Public & AC Member Comments**

Questions from the AC were directed to Todd Rinaldi regarding hunter participation and harvest by residency. No data was immediately available, but Rinaldi offered to email AC members when data became available.

AC member Kenneth Nukwak from Manokotak was concerned that in addition to fish by-catch that's been in the news, "what about yellow fin sole trawlers' by-catch of clams?" He saw a photo of boats possibly near Round Island and they may be taking 20,000 to 40,000 pounds of clams where the walrus feeding grounds are. Is this why the walrus has moved to Ugashik area and no longer using areas around Walrus Is?

AC Secretary, also a member of the Federal Bristol Bay RAC, noted that the RAC is very concerned about by-catch, received some presentations during its fall meeting but NPFMC was not present. The RAC has specifically requested NPFMC present to the winter meeting in February.

AC member Joe Chythlook noted he has listened to some NPFMC meetings, his son Craig has been appointed to address by-catch from a food security level. Joe further noted there has been quite a change in walrus behavior around Walrus Is., that from his observations while flying in the area, trawling has seemed to get closer and closer to shore and he hopes the the AC could consider working with the NPFMC and or NMFS to investigate this.

BREAK 11:07 - 11:20

## **IX. New Business**

Todd Rinaldi introduces Acting Area biologist Chris Brockman.

The committee asked Brockman to read the proposals into the record and provide ADFG comments if available, starting with the Supplemental book and proposal 200.

\*See follow Proposal matrix for actions on proposals.



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	<b>Nushagak AC addressed most GMU 17 proposals in their December 2020 meeting. See those minutes for proposals not listed here.</b>		
32	Close the nonresident season for Emperor geese in Units 9 and 10		
			Member Gayla requested a discussion of this proposal. After a brief discussion it was noted the AC acted on this proposal in the December 7 and 15 meeting in 2020. and moved on to other proposals.  Gayla, as a member of Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council, said since the AC (and other ACs) have supported this proposal, the State should vote to support this at the Federal level. ADFG noted their role is to address biology aspects and not allocative portions.
			PROPOSALS FROM SUPPLEMENTAL BOOK
197	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	12	0	Joe moved Tom 2 <sup>nd</sup> to adopt. ADFG indicated support. Joe noted its mainly housekeeping. Members said they support it. Roll call vote
200	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	12	0	Dan moved Tom 2 <sup>nd</sup> to adopt Members noted the estimated population exceeds objectives. This is an important mgt tool to avoid over grazing. Provides important local harvest opportunity.



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			One member said this is mostly housekeeping. Moses said Togiak people support it. Tom called the question and asked the AC to support with unanimous consent; there were no objections.
201	Allow motorized vehicles for hunting moose and caribou in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area in Unit 17B		
Oppose	0	10	Dan moved, Travis 2 <sup>nd</sup> to adopt. There was an extensive discussion. Points made: We have voted this down several times before - since 1990 - as it could open 17B to many hunter using ATVs. An outfitter could drop in machines and provide to fly-in hunters and add a lot of pressure and competition with local hunters. The moose are below objectives now. Hunters drive over from L. Clark and Iliamna use ATVs up to the boundary already many might come in if allowed. Todd F noted Koliganek villagers originally requested the prohibition to prevent excess and nonlocal effort. BBNA rep noted tundra takes 70 years to recover from damage. Nonresident moose hunters not restricted by the 17B closure for caribou within 2 miles along the rivers. Roll call vote (2 AC members not present ).
202	Allow the use of a firearm to take beaver while trapping in Unit 17		
Support	12	0	Joe C moved, Travis 2 <sup>nd</sup> to adopt. Member Todd F. co-authored proposal. Current seasons in 17 are complicated and confusing. From Oct 10 he can trap all he wants, from Dec 1- April 14 he can shoot all he wants, after April 14 can only shoot 2 a day and must be used for human consumption. Difficult to enforce. Why not be able to shoot a beaver all season, especially during fall open water when he may trap 30 + in a day. ADFG Brockman noted at one time over-harvest was a concern, but beaver harvest has declined with lower pelt prices so now there is less biological concern. Trooper noted they are neutral on the proposal but agrees that complexity make enforcement difficult. Simple would be better. Roll call vote.
203	Extend the trapping season for muskrat in Unit 17		
Support	11	1	Tom moved, Joe C 2 <sup>nd</sup> to adopt. Todd F author explained he gets occasional muskrat and believes there is a typo-graphical error in the regs. that inadvertently changed the date. There are small,



