

**Mid Lower Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting**

Thursday November 17th, 2022

In Person at the St. Mary's City Hall in St. Mary's, AK

- I. **Call to order:** ~~Chair, William Alstrom~~ *Acting Chair:* Vice Chair Stanislaus Sheppard

Call to Order: Time - 10:14 by Stanislaus Sheppard

- II. **Welcome and Introductions:** *Vice-Chair, Stanislaus Sheppard*

Roll Call:

	<u>Andreafski</u> <u>Alternate</u> George Beans	<u>Mountain Village</u> Stanislaus Sheppard	<u>Pilot Station</u> Rex Nick	<u>Pitka's Point</u> William Riley
Present	X	X		X – Arrived at 10:18
By Teleconference				
Absent			X	
Abs/Excused				
	<u>Russian Mission</u> Basil Larson	<u>St. Mary's Alternate</u> Sven Paulkan	<u>Marshall</u> No current member	
Present		X	-	
By Teleconference	X		-	
Absent			-	
Abs/Excused			-	

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4 – 5 members present, quorum has been met

Attendance/Introductions:

Mid-Lower Yukon Advisory Committee Members introduced themselves.

ADFG: Keith Oster, Wildlife in Bethel; Lisa Stuby, Sport Fish in Fairbanks; Sam Decker, commercial fishing summer assistant manager for Yukon; Fari Fernandez, regional coordinator assisting; Savannah Hollingworth, western regional coordinator; Jesse Coleman, division of subsistence.

Others: Ashley Johnson, AVCP; Christian Alexie Jr. YK Delta, USFWS; Emmit Nicori, USFWS

- III. Invocation led by George Beans
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by George Beans to approve the agenda, Seconded by William Riley. Approved Unanimously.
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From January 9th, 2022
Sven Paulkan points out the adjournment time is not recorded. Stanislaus Sheppard said he can look at his notes.
Motion made by George Beans to approve the minutes from January 9th, 2022 with the recommendation that the adjournment time be added. Seconded by William Riley. Approved unanimously.
- VI. Reports
- a. Chair's report: Tabled, since the chair is out on travel
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. Fisheries Reports: Given by Sam Decker, ADFG.



1. Fish came in even less than expected
 - a. Only 45,000 King salmon past Pilot Station sonar
 - b. Estimates based on Pilot Station did not reach Eagle
 - i. Only about 12,000 passed into Canada; lowest on record
 - ii. Summer chum: 470,000, up from 156,000 last year. Still not enough for subsistence, but allowed some small harvest with 4 inch mesh.
 - c. Emmonak, Pilot Station, Eagle and new Rampart station partnered with USFWS for ichthyophonus work.
 - d. No goals were met
2. Question about difference in estimates between Pilot and Eagle
 - a. Department thinks that it may be disease, prevalence of ichthyophonus first reported by subsistence users. Studying.
 - b. Please report if salmon seen spawning in place that they are not usually seen.
 - c. Absence of dead fish or evidence is unknown.
3. Member Basil Larson talks about how eels can be caught in 4 inch nets but haven't been any recently. Elders say when eels stop showing up, everything else follows. Hope the abundance of eels this fall means the salmon will follow in the spring.
4. Concern about smaller King salmon from members. Sam Decker says that the jacks can still spawn larger fish, but there is concern for jills (smaller female Kings) because they carry less eggs.
5. Stanislaus Sheppard asks about what the Yukon Panel, the treaty, and state says in regard to escapement into Canada.
 - a. False Pass and Area M makes no action but restricted here but it is known that the fish are intercepted. He feels that the difference is because there is no money involved in subsistence harvest. There must be action taken in False Pass and Area M. Harry Wilde, Johnny Sheppard, Johnny Thompson, John Hansen took action and we saw a rebound after.
 - b. Stanislaus Sheppard said that it was a high water freeze up and he got eels November 9th. He repeats that when the eels run, the salmon follow.
 - c. Sam Decker sympathizes and encourages people to contact the Board of Fisheries and participate in the Board



meetings. She talks about resources available and offers to talk and listen to people. She says Savannah has resources to help too. Sam gives her desk phone and the main office number to the group.

6. George Beans asks how much enforcement happens when the chum and Kings are running?
 - a. Sam Decker said that she does not know but hears there is good compliance.
7. Stan Sheppard asked how Federal takeover works with people who have moved away from their village returning to fish and with their families.
 - a. Sam answered that it would not matter in state waters, but in federal waters people who had moved away would not be able to fish. She stated that it is complicated.
8. Shane Ransbury gave a report on the fall chum and coho salmon on the Yukon.
 - a. Chum, 3rd lowest on record at 236,000. Coho 2nd lowest at near 100,000. Treaty unlikely to be met. Selective gear was opened. Expect near record low subsistence harvest. Three new research projects: stress hormone analysis, Sheenjek River sonar, and coho radio tags. Also, Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska research.
 - i. Questions from members about high water, freeze up, and water temperatures? Could run be late or changing? Shane said that salmon could be affected, but fall chum are more consistent in the areas they spawn.
 - ii. Wildlife Reports: Keith Oster gave a report.
 1. Surveys completed February 2021, Innoko downriver to mouth of Yukon. 24,000 moose, about half downriver of Mountain Village. On-going browse surveys and capture project show nutritional stress. Twinning and composition show moose population is growing.
 - a. Questions about outsiders hunting moose, enforcement, and predator control. Keith answered that there are about 200 non-resident hunters that are successful each year. Basil Larson made comment that many people and other animals are targeting moose because of the low salmon numbers. No counts on predators. Moose are overpopulated and continuing to grow so no need for



predator control. Predator control would need to be approved by Board of Game. Basil said he and others notice that bears are more aggressive. Ripple effect of no fish. He said he and others have also noticed more wolves.

2. Mulchatna caribou still closed. Numbers are consistent the last 4 years at about 12,000. There are talks of proposals for tier II, but for now closed.
 - a. William Riley expressed concern over lack of enforcement. Have noticed same day aerial shooting and headhunters. Himself and others have seen headless moose in the field. Buying antlers makes problem worse. We need more enforcement. Need to conserve now for the future.
3. Pat Jones talked about the antlerless moose and brown bear tag fee exemption proposals. He said that moose are overpopulated and are overgrazing. That could lead to a population crash because they are starving. Biologists are trying to figure out if it is because the habitat can't support the population or if the winter weather is making it hard for the moose to access the food available. Pat discusses what would need to happen for predator control to take place and said that he does not think that it will happen anytime soon.
 - a. A member of the public asks about high water and moose wading in the water to eat the algae. Pat answered that the moose like the aquatic plants because of the salt. They also like the horse tail.
 - b. Pat reminds everyone that a call for proposals will be announced soon and offered help to polish up any draft proposals and get them submitted.

12:04 Lunch break, reconvene at 12:42

4. Enforcement questions are discussed. Stanislaus Sheppard said that people worry that when they report they may be blamed and receive a ticket themselves. Members said they are concerned and would like to see more enforcement. Sven and Matt Waskey ask about how to report wanton waste on federal lands. Pat Jones promises phone numbers for both Federal wildlife enforcement and state wildlife troopers.
 - a. Alaska Wildlife Trooper Thorvilson from Aniak joins into the teleconference to address the ACs concerns about off airport landing and wildlife violations. More enforcement in the area is requested by members. Officer Thorvilson said that he will make more of an effort to cover the area



and states that AWT is trying to station someone in St. Mary's. Officer Thorvilson asks that people please report when they see wildlife violations and he said that the troopers would be happy to follow up on any reports made.

iii. Board Support Section Reports

1. Participation, membership and elections

Savannah Hollingworth gave an update on the AC – Pilot Station and Marshall need elections, she has been trying to get them to do their own. Out of term members, villages should also do elections for those seats. She asks for suggestions on how to support or ways to improve participation.

i. Stanislaus Sheppard would like to request a stipend or per diem.