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			scattered muskrat populations in GMU 17, this proposal would allow trappers to keep the few animals accidentally caught while beaver trapping. Muskrats aren't targeted. Would be less burden on trappers - would have to report accidental takes. Hides aren't good in the fall but would be fine in the spring. Member Peter C objected noting muskrats are not abundant. Roll call vote.
	<b>STATEWIDE PROPOSALS</b>		
120	Allow proxy hunting for moose		
Support as amended	11	0	<p>Tom moved, Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> to adopt. Extensive discussion. Initially uncertainty how it might affect GMU 17 hunts. There was a discussion of the history of the proposal and potential effects in GMU 17. When it became clear it could affect 17m the AC was eager to express concerns to BOG. AWT Wittkop discussed problems found in interpreting existing regulation for other GMUs.</p> <p>Members noted it's not uncommon for GMU 17 hunters to conduct proxy hunts in winter and it is very important to keep that proxy opportunity. It is very important for elders.</p> <p>New language was offered with help from AWT Wittkop. The language was accepted as a friendly amendment to the motion to adopt --- amend 120 to add into 5 AAC 92.011 Taking of game by proxy Subsection (k)(3) of that regulation states: Proxy hunting under this section is only allowed for</p> <p><b>“and hunts without antler size or configuration requirements”</b> to (3) in the regulation. for GMU 17.</p> <p>The AC wants to be clear to the BOG: for GMU 17 moose hunts, the desire is to maintain proxy moose hunt opportunities regardless of antler regulations and particularly for winter hunts.</p>



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			The AC favors a liberalized proxy opportunity for GMU 17. Roll call vote one member not present.
131	Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait		
Oppose	1	9	Tom moved, Joe 2 <sup>nd</sup> to discuss and adopt 131 and 132 together as a package. ADFG noted current regulations don't allow parts of birds like cranes, geese, and swans to be used for trapping bait in GMU 18. Dan said he supported using bird parts for trapping. Joe said some proposals might not be as helpful as they might seem. Todd F a trapper struggles with this proposal due to the types of birds named. He hasn't had good luck trapping with parts from big birds, sparts from smaller birds like ducks, and grouse work better for him. Roll call vote. 10 voters present.
132	Allow bird wings and parts to be used for trapping		
Oppose	1	9	See comments on 131.
146	Limit big game registration permits to one per species, per year		
Oppose	0	10	Dan moved, Tom 2 <sup>nd</sup> to adopt. Some discussion for circumstances in other game units that lead to the proposal. Noted that statewide proposals like this can have unexpected negative impacts on GMU 17. Dan concerned as worded, could hurt GMU 17 hunters who may obtain moose and caribou registrations at the same time or 2 different registrations for caribou hunts. This has been common in GMU 17 with no problems where there is no limit to registrations issued. Last fall ADFG issued individual hunters 2 registrations for moose in 17A where there was a bag limit of 2. Also, a problem for villagers who may not be able to come to town easily. This proposal is not good or needed for GMU 17. Tom asked AC to oppose by unanimous consent. There was no objection.



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155			
Oppose	0	10	There was a discussion of the intent and likely effect on GMU 17. Dan was not eager for this to be imposed on GMU 17 without more information or analysis. Question what selective harvest meant. Tom said we should tell the BOG we don't want added permits for the area. Joe moved Tom 2 <sup>nd</sup> to oppose by unanimous consent. There were no objections.

**X. Select representatives for board meetings:**

Deadline for minutes January 7.

Approval of Minutes: Brief discussion on who and how. Dan moves to appoint Chair Susie Jenkins-Brito to review and approve minutes. Unknown called for unanimous consent. No objections expressed.

Representatives to BOG meeting. Chair Susie, available for Central / SW AK meeting (Jan 21-28) but not the Statewide meeting. Joe suggested Dan for Statewide (March 4-11) There were no objections for these representatives.

XI. Taryn Board Support outlined covid planning for the meetings.

**XII. Set next meeting date**

consensus: at the call of the chair but tentatively February 3.

**Adjournment:** 2:10 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Dan Dunaway  
Minutes Approved By: Susie Jenkins-Brito  
Date: January 6, 2022



**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 Buecille, 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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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	
54	Increase the youth hunting season for caribou in Unit 13		
	5	0	
58	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13		
	5	0	
60	Create a registration archery only hunt for bull moose in Unit 13		
	1	4	
62	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13E		
	4	1	
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
82	Extend by two days the current bow and arrow only general moose season in Units 14A, 14B, and 16A		
	5	0	
84	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 16B		
	5	0	



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	
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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Susitna Valley Advisory Committee December 8, 2021 Talkeetna Library, Talkeetna, AK**

- I. Call to Order:  
Steve Harrison at 5:05
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present:  
Steve Harrison, Tim Bradley, Tim Buechle, Mike Wood, Todd Kingery, Bryan Kirby,  
Eli Hoffman  
  
Members Absent (Excused):  
  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
Peter Mathiesen, Billy Fitzgerald  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4  
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:  
Alaska Fish & Game: Tim Paliter , Gerrit Vandiest
- IV. Guests Present:  
Mark Smith, Aubrey Smith,
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
No Minutes to approve
- VII. Reports
  - a. Chair's report
  - b. ADF&G
    - i. Informed the board on the aerial surveys of moose in 14B, and 14A that could not be completed.
    - ii. Spoke about the new proposals that affected our areas.
  - c. Others
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business

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## X. New Business

- Advisory Committee Elections
  - Steve Harrison, Mike Wood, Todd Kingery, Eli Hoffman, Mark Smith
- Seating of officers
  - Chair - Bryan Kirby
  - Vice Chair - Mike Wood
  - Alternate - Mark Smith
  - At large members
    - Steve Harrison
    - Todd Kingery
    - Eli Hoffman
- Alaska Board of Game Proposals for Central and Southwest Region GMU's 9, 10, 11, 13, 14A, 14B, 16 and 17
  - Voted on proposals
    - 197 Passed 7-0 (Board feels that this is helping keep the bear population from growing too quickly)
    - 199 Passed 4-2-1 (No votes felt that the list included trails that are not only urban but also remote and not commonly used by animals, 1 abstained due to not enough information)
    - 223 Passed 7-0 (Board felt ADF&G was using this tool in the best interest of conservation)
    - 224 Passed 7-0 (Board felt ADF&G was using this tool in the best interest of conservation)
    - 228 Passed 7-0 (Board felt that this was not an undue burden on the trapper as most other states have this as a law also)

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting  
None

XII. Set next meeting date  
March 23, 2022

XIII. Other

Adjourn  
6:40 pm

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197	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
	7	0	Board feels that this is helping keep the bear population from growing to quickly
199	Prohibit trapping within 50 yards of multi-use trails and trailheads in Units 13, 14, and 16		
	4	3	(1 abstained) No votes felt that the list included trails that are not only urban but also remote and not commonly used by animals, 1 abstained due to not enough information
223	Reauthorize the Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan		
	7	0	Board felt ADF&G was using this tool in the best interest of conservation
224	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
	7	0	Board felt ADF&G was using this tool in the best interest of conservation
228	Require trap identification tags in Units 14A, 14B, and 16		
	7	0	Board felt that this was not an undue burden on the trapper as most other states have this as a law also, but was concerned about possible trapper harassment.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved by AC Chair Brian Kirby via email on  
12/17/2021 - Fari Sylvester, DFG Board Support



**Togiak**  
**Fish and Game Advisory Committee**  
January 27, 2021 Teleconference

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- 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.  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Togiak Advisory Committee  
12/28/2021  
Teleconference**

- I. Call to Order: 10:13am by Moses Kritz
- II. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
- III. Roll Call  
Members Present:  
Moses Kritz, Joe Alexie, Peter Lockuk Sr., Jimmy Coopchiak, Lester Moore, Roger C. Wassillie, Walter Kanulie, Mickey Sharp, Thomas Dock  
Members Present Who Arrived Late: Kenneth Nukwak, Jonah Lomack, Norman Gloko, Terri Evette  
Members Absent:  
Frank Logusak, Keith Fayer Sr., Dan Nanalook Jr., Tessa Nickerson, Julius Henry, William Sanchez
- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present:  
Taryn O'Connor Brito (Boards), Joe Wittkop (Troopers), Tim Sands (Fisheries) Todd Rinaldi & Chris Brockman (Wildlife)
- V. Guests Present:  
Edward Wilber (CRS), Andy Alderman and Pat Walsh (TWR), Cody Larson and Heidi Kritz (BBNA), Lelani Luhrs (Togiak).
- VI. Approval of Agenda  
Jimmy Coopchiak moved to approve agenda, second by Thomas Dock, approved unanimously.
- VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
AC failed to draft, deferred to next meeting, Walter K will draft.
- VIII. Elections:  
Elections held for one Togiak designated seat, two undesignated seats, and two alternate seats with terms that expired in June 2021.

Nominations opened for Togiak designated seat, Jimmy Coopchiak nominated Roger Wassillie, no further nominations. Jimmy moved the committee seat Roger and asked for unanimous consent. Roger seated through June 30, 2024, with none opposed.

Nominations opened for two undesignated seats, Walter Kanulie nominated Jimmy Coopchiak and Lester Moore, no further nominations were made. Walter moved the committee seat Jimmy and Lester and asked for unanimous consent. Nominees seated through June 30, 2024, with none opposed.