2. He feels that the AC business is important, but most members sit on other boards or have jobs that they are paid to attend and he could be doing other things that are just as important and paid. AC meetings take volunteers away from their jobs and other activities. Educated and experienced sitting on committees. We make proposals and make decisions on proposals to help the communities. High cost of living and inflation has impacted our communities making it harder to participate.

3. Savannah Hollingworth states that the issue had been brought up by the Central Bering Sea AC as well. She suggests writing a letter to the DOA commissioner and the local legislature and says she can pass on contact information. This is what the other AC is doing.

4. Other members add comments that they feel that their time should be compensated. A question is asked how much the Board of Fisheries and the Board of Game receive stipend and per diem and the point made that they do the same thing. All members are in favor. Local knowledge is important to fish and game laws and effect everyone in the region. The Board uses our recommendations when they come to decisions. Difficult to get any interest because it is volunteer and costs the members, either in trying to participate or by time off of their regular job. Feel that it would be in the general interest of the people.

c. Others

II. Public Comment

III. Old Business

IV. New Business

a. Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Proposals



- b. Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish Proposals
- c. Board of Fisheries: South Alaska Peninsula Salmon June Management Plan proposals
- d. Antlerless Moose and Brown Bear tag authorizations
- e. Board of Game upcoming call for proposals in January

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim January 14-18, 2023 Anchorage, AK Comment Deadline: Dec. 30, 2022			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support/ Support as amended/ Oppose/ No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (pros & cons), Voting Notes, Amendments
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<u>80</u>	Restrict subsistence king salmon harvest in the middle and upper Yukon River.		
S	5	0	Support equal harvest. There were some questions about subsistence harvest counts. Members feel that the counts may not be accurate since reporting is voluntary. They suggested doing counts of fish on racks.
<u>81</u>	Implement a Yukon River drainage subsistence salmon permit to allow retention of king salmon less than 24 inches in length with an annual limit 10 fish during times of king salmon conservation.		
NA			The AC decided to take no action because the lower Yukon does not have a permit system and feels this proposal does not apply, does not address household, family, or personal permits and limits. Too vague and how would this affect the lower river?
<u>82</u>	Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30. Motion Sven, 2 nd George		



S	4	1	Does not feel this is a practice in the Lower Yukon. It is dangerous and crazy that people would do this. Motion Sven, 2 nd George
84	Repeal and readopt Yukon Area subsistence fishery lawful gear and gear specifications. Motion William, 2 nd Sven		
S	5	0	There was a question whether people on the Yukon had 7 ½ inch nets to comply with this proposal. Sam Decker said that subsistence surveys indicate that most people do.
85	Modify Yukon Area Personal Use Salmon Fishery specifications for selective gear types and gillnet mesh size during times of salmon conservation. Motion William, 2 nd Sven		
NA			
86	Require retention of sport caught salmon, if removed from the water, in the Yukon River Area. Motion William, 2 nd Sven		
O	0	5	People will take advantage knowing that they will keep every fish they hook. Should not be any sport fishing if subsistence is closed or limited.
87	Define eel stick. Motion Sven, 2 nd George		
S	5	0	Eel sticks have been traditionally used for many generations. District 1 is not listed, but also traditionally use eel sticks; only Districts 2, 3, and 4 are listed.
88	Repeal and replace Yukon Area commercial salmon fishing gear specifications. Motion George, 2 nd William		
O	0	5	Opposed to 6 inch commercial gear river wide. One member commented that they would like commercial fishing gear regulations consistent river wide, but not 6 inch.
89	Modify Yukon Area commercial dip net gear operations in the commercial fishery to include a single rigid handle with a single line attached. Motion George, 2 nd William		
S	5	0	
Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals March 10-13, 2023 Anchorage, AK Comment Deadline: Feb. 23, 2022			



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165	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries. Motion George, 2 nd Sven		
S	5	0	Subsistence is for food not money.

Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik

February 20-25, 2022 | Anchorage, AK | Comment Deadline: Jan. 30, 2022

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134, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141	Motion made to address these proposals as a block. Motion Sven, 2 nd George		
S	5	0	Need fast action. Would like to support AFN action to deal with these issues that effect Yukon. We are overregulated here, but hardly any regulations there.



Alaska Board of Game Southcentral Region Meeting Proposals

March 17-21, 2023 | Soldotna, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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178	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
S	5	0	
188	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
S	5	0	

- V. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - a. BOF: AYK January 14-18 – Basil Larson
 - b. BOF: AK Pen/Aluetian Islands/Chignik February 20-25 – Basil Larson
- VI. Set next meeting date: December 10th, 2023
- VII. Other
- VIII. Adjourn: Motion made by Sven, 2nd by George

Adjournment: 4:53

Minutes Approved By: Verbally approved by Vice-chair Stanislaus Sheppard

Date: 1/7/2023



Minto/Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 6th, 2023 at 12:00 pm
Mitch Demientieff Tribal Hall in Nenana, AK & web conference

- I. Call to Order: 12:40 pm by Victor Lord
- II. Members Present: Carl Frank, Cameron Winfrey, Victor Lord, ~~Steven Ketzler~~, Donald Charlie, Olivia Irwin, Eva Burk, Kathleen Demientieff, Larry Ketzler
 Members Absent (excused): Charlie Titus Jr. (co-chair), Andrew Jimmie
 Members Absent (unexcused): ~~Tim McManus, Mike Carson, Conrad McManus (alternate), George Wolfenbarger (alternate)~~
 Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

 Election Results:
 Victor Lord and Donald Charlie re-elected; Olivia Irwin, Eva Burk, and Larry Ketzler newly elected to Nenana designated seats prior to start of meeting. Kathleen Demientieff elected to undesignated seat immediately after meeting was called to order. All re-elected and newly elected members seated immediately.
- III. Fish and Game Staff present: Kyle Campbell (Boards Support), Tom Seaton (Wildlife), Tony Hollis (Wildlife), Mark Nelson (Wildlife), Deena Jallen (Comm Fish), Christy Gleason (Comm Fish), Shane Ransbury (Comm Fish), Sam Decker (Comm Fish), Andy Gryska (Sport Fish)
- IV. Chair's Comments: N/A, chair(s) not present
- V. Concerns/comments of Public: N/A, no public members present
- VI. Concerns/comments of AC members: [yet to be transcribed]
- VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2/17/2022 & 2/18/2020 - Motion made by Eva Burk, 2nd by Carl Frank
- VIII. Approval of the agenda – Motion made by Eva Burk, 2nd by Olivia Irwin
- IX. Fish & Game Reports and Updates:
 Deena Jallen – Yukon Summer Season Summary [yet to be transcribed]
 Christy Gleason – Yukon Fall Season Summary [yet to be transcribed]
 Andy Gryska – Sport Fish Report [yet to be transcribed]
 Tony Hollis – Moose and Wildlife Report [yet to be transcribed]
 Tom Seaton – Wood Bison Update and Discussion [yet to be transcribed]
 -Wood Bison Planning Meetings scheduled in Fairbanks 1/25/2023 – 1/27/2023
- X. Old Business: none



XI. New Business

- a. Elections for:
5 expired seats (Nenana) and 1 vacancies (undesignated)
[See above]
- b. Officer Elections for:
Chair(s) - Olivia Irwin unanimously voted in as Nenana Co-Chair
Vice-Chair(s) - Kathleen Demientieff unanimously voted in as Vice Chair
Secretary/Records Keeper – Eva Burk unanimously voted in as Secretary
- c. Comments on Board of Fisheries Proposals
~~Proposal 63: SUPPORT 8-0, Motion by Carl, 2nd by Olivia~~ [see 1/12/23]
Proposal 64: OPPOSE 0-8, Motion by Eva, 2nd by Kathleen
Proposal 79: SUPPORT 8-0; Motion by Olivia, 2nd by Donald
Proposal 80: OPPOSE 0-8; Motion by Olivia, 2nd by Eva
Proposal 81: TNA; Motion by Kathleen, 2nd by Larry
Proposal 82: DISCUSS FURTHER AT 1/12/2023 MEETING
Proposal 83: SUPPORT 8-0; Motion by Eva, 2nd by Cameron
Proposal 139: SUPPORT 7-0, Motion by Eva, 2nd by Kathleen
Proposal 140: SUPPORT 7-0, Motion by Eva, 2nd by Kathleen
- d. Discussion of future meeting schedule: [yet to be transcribed]
- e. select representative(s) for Board meeting(s)
Carl Frank will represent the AC at Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Board of Fisheries Meeting. Motion by Eva, 2nd by Cameron. Unanimous.
Eva Burk will represent the AC at Alaska Peninsula Board of Fisheries Meeting in February. Motion by Kathleen, 2nd by Cameron. Unanimous.