Nominations opened for two Alternates, Thomas Dock nominates himself and Terri



Evette. No further nominations were made. Jimmy moved the committee seat the nominees and asked for unanimous consent. Nominees seated through June 30, 2024, with none opposed.

#### IX. Updates

- a. Chair's report: Moses K. commented that he would like to step down as chairman, also saying he had been chairman since the inception of the AC. Walter K. made a motion to nominate Peter Lockuk as chairman. Peter Lockuk commented that he has been getting hard of hearing, concerned that it may interfere with important decisions and will need help from the others, members agree to help. Walter K. asked for unanimous consent (UC), motion carried.

Peter L. was secretary, Moses K open for nomination of new secretary, Jimmy C. nominated Walter K. and asked for UC, motion carried.

Walter K. was the Vice Chair, Moses K opened for nomination V.C, Jimmy C. nominated Joe Alexie and asked for unanimous consent, motion carried.

- b. ADF&G and staff updates

Tim Sands (Comm Fish AMB)

Season summary and forecast available at website

King Salmon not doing well statewide, ADF&G don't really understand why. People encourage to use smaller net gear. Trawlers out by Round Island bycatch mostly halibut, no salmon species, no information about trawlers elsewhere. Jimmy C. said the Togiak commercial fisherman had been following King Salmon conservation regulation for subsistence since declining King returns. He mentioned the sports fishing industry in the Togiak river have no conservation regulations in place. Tim S. responded that the AC group submit proposals, Jimmy C asked for Cody Larson (BBNA) to help AC in forming a proposal for sports fishing industry.

Ed Wilber asked Tim S about the transfer date of other east bay fisherman to Togiak bay. TS responded the transfer date (July 27) is because someone wanted it to go entirely. Taryn will let Ed W know; AC will set a date to go back to his question about the commercial fisheries question.

Moses K asked Tim S on how long Togiak fishermen have been on King conservation?

Tim S said Kings are not so productive as they used to be. Moses K would like see more research, Tim S countered don't have budget, suggested AC talk to Senators and Representatives. Ed W asked Tim S if there was a long-term solution in the future? Tim S said observers general feeling is its cyclical with ocean conditions. Spawning habitat is in good shape, don't have solution for ocean. Ed W asked about guidance on what sort of proposals? Hatcheries? Tim S would not suggest hatcheries. Moses K asked about the chum salmon being in decline for the past 3 years? Tim S agreed, Nushagak and all of western Alaska has same decline, points to something in the ocean has changed,

hoping its cyclical, no one knows for sure. Early life history for young salmon in the ocean, predation?, some specie goes up and another goes down. Moses K had a question on area M about same species, Tim S said even less down there, he said he will look into for next meeting.

Chris Brockman-Wildlife

He said area 17B is closed, 17A moose hunt is open until January 20, 2022. Wants AC to look at proposal to reauthorize management for 17A. Jimmy C asked Chris about moose count, he answered last count in Refuge was 2017. Andy Aderman had numbers: 2017 survey @ 2400 moose, 2019 survey @ 2100 moose. Andy A hopes to have another count March 2022. Moses K asked Andy about count being low and if it was predation. Andy said moose management plan goal is 800 to 1200 moose, and when it doubled started to try bring down by harvest, some predation by bear and wolves. Calf survival down in 17A and Goodnews area throughout summer even though calves are many. So combination of harvest and lack of survival for down count. Moses asked about proxy hunting, Chris B believes antlerless moose and one antlered is ok to proxy.

Joe Wittkop-AWT

Togiak herring season violations-few crew with no license.

Joint enforcement with Federal on yellowfin sole trawling.

Spring bear hunts with guides, no violations observed.

Sport fishing has limited funding to observe, have spot checks, observed not many violations.

Commercial Fishing, they had vessel patrol in bay and aerial surveillance of closed bays and during closed periods. Observed on crew member was fishing permit while permit holder was in Anchorage and suggested processors need to verify. Some setnets were beyond max distance, they need to respect regulations.

Fall hunting 2021, one sublegal moose and one cow taken, mentioned salvage bear kills still a struggle.

Winter moose hunt is still on going, conditions ok in spite of the rain.

Joe W said the SOA launched a new Anonymous reporting for Fish and Game violations called AKtips. (computer/app based for cellphones, not a call in procedure)

Jimmy C asked about Yellowfin sole bycatch, Joe W said they inspect catches and licensing, open holds & check labeling, didn't see King salmon bycatch, saw halibut and cod, doesn't have numbers on bycatch because they get turned over to the federal side. Moses K asked about the AKtip. Thomas D asked about where to find trawler regulations. NOAA and National Marine Fisheries were mentioned for trawlers.