XII. Other:

Cameron Winfrey requested agenda item for 1/12/2023 meeting: discussion of who will represent the Minto/Nenana AC at the Wood Bison Planning Meeting later this month.

Donald Charlie made a motion to support the Minto/Nenana AC submitting a proposal to the Joint Board of Fish and Game to allow 4 alternates on the Minto/Nenana AC; 2 from Minto and 2 from Nenana. Seconded by Eva Burk. Motion approved unanimously.
(current regulations allow for a total of 2 alternates on the committee)

XIII. Adjourn: 4:50 pm



Minto/Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee
January 12th, 2023 at 12:00 pm
Mitch Demientieff Tribal Hall in Nenana, AK & web conference

- I. Call to Order: _____ by Charlie Titus Jr.
- II. Members Present: Charlie Titus Jr. (co-chair), Olivia Irwin (co-chair), Kathleen Demientieff (vice chair), Andrew Jimmie, Cameron Winfrey, Carl Frank, Larry Ketzler, Victor Lord, Eva Burk
 Members Absent: Donald Charlie
 Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
- III. Guests Present: Phillip Titus, Alex Hannah
- IV. Fish and Game Staff present: Kristy Tibbles (Boards Support), Georgie Phillips (Boards Support), Tom Seaton (Wildlife), Deena Jallen (Comm Fish), Christy Gleason (Comm Fish), Shane Ransbury (Comm Fish), Sam Decker (Comm Fish), Andy Gyska (Sport Fish)
- V. Chair's Comments: [yet to be transcribed]
- VI. Concerns/comments of Public: [yet to be transcribed]
- VII. Concerns/comments of AC members: [yet to be transcribed]
- VIII. Approval of the agenda – [yet to be transcribed]
- IX. Fish & Game Reports and Updates: [yet to be transcribed]
- X. Old Business:

Board of Fisheries Proposal 63 – The committee revisited their actions from 1/6/2023 and changed their position from Support to **OPPOSE**. Motion carried unanimously 9-0.

Board of Fisheries Proposal 83 - The committee revisited their actions from 1/6/2023 and modified their support to **SUPPORT AS AMENDED** [see below]

- XI. New Business
 - a. Comments on Board of Fisheries Proposals
 - Proposal 63: OPPOSE 0-9
 - Proposal 65: OPPOSE 0-6
 - Proposal 82: SUPPORT AS AMENDED 7-0; Amended language: ***“In the Yukon Area from May 1 to September 30, gillnets in operation must have one red keg, buoy, or cluster of floats visible on the surface of the water at each end of the submerged net, and for submerged gillnets over 60 feet in length, a third red keg, buoy, or cluster of floats must be attached to the middle of the net.”***



Proposal 84: SUPPORT 6-0

Proposal 85: NO ACTION

Proposal 86: OPPOSE 0-6

Proposal 87: SUPPORT 6-0

Proposal 88: SUPPORT 6-0

Proposal 89: NO ACTION

- b. Antlerless Moose Reauthorizations: [yet to be fully transcribed]
Board of Game Proposal 180: OPPOSE

- c. Representation on Wood Bison Planning Group at Jan 25-27 Meeting:
Carl Frank and Victor Lord appointed unanimously to represent the
Minto/Nenana AC.

XII. Other:

Members discussed appointing Louis Titus to be an alternate for the AC representing Minto.

Members discussed harvesting a moose with tape worms, and requested information from ADFG on the cause.

Members requested written report from ADFG on moose populations in GMU 20A & 20B

Members requested information from ADFG on waterfowl in the region and avian flu

Members requested information from ADFG on impacts of climate change on local wildlife

XIII. Adjourn: 3:42 pm

[DRAFT] Minutes Recorded By: ADFG BOARDS SUPPORT & _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



March 3, 2023

[regarding BOG Proposals 180 & 181]

In order to preserve the ceremonial use of cow moose in Unit 20, the Minto-Nenana Advisory Committee opposes the antlerless moose hunt in all management areas of Unit 20 including but not limited to Unit 20A and 20B. We ask that the Board maintains the availability of cow moose for purposes such as funeral and memorial potlatches. A right provided in law found in 5 AAC 92.017 as well as in accordance with 5 AAC 92.019. Authorizing an antlerless moose hunt when numbers of cow moose in the Minto-Nenana management area are already low, would compromise the ability for the Board to uphold the right to potlatch and cultural harvest of cow moose when and if that time comes.

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Olivia Henaayee Irwin
Nenana Co-Chair
Minto/Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee



**Naknek, Kvichak Fish and Game Advisory
Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 7 pm
Dolly's hall**

- I. Call to Order: William Reagan call to order at 7:06
- II. Roll Call William Reagan, Everett Thompson, Joe Klutsch, Richard Wilson, Marc Watson
George Wilson Jr, Patricia Edel, Joey Klutsch
Members Present: 8

Members Absent (Excused): John Wise, Ralph Zimin

Members Absent (Unexcused): none

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5

Fish and Game Staff Present: Taryn O'Connor-Brito, Amy Vandervoort, Travis Ellison, Tim Sands, Jeff Wildly, Charles Russell, Tyler Lawson.

- III. Guests Present: None
- IV. Approval of Agenda Richard Wilson approves agenda, Marc 2nd passed
- V. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Everett moves to approve minutes of 3/30/2022, Marc 2nd Richard asked about the local biologist that stated that commercial fisherman has been fishing later in the seasons because of
- VI. Reports
- a. Chair's report, the committee hasn't met yet because of the bay fin fish proposals. There is a lot of information out there with nothing definitive with what's the issues of king salmon. Everyone is pointing at the other user groups, but most are saying weather patterns and ocean conditions are to blame. Not the trawlers but to get creditable information is very hard.
 - b. ADF&G The area M deadline for comments was moved to February 6th and also, I believe that a joint board call for proposals because there hasn't been made in about 5 years. Amy introduced herself to the board as the local biologist for game in our region. She gave an update NAP caribou population is stable and healthy, moose as well. Richard said he thinks it great a local biologist here is great.
 - c. Others None



VII. Public Comment

VIII. New Business Board of Game proposal 187 Everett made motion to adopt, Richard 2nd.
Passed 8-0

IX. Board of fish area M proposals- and statewide proposals

X. Select representative(s) for board meeting Hopefully Everett or George will be available
to attend area M or statewide meeting in anchorage.