Roger W brought up King salmon management and that the numbers of them caught need to be monitored, should ask for historical numbers of kings since when the conservation line in Togiak bay was put in place, suggested sonar counts and also get



bycatch numbers from trawlers.

Cody L from BBNA offered his phone number and will help with proposals.

Roger W said conservation efforts have been made by local fishermen by following regulations and gear size, there needs to be counts on returning Kings and not just catch and management needs to be in area and more regulations on sports fishing.

Tim S came back from call, they have been talking to sport fish side, wants AC to reach out to sports fishing industry and ask for surveys and other things, call legislative representatives and share some funding base.

Ed W asked about sport fishing catch logs, and Tim S responded that it was axed as soon as Dunleavy got into office.

Moses K said of the discussion on King salmon for area are all valid and would like to see more data from the sport fishing industry. Tim S will pass on to "Lee" for next meeting.

Joe Alexie comment that a local from Togiak observed gutted salmon floating on river and was mentioned in a previous AC meeting and has not seen anything come of incident.

Thomas D mentioned that caribou was closed and asked about the numbers. Chris B said current estimates on Mulchatna is 13000 and they want to see 30000. He said the eastern herd seems stable, but the western section is declining and are looking at calves survival rate and likely no hunting next year either.

Andy A reported about the Nushagak peninsula herd; last July count was 258 caribou up from last year. estimate is 287 currently, calf count many and seems to be rebounding. Planning committee is meeting in July 2022. Aug 1 to March 15 has 8 permits available 4 for Manokotak, 2 for Aleknagik, 2 for Dillingham so far no harvest.

Ken N asked about survival rate, Andy A said 50 calves per 100 cows October observation so really good for that time of year.

**X. Public/ Member Comments**

No additional comments.

**XI. New Business**

Notes on members present during voting on proposals:

Prop 200 taken up first. After this, proposals were taken in numerical order.

Roger Wassillie left the meeting following staff reports, not present for new business.

Kenneth Nukwak joined the meeting following staff reports.

Terri Evette Joined the meeting during discussion of proposal 21

Norman Gloko joined the meeting during discussion of proposal 24

Jonah Lomack joined the meeting during discussion of proposal 202



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13	Increase the number of nonresident draw hunt permits and extend the nonresident season by 10 days in Unit 17A		
Oppose	0	9	Motion on prop was by J.C to oppose and seconded by K. N, AC oppose unanimously
14	Establish fixed-season dates for resident registration moose hunts RM575 & RM576 in Unit 17A		
Support	9	0	Motion on prop to adopt by Moses K, seconded by Joe Alexie, AC supports unanimously
15	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to resident certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B		
Oppose	0	9	Moses K moves to adopt, seconded by Joe Alexie, no support
16	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose open to nonresident certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B, remainder		
Oppose	0	9	Moses K moves to adopt, second by Walter K, no support
17	Establish a registration hunt for bull moose limited to certified bowhunters only within Unit 17B		
Oppose	0	9	Walter K moves to adopt, Joe Alexie seconds, no support
18	Extend the resident winter moose season in Units 17B and 17C		
Support	9	0	Moses K moves to adopt, seconded by Joe A supported
19	Establish new population and harvest objectives for the Mulchatna caribou herd in Units 9, 17, 18, and 19 as follows		
Support	9	0	Moses K moves to adopt, Joe A second support by AC
20	Establish Tier II subsistence hunting season and bag limit for the Mulchatna caribou herd (MCH)		
No Action			Moses K suggested no action due to Department's wish to see this deferred to a later board meeting. No action taken.
21	Establish a second predation control area for Mulchatna caribou on federal lands in Game Management Units 17 and 18		
Support	10	0	Walter K moves to adopt, second by Joe A, Committee joined by new member Terri Evette. 10 Members now present, motion supported.



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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			Members expressed mixed feelings on this. Moses K suggest no action, AC agreed
23	Allow the use of snowmachine to position wolf or wolverine for harvest in Unit 17		
Support	10	0	Walter K moves to adopt, second by Joe A , AC supports
24	Establish a season, daily and seasonal bag limit, and salvage requirement for Alaska hare in Unit 17		
Opposed	0	10	Walter K moves to adopt, joe A seconds, Norman Gloko Joined committee, Terri Evette briefly stepped away. 10 members at table. No support
197	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	11	0	Walter K moves to adopt, second by Joe A, AC supports
200	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	9	0	Moses K move to adopt, second by Joe A, AC supports.
201	Allow motorized vehicles for hunting moose and caribou in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area in Unit 17B		
Oppose	0	11	Walter K moves to adopt, second by Moses K, no support from AC
202	Allow the use of a firearm to take beaver while trapping in Unit 17		
Support	12	0	Walter K moves to adopt, second by Terry Evatt, Jonah Lomack Joined the meeting, 12 members now present, AC supports
203	Extend the trapping season for muskrat in Unit 17		
Opposed	0	12	Walter K moves to adopt, second by Joe A, no support