XI. Set next meeting date sometime in end of September or early October

XII. Other

XIII. Adjourn 9:12pm



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik February 20-25, 2022 Anchorage, AK			
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105	Amend the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan to reflect changes to Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement goals.		
No action	0	8	The local advisory apposed this because they felt they wanted to keep the stocks separate. Several members felt same way but it's out of our region and most felt the same way. The biologists wanted to update the management goals as they already manage it that way as a single goal. Member asked if any stocks of Naknek Kvichak stocks are affected otherwise I would like to take no action
120	Modify fishing periods in the Northern District.		
support	8	0	Marc moved to adopted, Everett 2 nd . Department opposes mandatory closers and over escapement is possible with this proposal. Richard asked if there's numbers of Bristol bay sockeye stocks caught in this area. The biologist said it would reduce the overall catch of Bristol bay fish because of the mandatory closures. Richard wanted to know the % of Bristol bay stocks caught, biologist said the WASSUP report has a detailed species for rivers of origin.
121	Amend the fishing season in the Three Hills Section to increase potential fishing time and aligning sections to similar fishing periods.		
Oppose	0	8	Everett moved to adopted, Marc 2 nd All of the members don't think area M fisherman need anymore fishing area or time. They already have miles and miles of area and have continues fishing for weeks at a time.
122	Amend fishing seasons to allow more commercial fishing time by allowing fishing periods in the Cinder River Section.		



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Oppose	0	8	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 nd William asked the biologist could the area M fisherman catch local stocks inside the district? The biologist state that yes they can but fisherman said it's difficult to fish and would like to move to the outside. Everyone said they don't need anymore time or area to fish.
123	Amend fishing seasons to allow more fishing time and area for set net gear in the Cinder River Section.		
No action	8	0	Everett moved to take no action as it's for set net. George 2 nd
124	Amend fishing seasons, fishing periods and gear to allow more commercial fishing time to all Registration Area M gear types in the Cinder River Section.		
oppose	0	8	Everett For the same reasons we didn't support proposal 121. Everyone in agreement
125	Amend closed waters to change the boundary line in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
No Action	8	0	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 nd Richard asked if the line wasn't straight off shore and if we helped move the line would it have a negative impact on Bristol bay stock. Marc said that we should not take no action because we don't know the area of the real issue.
126	Amend closed waters and Northern District Salmon Fisheries Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time and area in the Outer Port Heiden Section.		
Support	8	0	Everett moved to adopt Marc 2 nd Marc said we should support this proposal as it came from our lower Bristol bay advisory committee. All advisory committees here supported this proposal. Joe said he has seen escapement into meshik and Ilnik rivers varies from trickle to surge depending on the seasons in June and July as everyone knows
127	Amend fishing seasons to increase fishing time in the Caribou Flats Section.		



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128	Amend Gillnet specifications and operations to reduce commercial salmon harvest in the North Peninsula using gillnet depth reductions.		
Support as amended	8	0	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 nd Everett would amend the inside nelson lagoon to leave the net restriction the statues que. 2 nd by George
129	Allow use of monofilament gillnet web in the Northern District.		
Oppose	0	8	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 nd The effectiveness of catching sockeye would be huge and increase the effectiveness of getting Bristol bay sockeye.
140	Amend the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Management Plan to reduce commercial salmon fishing time.		
Support	8	0	Everett moved to adopt, Marc 2 nd The biologist said they harvest over 544,000 chums last June 2022, the department did a genetic study of those chums caught, 58% are Asian chums,18% coastal western Alaska chum salmon.



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues Proposals

March 10-13, 2023 | Anchorage, AK

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157	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
Opposed	2	6	Everett moved to adopt Richard 2 nd Everett feels that the younger fisherman may want to continue fishing in different areas of Alaska waters with another permit. George agrees that it the direction of the future fisheries. Richard feels that the rich will get richer and allowing those that own getting a monopoly of the fisheries, William can see that if a person owns multiply permits he will own one boat and fish different areas which would limit access.
158	Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.		
No Action	8	0	For the reason stated in proposal 157
167	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
Opposed	0	8	Everett moved to adopt, Richard 2 nd The ability for those in rural Alaska to have to report at an office isn't realistic at all. No way those out in fish camp or hunting camps to return to camps to report in person.

Minutes Recorded By: George Wilson Jr

Minutes Approved By: Co-chairs William Reagan and Everett Thompson

Date: 2/6/2023



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RAYNITA "TAQULIK" HEPA, DIRECTOR

March 3, 2023

To: The Alaska Board of Game

From: The North Slope Advisory Committee to the Alaska Board of Game

The North Slope Advisory Committee met on March 1 and 2, 2023 in Barrow Alaska.

Members present included:

Enoch Oktollik (Vice Chair) – Wainwright
Ester Hugo – Anaktuvuk Pass
Robert Lisbourne – Point Lay
Leonard Barger – Point Hope
Dorcus Nashoalook – Nuiqsut
Lee Kayotuk – Kaktovik

Members took action on two proposals that will be heard at the Southcentral Region Meeting March 17-22, 2023.

Proposal 186 which would reauthorize resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Interior and Northeast Alaska GMU 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26(B), and 26(C).

The Committee unanimously supported this proposal.

Proposal 188 which would reauthorize current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in GMU 18, 22, 23, and 26(A).

The Committee unanimously supported this proposal.



NORTH SLOPE FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 1:30PM
at the Assembly Chambers and via Zoom Web-conference
Utqiagvik, Alaska.

Draft Meeting Summary

1. Call to Order by Vice Chair Enoch Oktollik @ 1:32 p.m.
2. Invocation – Provided by Leonard Barger
3. Welcome Remarks - provided by Taqulik Hepa, Director of the North Slope Borough Wildlife Management Department
4. Roll Call: Members present: Chair Vice Chair Enoch Oktollik of Wainwright; Wanda Kippi of Atkasuk; Esther Hugo of Anaktuvuk Pass; Lee Kayotuk of Kaktovik; Dorcus Nashoalook of Nuiqsut; Leonard Barger of Point Hope; and Robert Lisbourne of Point Lay. (Chairman Joseph Leavitt of Utqiagvik was absent.)

5. Staff and Guests Attending:

ADF&G: Carmen Daggett, Alex Hansen, & Kristy Tibbles.

North Slope Borough Wildlife Department staff members: Brian Person, Lucy Leavitt, Nicole Wojciechowski, Rita Acker, Quincy Adams, John Citta, Todd Sformo, and JakyLou Olemaun.

North Slope Borough Planning and Community Services Department staff members: Robert Akpik Jr., Frank Akpik Jr., Jesslee Aklik, and Roy Barnum.

Carolyn Cannon, Point Hope Mayor's Office

Andrea Bishop, Inupiat Community of Arctic Slope

6. Approval of Agenda.
 - Motion to support the agenda was approved unanimously. (Motion made by Leonard, seconded by Lee.)
 - Request to move “agency reports” to the end of “new business”.
 - Motion to approve the revised agenda approved unanimously. (Leonard / Lee)
7. Old Business – none reported.
8. New Business
 - a. Board of Game Proposal 186 to Reauthorize Brown Bear tag fee exemption throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska, Units 26 B and 26C.

Motion to support carried unanimously. (Leonard / Wanda)



- b. Board of Game Proposal 188 to Reauthorize Brown Bear tag fee exemption and Antlerless Moose season portion of Unit 26A.

Motion to support carried unanimously. (Esther / Leonard)

- c. Proposal submissions to the Board of Game for the 2023/2024 Meeting Cycle which includes Game Management Units (GMU) 26A, 26B, and 26C, due **May 1, 2023.**

- i. Align musk ox hunt boundaries in 26A and 26B.

Motion to support carried unanimously; (Wanda / Leonard)

- ii. Re-establish an antlerless moose hunt for GMU 26A and align state and federal boundaries.

Motion to support carried unanimously; (Leonard / Lee)

- iii. Modify the boundary of the Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area and create a trilateral cue for when the caribou hunt can start when the caribou progress through Anaktuvuk Pass.

Motion to support carried unanimously; (Wanda / Leonard)

- iv. Modify the daily harvest limits for caribou in a portion of Unit 23 North of the Singolik River and the southern portion of 26A to align regulations between the Northern and Southern portions of 26A.

Motion to support carried unanimously; (Wanda / Dorcus)

- d. Reports

North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management - Taqulik Hepa

Teshekpuk Caribou Herd population report – Carmen Daggett, ADF&G

- 9. Set next meeting date – no date discussed.

- 10. Other

- 11. Adjournment at 2:10 pm.

Note: The North Slope Fish and Game Advisory Committee also serves as the North Slope Borough Fish and Game Management Committee which met March 1 and 2, 2023. For information, please contact Lucy Leavitt, Subsistence Research Coordinator with the North Slope Borough at 907-852-0350.



Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee Meeting
12/19/2022 Monday

1. Called to Order at 1:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present (Quorum to open meeting and start of agenda items. Tom Gray left meeting about 1:20pm – No quorum during part of public testimony – Jack Fagerstrom entered meeting during public testimony at about 2:00pm and re-established a Quorum)
 - i. Charlie Lean
 - ii. Brandon Ahmasuk
 - iii. Kevin Knowlton
 - iv. Jacob Mannix
 - v. Drew McCann
 - vi. Patrick Knodel
 - vii. Davis Lincoln- Telephone (Beginning 1:15pm to end of meeting)
 - viii. Tom Gray- Telephone (1:05pm to 1:20PM – left meeting during public testimony on Musk Ox)
 - ix. Jack Fagerstrom – Telephone (joined about 2:00pm)
 - b. Absent
 - i. Edward Stang- Resigned
 - ii. Charlie Saccheus
 - iii. Jack Fagerstrom (joined about 2:00pm)
 - iv. Henry Olanna Jr
 - v. Lloyd Kiyuktelluk
 - vi. Clyde Oxerok
 - c. Fish and Game Staff
 - i. Keane Richards- telephone
 - ii. Alicia Carson
 - iii. Sara Germain
 - iv. Tony Gorn
 - d. Members of the Public
 - i. Diana Adams- telephone
 - ii. Beverly Tran- Telephone
 - iii. Chelsea Hubert- telephone
 - iv. Peggy Darling- telephone
 - v. Jacob Martin
 - vi. Kristy Selesky
 - vii. Miranda Musich
 - viii. Neils Hahn
 - ix. Jeff Darling
 - x. Melissa Stuart
 - xi. Kamey Kapp-Worland
 - xii. Garrick Fuller
 - xiii. Deanna Hacker- Nome Nugget
3. Committee Approved the agenda with a motion to modify for public comment early.



- a. The committee heard significant testimony on the issue of Muskoxen near and within city limits and the problems they have caused Nome residents, including the recent death of a community member.
- b. The committee approved a resolution to draft a letter after hearing the concerns from participating members of the public.
- 4. Alaska Board of Game Proposals
 - a. Proposal 188: Reauthorize the current brown bear tag fee exemption for Units 18, 22, 23, and 26A.
 - i. Committee votes in favor unanimously, none opposed
- 5. Alaska Board of Fisheries Proposals
 - a. Proposal 75: to modify Arctic Grayling bag, possession and length of limits.
 - i. Committee votes in favor. 5 support, 3 oppose.
 - b. Proposal 77: Establish escapement goal of 7,000-12,000 sockeye salmon for the Salmon Lake drainage within the Port Clarence subdistrict.
 - i. Committee votes in favor unanimously, none opposed.
 - c. Proposal 78: Modify the start and end dates of the herring sac-roë, and food and bait fishery.
 - i. Committee votes in favor unanimously, none opposed.
 - d. Proposal 165: Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.
 - i. Committee is opposed.
 - e. Proposal 167: require the reporting of subsistence caught salmon to be reported within 5 days.
 - i. Committee opposed unanimously.
 - f. Proposal 140: Reduction in Area M fishery seasons.
 - i. Committee supports the proposal unanimously.

Charles Lee - chair



Dear Commissioner,

At the scheduled Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee meeting on December 17th 2022, during public comment time, the committee heard from a number of residents of the Nome area describe in some detail the increased number of human and pet encounters with herds of muskoxen within Nome city limits as well as the surrounding area. These testimonials were mostly in response to a recent muskox to human encounter which ended in a human fatality. The public is asking that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game review the Nome area muskoxen management strategy with a focus of reducing human and muskoxen encounters.

Members of the public shared stories of daily encounters with muskoxen around their homes causing fear for the safety for children and pets/sled dogs. Increasing number of encounters have resulted in the muskoxen injuring or killing a number of pet dogs which were tied up in accordance to common practice and city ordinance, as well as sled dogs both in the dog lots and on the mushing trails in the area. One encounter resulted in a citizen using their vehicle to come in-between a herd of angry muskoxen and an ADF&G employee whom was attempting to run-off a herd from a residential neighborhood. The Nome local muskox population has also required major actions to restrict herd access to the Nome airport area. The fencing project was estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The muskoxen are now much less of a hazard at the main airport, but the smaller City Field is still very much in harms way for aircraft landing and taking off.

The public also shared stories of how the local muskoxen have become unafraid of human encounters requiring more and more aggressive tactics to get the herds to move off trails, or out of residential neighborhoods. One instance resulted in a resident taking lethal action towards a muskox in defense of life and property while in a heavily populated neighborhood, causing one home owner in the area to find pass-through bullets in the railing of their deck around their house. Thank goodness the bullets stopped there and did not hit someone sitting in their living room.

In follow-up to all of the public testimony the Northern Norton Sound Department of Fish and Game Advisory Committee strongly supports this public request for the department to review the current Nome Area Muskox Management Plan with a focus on reducing human/pet dog/sled dog encounters. Keeping in mind suggestions of reducing the herd size through allowing limited female harvest, more closely attaining the harvestable surplus by issuing more permits for the local Tier II hunt and considering a means of more evenly distributing the harvest over the season in TX095.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlie Lean".

Charlie Lean, Chair
Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee

cc: The Alaska Board of Game



Nushagak ADFG Advisory Committee

November 9, 2022

Dillingham City Council Chambers, Dillingham, AK

I. Call to Order: 9:14 AM by Chair Susie Brito-Jenkins

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Susie Jenkins-Brito, Dlg, **Chair**

Travis Ball, Aleknagik, **Vice Chair**

Dan Dunaway, Und. **Sec**

Peter Christopher New Stuyahok

Joe Kazmirowicz, Ekwok, phone

Joe Chythlook, Dlg, phone

Tom O'Connor, Dlg, phone

Walter Kanulie, Togiak Alt, phone

Chris Carr, Portage Creek, phone

Robert Larson Sr. Koliganek, phone

Todd Fritze, Dlg

Curt Armstrong, Dlg

Mariano Floresta, Clark's, phone

Kenneth Nukwak, At Large Alt. phone

Members Absent (Excused): Gayla Hoseth, Barbara Moore

Members Absent (Unexcused): Moses Kritz, Togiak; Steve Perkins, At Large Alt.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 9

List of User Groups Present:

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Trapping | 7. Processing |
| 2. Sport Fishing | 8. Personal Use |
| 3. Subsistence | 9. Outdoors Person |
| 4. Hunting | 10. Assoc./Corp |
| 5. Commercial Fishing | 11. Conservationist |
| 6. Guiding | |

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tim Sands, Com Fish; Phil Stacy, Com Fish; Lee Borden, Sport Fish; Tim Adickes Sport Fish; John Landsiedel, Wildlife; Evelyn Lichwa, Wildlife,

IV. Other Govt Agencies: AWT, Joe Wittkop; USFWS Togiak Refuge, Kenton Moos, Andy Aderman, Truett Cawfield



V. Guests/ Public Present:

Rick Wysoki, set	Reed Tennyson, drift
Gary Cline, drift, BBEDC	Lindsay Layland, set
Randy Sandvik, drift	Misa Webber, set , drift
Fritz Johnson, drift	Angelo Brito, drift
Jeff Regnart, BBSRI	Cody Larson, BBNA
Dave Bendinger, OBI	Craig Chythlook, drift
John O'Connor, set	Chris O' Connor, set

VI. Introductions: All attendees in person and on phone introduced themselves.

VII. Approval of Agenda

Todd moves Trav 2nd to adopt an agenda. Peter Christopher asked to add a discussion on gear allocations at appropriate times with proposals. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Joe C moves to approve minutes Tom and Peter 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Elections: SEATS Chair announced 3 open seats one undesignated and two at large alternates. Gayla was elected to the At Large seat. Kenneth Nukwuk and Lindsay Layland elected alternates. Since a couple AC members were absent, the alternates were then seated by unanimous consent for this meeting. OFFICERS: Trave moved Todd 2n to open nominations for officers. Todd nominated the slate of Susie Jenkins-Brito for Chair, Travis Ball for Vice Chair, and Dan Dunaway for Secretary. Nominations were closed and officers seated by 14 -0 unanimous consent.