### I. Miscellaneous Business

- a. Plan for approval of these minutes:  
Walter K will draft, Moses K moves Peter L approve for submission, 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous consent
- b. Representation at Central/Southwest Region Meeting:  
Committee has option to send rep in person or call in to testify. Committee undecided, will let Taryn know.



- c. Date of next AC meeting:  
Moses K suggested after Nushagak AC meeting around February 7-10, 2022  
Taryn will coordinate with staff and committee members.

Adjournment: Peter L adjourns, 2:42 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Walter Lombar  
Minutes Approved By: Fitzpatrick Sh.  
Date: 1/25/2022



# Upper Tanana Fortymile Advisory Committee Meeting

7:00 pm Tuesday, December 14th, 2021

Tok ADF&G Conference Room & Teleconference

- I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]
- II. Roll Call  
Members Present:  
  
Members Absent (Excused):  
  
Members Absent (Unexcused):  
  
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:  
  
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
- IV. Guests Present:
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
  - Discuss 11/23 letter from AC Chair to Dept. of Natural Resources RE: Denison Headwaters RRCS (attached)
  - Discuss ACR 7 (now Proposal 270) to be taken up at statewide BOG Fairbanks meeting in March that would open an antlerless moose hunt in a portion of Unite 20E (attached)
  - Review Central and Southwest Board of Game Proposals
  - Other wildlife and fisheries related issues as needed
- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting



XI. Set next meeting date

XII. Other

Adjourn

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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		
	0	7	Not the time to add additional Sheep seasons.
3	Open an archery only season for Dall sheep in Units 13, 14A, 14B, and 16		
	0	7	
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		
	0	7	
5	Establish three archery registration hunts for Dall sheep in Units 9, 11, 13, 14, and 16 where there are general season hunts		
	0	7	
<del>6</del>	<del>Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region</del>		
	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
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		



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11			Add bow and arrow as legal method of take for beaver in Units 9, 11, 13, and 16
12			<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A</del> Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
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



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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
34			Allocate 50% of the permits for harvesting Emperor geese in Units 9, 10, and 17 to nonresidents
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



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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



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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
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			<del>Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13</del>
			Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.
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
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
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



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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
	0	7	
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
	0	7	Will conflict with other open seasons
71			Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Unit 13
	6	0	Would match the federal season
72			Extend the wolverine trapping season in Unit 13
	6	0	
73			Extend the wolverine trapping season in Unit 13
	6	0	
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
79			Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B



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	Passed at March 18, 2021 Special Meeting.		
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		
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		
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		



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93			Open a year-round season for brown bear in Unit 16
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
100			Remove requirement that traps and snares for beaver be submerged in Unit 16
197			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
198			Eliminate bear baiting or prohibit bait stations within 50 miles of cabins.
	0	6	
199			Prohibit trapping within 50 yards of multi-use trails and trailheads in Units 13, 14, and 16
200			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A
201			Allow motorized vehicles for hunting moose and caribou in the Upper Mulchatna Controlled Use Area in Unit 17B
202			Allow the use of a firearm to take beaver while trapping in Unit 17
203			Extend the trapping season for muskrat in Unit 17



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204	Lengthen moose seasons in Units 9B and 9C and align hunt areas in Unit 9C		
205	Reauthorize the Southern Alaska Peninsula Herd Intensive Management Plan		
206	Open a resident only early/late season for brown bear in Unit 9		
207	Close brown bear hunting in Unit 9A		
208	Change the brown bear hunting seasons in Unit 9C to align with Unit 9A		
209	Modify the Copper River bison harvest opportunity in Units 11 and 13D		
210	Eliminate the community subsistence harvest moose hunts in Unit 13		
211	Repeal the Copper Basin area community subsistence harvest hunt area for moose and caribou		
212	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		
213	Remove the requirement for Tier I caribou hunters to hunt moose in Unit 13		
214	Eliminate all moose drawing permit hunts in Unit 13		
	0	3	Abstain 3
215	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
	0	3	Abstain 3
216	Establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 13C		
217	Eliminate all caribou drawing permit hunts in Unit 13		
218	Increase the bag limit for brown bear in Unit 13		
	6	0	Increase in Bear harvest could help Moose
219	Modify the Unit 13 predation control program		



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220			Close moose and wolf hunting within Unit 13A
221			Align otter and beaver trapping seasons in Unit 13
222			Align the ptarmigan hunting season for all of Unit 13 and reduce the bag limit to five per day
223			Reauthorize the Unit 16 Intensive Management Plan
224			Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B
225			Eliminate antlerless moose hunts in Units 14 A and B and allow harvest by nuisance hunt program
226			Open resident bull permit hunts in Unit 14A
227			Reduce the bag limit for grouse in Unit 14A and eliminate the ruffed grouse differentiation
228			Require trap identification tags in Units 14A, 14B, and 16
229			Lengthen the marten trapping season in Unit 14A

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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101	Change the definition for bows to include crossbows		
102	Establish a definition for “primitive weapons” to include crossbow, longbow, shotgun, and muzzleloader		
103	Clarify whether hay and grain are considered as “hunting gear”		
104	Modify the definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife” with several housekeeping changes		
105	Add roof rat ( <i>Rattus rattus</i> ) and house mouse ( <i>Mus musculus</i> ) to the list of “deleterious exotic wildlife”		
106	Provide a definition for “feral”		
107	Add unconfined and unrestrained domestic cats to the definition of “deleterious exotic wildlife”		
108	Increase opportunity for nonresident take for certain eyas raptors for falconry		
109	Modify the microchip requirements for live raptors exported from Alaska by nonresidents		
110	Extend the nonresident season for acquiring passage raptors		
111	Limit nonresident take of raptors to one bird every four years and limit unsuccessful permittees from applying the following year		
112	Increase nonresident opportunity for acquiring raptors		
113	Modify the regulations for nonresident take of raptors for falconry including increased number of nonresidents permits and expansion of the season to year-around		



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114			Change the nonresident season for acquiring a passage raptor
115			Remove the hunter education requirement for beneficiaries using proxy hunters
116			Remove the crossbow certification requirement for people born before January 1, 1986
117			Require hunters to possess proof of completion of required educational certifications in the field
118			Add a new paragraph requiring completion of crossbow hunter certification course at time of permit application
119			Include muskox on the list of species that can be taken under a proxy permit
120			Allow proxy hunting for moose
121			Allow the use of dogs to hunt big game
122			Lower the minimum draw weight for bows for hunting big game
123			Allow electronic range finders mounted on bows be used for hunting big game
124			Allow use of integrated bow sights\laser range finders for hunting big game with bows
125			Allow the use of crossbows for hunting big game in weapons restricted hunts
126			Allow the use of muzzleloaders equipped with scopes in the taking of big game
127			Allow air rifles for hunting big game
128			Prohibit the use of mechanical powered body suit or devices



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129			Require the use of expanding (soft point) bullets for big game hunting, excluding wolf and wolverine
130			Prohibit use of urine from any species of the deer family as bait or scent lures
131			Allow the use of game bird wings and backs to be used for trapping bait
	6	0	
132			Allow bird wings and parts to be used for trapping
133			Add bow and arrow as a legal method for taking beaver
134			Allow the use of cameras or sensory devices to monitor trap locations for trapping
135			Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting
	0	6	207 is working, that is why the people that like to hunt that way keep trying to repeal it. Personal experiences from committee members, 207 is good and is helping ethical Sheep hunters.
136			Rescind the restriction on use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting
	0	6	
137			Repeal the restriction on the use of aircraft for locating Dall sheep for hunting
	0	6	
138			Restrict aircraft use for locating Dall sheep for hunting, for all open seasons
	5	0	With Modification of Aug 1-5 and Aug 10- Sept 20 in areas where the season is open.
139			Restrict the use of aircraft for making multiple, consecutive approaches near Dall sheep for hunting
	0	6	
140			Increase the number of bait station sites temporarily from 10 to 20 per guide use area
	0	6	
141			Require bear baiting sites to be at least one mile apart
142			Add emu to the to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit



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143			Add emu to the to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit
144			Exempt "sterilized community cats" from the list of species prohibited from being released into the wild
145			Classify <i>F. catus</i> as deleterious exotic wildlife and prohibit their release into the wild, feeding, and maintaining unconfined populations
146			Limit big game registration permits to one per species, per year
147			Allow the sale of prepared game trophies under a permit
	3	4	
148			Allow persons over the age of 65 to sell trophies and rugs
149			Create separate Dall sheep permit draw for second-degree-kindred hunters in areas that limit the number of nonresident hunters
	0	6	
150			Increase the number of times a hunter may apply for drawing permit hunts for each species
151			Require all hunters to apply for permit hunts and pay the application fee during the application period
152			Require all drawing permit hunts available to residents be available for application online
153			Establish a bonus point system for bison and muskox drawing hunts
154			Direct ADF&G to issue an additional permit when a party application is drawn as last permit
155			Establish protocol for ADF&G to issue "any bull" resident moose permit in selective harvest hunts
156			Allow qualified crossbow hunters the ability to apply for Methods and Means Exemption permits for archery only hunts