X. Reports and Updates

- Chair's report: Board meeting in Anchorage Nov 29 to Dec 3, on time comments due Nov 14. Recommended focusing only on proposals addressing the Nushagak and Togiak areas. May need another meeting to take up other districts.
- ADF&G: Lee Borden Sport Fish - sport effort rebounded to pre-covid levels. 2022 was poor for Nushagak king salmon. He issued 2 EOs. 1 to reduce Nushagak bag limits and 2 specified catch & release only, no bait. July 19 a third EO for all Bristol Bay sport king salmon: seasonal harvest restricted to 1 over 20 inches. At this time, Lee is planning for very conservative management in 2023 pending coming BOF actions; 1) declared Nushagak Kings a stock of concern, 2) the developing ADFG King Action Plan, and 3) BOF actions on proposals including Nushagak King Salmon Management Plan. Follow up comments included concerns for rainbows in the Lake Iliamna drainage. Several comments of concern about Nushagak king sport fishery including recent hooking mortality study (6.6% in lower Nushagak). A just completed study is in analysis and to be presented at BOF. The late and low numbers of silvers seen in the Nushagak this fall was mentioned. There were good silvers in Togiak and Alagnak.

Commercial Fish: Tim Sands: ADFG is working on run reconstruction. The Nushagak king escapement did not meet the goal even though there were strong



parent runs and forecasts suggested a run of 118,000 kings. Actual '22 King run was very weak and even if there had been NO commercial sockeye fishery, the king goal probably wouldn't have been met. ADFG doesn't count silvers and there was no real commercial coho harvest this fall. Mixed info on coho returns, small pulses and generally late. Biggest item ADFG recommended was that the status of Nushagak Kings should be considered a "Stock of Concern". BOF agreed at the October worksession. Now ADFG is developing action plans that won't be available until the Nov 29 meeting. These plans are being developed jointly among Commercial, Sport and Subsistence divisions. Tim sees 4 management options: 1) status quo. 2) Use the Wood River Special Harvest area to keep the fleet off kings but harvest Wood R. reds. 3) Cutting commercial district size and possibly change the upper district boundary. 4) Add mesh restrictions. Tim said BOF will choose options and will need public comment to help with decisions.

Discussion followed suggesting eliminating D boat fishing to reduce gear in the Nushagak Bay. A brief discussion whether the AC should delegate some AC members to be prepared to speak for the AC at the BOF meeting. More discussion on timing of red and king runs, the problem of accounting for commercial catch of kings as they are often sold as reds, and brief mention of trawler by-catch. Tim listed ADFG efforts to get better accounting of kings harvested in commercial catch including working with processors. Numerous comments on the short time until the BOF meeting and no time for the public to digest any data or action plans that may come out.

Tim also discussed the process used to decide early June commercial openers and efforts to protect kings. Concerns for Muklung R (Wood R tributary) kings if the fishery is put in the WRSWA.

Chums have been doing poorly too and ADFG considered adding them as a stock of concern but held off for now. ADFG is watching closely.

ADFG Wildlife Conservation. John Landseidel and Evelyn Lichwa. Dillingham office is now fully staffed with wildlife biologists after several years of intermittent staffing. John provided a thorough hand out summarizing Div Wildlife projects and data. Focus points on moose: documenting un-reported harvest, addressing low calf survival, interruption of long term data sets due to recent lack of staff. Moose population goal in GMU17C is not being met. The handout showed harvest data for moose and bears. No winter hunt planned for 17C, winter permits expected for 17A and B. Intensive Management (IM) for wolves will be available to local trappers and hunters. Bears have been added to the IM program and removal will begin next spring on caribou calving grounds. Heads hide meat will be salvaged. John spoke briefly on the cultural educational hunts for each of the Southwest Region Schools.

c. Brief Break 10:53 to 11:01

- d. USFWS Togiak Wildlife Refuge Andy Aderman presented: Note the refuge's fall report is available online. Noted 2022 Nushagak Peninsula Caribou counts estimate 359 animals up 100 from 2021 which was better than 2020. The



caribou committee recommended a 48 animal harvest with permits distributed to eligible villages. Estimated 41 bulls and 63 calves per 100 cows which is very good. The 17A moose survey is completed but in the analysis stage now. Aderman expects the moose population to be above objectives. During surveys ptarmigan have been observed in great abundance. There were no bear or wolf surveys.

- e. Alaska Wildlife Trooper Joe Wittkop reported. No patrol vessel available for herring or halibut work, some patrols done by air. Few issues with herring. Halibut enforcement is an assistance to the Feds. Enforcement is more educational. Main issues with halibut were difficulty complying with load reporting rules and lack of infrastructure to assist with compliance. Some tracking of the yellowfin sole fleet was done by air. Bear hunting is back to normal effort. There were plans to do more sport fishing enforcement, but the staff were redirected to drug enforcement. Spot checks done as time allowed. The commercial fishery enforcement included one extra pilot, one boat driver and an assistant. Violations were normal, closed period, and some line violations though with huge runs, line fisheries were not much of an issue. There were a few instances of failure to report lost gear. Some over length boats are appearing - AWT plans to draft a fleet-wide advisory letter. Under reporting of kings is a concern but hard to investigate. Late in the season there were a few instances of unattended gear. Fall Hunting: no wastage problems. Generally good compliance though a couple undersize moose were taken accidentally. DLP bears are not being properly reported or salvaged - 8 cases. DLP salvage and reporting requirements were discussed.
- f. Wood Tikchik State Park: Lee Borden is State rep on the advisory council in addition to his duties as Sport Fish Area Biologist. Council composition was described. Borden reported the council reviewed some proposals to BOF - soliciting comment from park users. It's part of Park responsibility and council by-laws to consider uses occurring in the Park. Proposals weren't formally addressed but proposals 18, 20, 28 were discussed. Borden outlined Park discussions which are noted in the proposal comments in this report.
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 - i. Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, Gary Cline : Fewer halibut fishers participated in spring 2022 due to lack of processor participation.
- XI. Public Comments: Public comments were encouraged and allowed throughout the meeting.
- XII. New Business:
- I. Board of Game Reauthorization
 - BOG 177** Reauthorized antlerless moose in GMU 17A.
 - Trav moved to adopt Dan 2nd.
 - SUPPORT, 14 Yes, 0 No** - Unanimous.
 - ADFG supports reauthorization. Moose population likely above goals according to ADFG and USFWS.
 - We support it as a prime source of meat to communities and are biologically sustainable.
 - BOG 187** Reauthorize brown bear tag exemption in GMU 17.
 - Trav mov Dan 2nd.
 - SUPPORT, 14 Yes, 0 No** -Unanimous
 - ADFG explained this is a Dept proposal and BOG requires annual reauthorization.



ADFG supports.

We think anything to facilitate the taking of bears is good, we have too many, they prey heavily on moose and caribou. This makes it easier for locals to harvest opportunistically and without cost. One commenter wished this could be made permanent and not require annual reauthorization for GMU 17.

LUNCH BREAK Approx 12:00 - 12:47

Chair re-announced: on time comments are due to Board Support November 14. May be submitted electronically.

Members present after lunch: Mariano Floresta, Tom O'Connor, Bobby Larson Sr, Chris Carr, Travis Ball, Lindsay Layland, Susie Jenkins-Brito, Dan Dunaway, Peter Christopher, Todd Fritze, Curt Armstrong, Kenneth Nukwak, & Walter Kanulie.

Proposal #28: Joe Chythlook arrived.

Proposal #31: Walter Kanulie Signed off, 13 present.

Proposal #35: Chris Carr unresponsive at time of vote.

Chair noted on time comments are due to Board Support November 14. May be submitted electronically.

Chair asked AC members to focus on Nushagak and Togiak proposals due to the limited time the meeting place was available for that day.

II. BOARD OF FISH PROPOSALS

SEE TEMPLATE BELOW.

In all cases, the appropriate ADF&G biologist would introduce the proposal and provide information to the AC. ADFG has not completed their official comments so the biologists were limited in how much they could provide.

XIII. Miscellaneous Business

AC could not complete all proposals at this meeting due to meeting place time limits. The AC decided to end this meeting after completing the following agenda items to allow these minutes to meet the On Time Deadline.

I . Select person(s) to review, approve and submit minutes.

Travis moved and Dan 2nd to: Secretary to write up minutes for today's meeting and submit to Taryn for review then, Susie to review and approve and submit to Boards by the On Time Deadline Nov. 14.

Vote 14 for - 0 opposed motion approved..



XIV. Select representative(s) for board meeting

Todd moved Lindsay 2nd to appoint Chair Susie to represent Nushagak AC at the BOF meeting. Travis to be first alternate in the event Susie is unable to attend.

Vote 14 for - 0 opposed motion approved.

XV. Set next meeting date

Meeting scheduled by zoom for 4:30 PM Monday Nov 14 to address remaining Bristol Bay proposals to the BOF. Minutes to be submitted as an RC.

XVI. Adjourn: 4:28 PM



Alaska Board of Fisheries: Bristol Bay Proposals November 29 – December 3, 2022 Anchorage, AK			
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11	Make numerous amendments to the Nushagak-Mulchatna King Salmon Management Plan.		



NO ACTION Request BOF to Defer to March Statewide Board meeting			<p>Tom O moved, Todd 2nd to adopt.</p> <p>Jeff Regnart explained the history of the draft plan and planning group. Group continued even after BOF dropped it. Goal to conserve kings.</p> <p>Extensive discussions and concerns expressed.</p> <p>Given Nushagak kings are now a stock of concern and ADFG is developing action plans that aren't available - how do we make any decisions? Many concerns for how the King Management Plan and Action plans work together. Need to take all these as a whole. With so little information it's hard to get specific recommendations.</p> <p>King assessment tools and data are poor, research aspects are as critical as management.</p> <p>How does the plan address if all efforts fail - an off ramp is needed.</p> <p>Triggers are hard to set.</p> <p>This plan sought to have a more robust management language.</p> <p>Section 2: guides ADFG to achieve lower escapement goal 85 % of the time, is too aggressive & more likely to harvest more kings not less - its counter to the plan intent. Management should hit a lower goal 30%-40% of the time not 85%. This needs rewording.</p> <p>Concerns for enforceability of sport seasonal and bag limits. Lack of enforcement personnel is a concern.</p> <p>Why should there be consistent sport opportunities when we are trying to conserve kings? Some believe sport harvest is part of the problem. In former King plans, sport fishing sought to set extremely conservative rules at the outset to minimize impacts and avoid sudden in-season closures that devastate the lodge operations.</p> <p>A key point to the commercial fleet is how much of the red harvest should be sacrificed to save kings?</p> <p>Todd moves Trav 2nd to ask BOF to defer any action on 11 until the March Statewide meeting when there will be more time and information available. Just too much to take in, too many problems, and not enough information for decisions at this time.</p> <p>Unanimous support for asking BOF to defer to the March meeting.</p>
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12	Make several changes to the management plan to reduce commercial king salmon harvest and increase sockeye salmon harvest.		
NO ACTION			The AC was informed the authors have requested to withdraw this proposal.
13	Structure fishing periods in the Nushagak District so that pulses of king salmon, not subjected to commercial fishing pressure, may enter the Nushagak River.		
OPPOSE	0	13	<p>Trav Mov Tom 2nd to adopt.</p> <p>This focuses on the B2 section of the current King plan. Speaks of maintaining natural run. B2 entered the King plan in 1997. At the time a lodge operator was concerned about the size composition of king escapement.</p> <p>ADFG says this proposal is impractical. At the time of writing there was no expectation of huge red runs in the Nushagak River .</p> <p>It conflicts with other regulations directing time or tide stages when opening commercial fishery.</p> <p>Discussion how large harvests, possibly excessive, could occur during a 12 hour openings</p> <p>This may result in sockeye over escapement in times of huge runs.</p> <p>Others see some merit in allowing pulses of fish upriver. Discussion how early in the run there seem to be more small males while later in the run the bigger males and females tend to appear.</p> <p>This could tie management's hand too much.</p> <p>Anything that comes out of King plan and Action plans could affect allocations</p>
14	Reinstate provisions that set gillnets are the only lawful gear for subsistence fishing for salmon in the Naknek, Alagnak, and Wood River Special Harvest Areas.		



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Support	13	0	Trav move Dan 2nd to adopt This proposal seeks to close an accidental loophole that was created by other regulation changes last BOF cycle. Trav This a housekeeping proposal. Dan: I support cleaning up accidental, unintended regulations changes. Maintains "normal" rules.
18	Prohibit the use of salmon eggs for sport fishing.		
Oppose	0	13	Todd moves Dan 2nd to adopt. This is too general and broad. There are / should be places in our fisheries with bait where there are no conservation concerns. Even the Rainbow Trout Plan accommodates bait in some areas. When other areas were closed to bait to protect a population there was an angry outcry. This would be a problem around villages especially for children where bait is commonly used. Wood Tikchik Council noted there are waters near or within the Park where Chinook salmon are a concern. Some Park stakeholders support 18. Council noted there are no known biological issues in the park.
20	Prohibit the use of bait and barbed hooks in the Wood River Lakes system.		



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Oppose	0	13	<p>Dan moves Trav 2n to adopt.</p> <p>Dan noted ADFG has resisted barbless hook rules due to an Idaho study showing little biological gain for considerable loss of social license. He noted the Rainbow Trout plan sought to diversify tackle restrictions across the whole Bristol Bay area.</p> <p>Enforcing barbless, especially pinched barb regulations can be difficult and seem arbitrary at times.</p> <p>Borden confirmed there are no barbless regulations anywhere in Alaska at this time. Noted study is Shill and Scarpella 1997.</p> <p>There can be issues defining barbless as well as enforcing.</p> <p>Lindsay noted the author may be unaware of the number of locals who really use the area described, many who highly value catching and harvesting fish.</p> <p>Several AC members expressed strong opposition to the discriminatory nature of fly only regulations for whole area. We use spin gear. Fly gear is difficult for young children. We want to hook and hold a fish for harvest.</p> <p>We can use barbless or pinch them by choice but don't want to impose on others.</p> <p>Wood Tikchik Council this proposal got the most discussion at their meeting. Concerns were noted for the discriminatory nature of it. A couple stakeholders supported eliminating bait, but several lodges and individuals strongly opposed tackle restrictions.</p>
28	Close the Nushagak, Mulchatna, and Nuyakuk river drainages to sport fishing for king salmon.		