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157			Amend the language in the existing regulation for authorizing methods and means disability exemptions to be more consistent with the statute
158			Allow dog mushers to be eligible to receive game from the state by permit for use as dog food
159			Change the sealing and reporting requirements to business days instead of calendar days
160			Clarify the wanton waste regulation to specify that game animals taken by domestic pets must be reported and salvaged for human consumption
161			Change the salvage requirement for sheep, goat and deer to all meat on the outside of the ribs
	0	6	
162			Require the salvage of the meat or hide of snowshoe hare
	6	0	
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
164			Count wounded big game animals towards nonresident hunter's bag limit for all units, excluding the one sheep and one bear every four years
165			Apply auction permit holder's bag limit to the year the animal is taken
166			Amend the requirement for licenses and tags to include game legally taken with dogs and cats
167			Add cats and dogs (and wild birds from April 1 to September 30) to the list of species that may not be intentionally or negligently fed outdoors without a permit
168			Adopt a new regulation that specifies the Board of Game will not require guides for nonresidents hunting moose, caribou or black bear
169			Prohibit the harvest of white animals



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170			Modify the Unit 1C and Unit 4 boundaries
171			Divide Unit 19A into two subunits
172			Clarify the legal use of highway vehicles, snow machines and off-road vehicles in the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area (DHCMA) for hunting and trapping. Clarify the use of firearms, and transport of furbearers and trapping bait when trapping in the DHCMA
173			Repeal the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area
174			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 1C
175			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 5A, Nunatak Bench
176			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C
177			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
178			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
179			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
180			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
181			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18
182			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
183			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
184			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B



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185			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
186			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
187			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
188			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A
189			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
190			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
193			Establish a hunt for muskox within a portion of Unit 26A
196			Allow ADF&G to utilize a targeted hunt for registration caribou hunts (RC830 & RC 867) in Units 20 and 25
230			Change the definition for "full-curl horn"
	0	6	
231			Change the definition of edible meat for cranes, geese, and swans
232			Allow the use of dogs to recover wounded furbearers
233			Remove requirement for peak draw weight of bows/establish peak draw weight for taking species
234			Allow use of stationary game cameras that transmit photos wirelessly
235			Allow the use of artificial light while hunting small game animals that have no closed seasons and no bag limit



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236			Require ADF&G to notify bear bait station registrants of other bait stations within a one-mile radius of desired bait station location
237			Clarify that ADF&G will not issue permits to use bait or scent lures near prohibited areas already defined in regulation
238			Modify the regulations to recognize Czechoslovakian Vlcak as a standard dog breed to be possessed in Alaska without a permit
239			Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online
240			Allow the sale of a game skin or trophy from a revokable trust
241			Remove allocations between guided and non-guided nonresident hunters
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242			Allow hunting permits to be reissued for military personnel under "any official military deployment"
243			Update 5 AAC 92.050 to recognize changes made by the Alaska Legislature regarding the transfer of drawing permit hunts
244			Eliminate all community subsistence harvest hunts
245			Eliminate the requirement to salvage rib meat on the bone for moose, caribou and bison
	0	6	
246			Change the sealing method for Dall sheep to avoid damage to horns
247			Discontinue lethal taking of wolves under predation control implementation plans
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248			Allow nonresident youth to harvest big game on behalf of an adult permit holder
249			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C



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250			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
251			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B
252			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C
253			Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18
254			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
255			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
256			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
257			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
258			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
259			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
260			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the western portion of Unit 26A
261			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
262			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A
263			Allow the harvest of sea otter
264			Allow hunters to dispatch wounded waterfowl from motorized boats under power



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265	ACR 2 - Change the Unit 22E registration moose hunt to a drawing hunt with specific application conditions		
266	ACR 3 - Change the boundary for Game Management Units 21C and 21D to match the Koyukuk/Nowitna/Innoko National Wildlife Refuge designated guide use areas		
267	ACR 4 - Limit or restrict all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
268	ACR 5 - Prohibit the possession of swine other than <i>Sus scrofa domesticus</i>		
269	ACR 6 - Establish a hunt for caribou in Unit 10.		
270	ACR 7 - Open an antlerless moose hunt in a portion of Unit 20E.		
	6	0	Good Management tool to have if needed.

Adjournment:

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