Support	13	1	<p>Dan moved Trav 2nd to adopt Todd likes the proposal, keep out of the spawning areas. A lodge may oppose, but kings are our mainstay. If they can fly to these locations, they can go elsewhere.</p> <p>Sport Fish estimates an effort of 700 angler days on the Upper Nushagak, 700 on the Mulchatna, and 300 on the Nuyakuk - overall relatively low effort. Catch and harvest of kings in these areas are estimated to be low: 50 caught on the upper Nushagak, 70 caught, 0 harvested on the Nuyakuk. Mulchatna is a little higher with 1,400 kings caught and 35 harvested.</p> <p>Trav has done a few tours as a guided fisherman in the area and lodges "hopscotch" among king spawning beds.</p> <p>A couple members noted the Stuyahok and Koktuli, Upper Nushagak, other smaller rivers are the prime king spawning beds for kings.</p> <p>Dan asked if this closure would totally disenfranchise some of the smaller river based lodges who don't fly around. Sport Fish thought there were 3-6 lodges in that area. They also noted sections of these upper reaches are already closed and existing regulations close the remainder on July 24.</p> <p>The kings need places of refuge, especially the spawning areas. With the coming action plans and possible restrictions on the commercial fisheries this may be necessary for the sport fishery.</p> <p>Some concern expressed for boat motors disturbing eggs in the spawning beds.</p> <p>Roll call vote 13 Support, 1 opposed.</p> <p>Wood Tikchik Council: There was not a lot of discussion but Royal Coachman lodge in strong opposition. It was noted by ADFG that effort is relatively low and approximately 200 kings are harvested annually from the proposed closed areas and is not a biological concern.</p>
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29	Restrict the Togiak River king salmon sport fishery until a minimum king salmon commercial harvest is achieved.		
Opposed	0	14	<p>Trav move Lindsay 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Introducing the proposal Lee of Sport Fish noted that this proposed trigger point usually occurs before the sport fishery has gotten under way. The commercial harvest never achieved 2K kings in 2011, '14, '20, '21, '22.</p> <p>In years when 2k were achieved the dates were June 3, July 1, 5, 8, 10. - generally early July.</p> <p>Com Fish - adds complexity and commercial harvest hails are somewhat delayed. The 10 year commercial harvest averages about 3,500 kings annually but only 1,000 in recent years.</p> <p>Togiak AC had not met.</p> <p>It is unclear to the AC what this proposal accomplishes? The commercial fishery gets first shot at the fish out in the bay, the sport fishery occurs up river. This will do nothing for the commercial fishery.</p> <p>Efforts to get the proposal author to call in were unsuccessful.</p>
31	Require reporting of king salmon harvest in guided sport fisheries and commercial fisheries in Bristol Bay.		



Opposed	0	13	<p>Trav moves Dan 2nd to adopt 31 and 32; they are identical.</p> <p>Walter Kanulie signed off</p> <p>ADFG Com Fish reviewed current reporting requirements for the fishery bay-wide, which most felt is sufficient. ADFG doesn't need or want length data and already collects some data in its own programs. It's not likely to aid management.</p> <p>ADFG Sport Fish - this may essentially revive guide log books that were dropped in 2018. Log books had not provided any in-season utility as they were turned in at the end of the season. There weren't always funds to analyze the books, data was chronically late and some data has never been analyzed.</p> <p>Set Netter: We already keep records and it's a constant hassle at time of delivery. There are regulations already in place.</p> <p>It was clear discussion the AC felt reliable Sport Fish data is needed.</p> <p>We often heard how the log books were nearly a fantasy as guides were often too busy during the day and completed at the end of the day. Many believe much of guide book reports were made up or approximations.</p> <p>Sport Fish was asked about removing kings from the water, Lee noted only harvested fish were measured.</p> <p>Short discussion on accuracy of Statewide Sport Harvest Surveys and on river angler surveys when there are critical data needs. The larger the fishery and greater the participation the more accurate it is due to sample size. Real small fisheries are less so.</p>
32	Require reporting of king salmon harvest in guided sport fisheries and commercial fisheries in Bristol Bay.		
Opposed	0	13	SEE 31 ABOVE
35	Increase minimum distance between units set and drift gillnet gear.		



Opposed	4	8	<p>Trav moves Lindsay 2nd to adopt</p> <p>Set netters would like drift nets to be farther from set gear. This would only apply to some portions of the Nushagak district, not all. Some areas drifters can "bump set buoys".</p> <p>Set Netter: As a set netter I'd like to support it but I realize it's unrealistic; some set back is needed; maybe a compromise can be found; the goal is to reduce tangling.</p> <p>Set netter: In reality the way it works now drift nets can be legal at only 25 feet off the set nets; I've had several tangles with drifters; our set net sites must be 450 feet apart, it's fair to keep drifters 300 feet away.</p> <p>Drifter: I do all I can, I want to avoid tangles too and stay off "guard" buoys.</p> <p>Set net: we follow the incoming tide with our nets, there should be a way to word this to help set netters at Igushik and Coffee Point.</p> <p>In the early morning I see drifters fishing in between the set nets when no enforcement is around.</p> <p>Several concerns expressed that big jet boats especially, get right on the beach at high water; very often at Clarks and Ekuk and it's so bad, set netters couldn't get to their nets to pick them. The really big smooth bottom boats this summer made the problem worse.</p> <p>This is more of an enforcement issue.</p> <p>Drifters were asked how this might affect their harvest responses were: 1) fish are often hard on the beach 2) I can tell if I'll be able to avoid the set net buoys - I really don't want to tangle their gear or mine but I'm concerned how to be sure to comply. 3) we try hard to avoid tangling 4) this might be an enforcement issue 5) This proposal could have allocative implications</p>
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			<p>Set net: My site is in the zone where it's legal to "bounce buoys", and the boats slide over my buoys. Annually I average losing 1.5 buoy sets per year and when my buoys are cut by a drifter I'm liable to get a citation for unmarked gear- but I might not be able to get out and replace my buoys right away. I feel like the local drift fleet tries harder to be nice but some boat operators don't care.</p> <p>This issue is worse in the seasons with huge fleets when competition is fierce.</p> <p>300 feet is too extreme - I don't want to wreck my gear -maybe there is a happy medium. There will always be jerks.</p> <p>I'd like to add the beach from Clarks Point to Etolin to this proposal.</p> <p>Roll call vote 4 Support, 8 opposed - motion Fails. Chris Carr unresponsive at time of vote.</p>

Discussion started on Proposal 36, 37, 38 regarding Drift Vessel Tow Line Lengths, vote tabled to subsequent meeting.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Dan Dunaway secretary
Minutes Approved By: Susie Jenkins-Brito, Chair
Date: 11/14/2022



**Valdez Advisory
Committee 2/28/2023
Zoom**

- I. Call to Order: 7:05 by Nick Crump
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Nick Crump, Bruce Bowman, Dan Eames, Brett Willbanks

Members Absent (Excused):
Members Absent (Unexcused): Hope Roberts, Charles Upicksoun
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Fernandez, Charlotte Westing
- IV. Guests Present: Daniella Verna, interested public
- V. Approval of Agenda:
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report: Nick Crump, no report
 - b. ADF&G: No report
 - c. Others: None
- VIII. Public Comment: None
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business: BOG unit 6 proposals and Proposal 103
- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: BOG- None
- XII. Set next meeting date: Next season
- XIII. Other



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55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units		
Oppose	0	4	Discussions focused on the proposed reductions as an individual perspective, in contrast to ADFG's biologically focused management ability. Members recognized determined that resident bag limit adjustments require more substantial justification.
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15		
Oppose	0	4	Discussions resulted in a determination that these game management unit's methods (taking game from a boat) for access to hunting opportunities appears to be balanced (acknowledging the restrictions on black bear hunting from a boat as appropriate). The members recognize that the purpose of game management unit regulations are intended to allow various means and methods base on specific attributes in that particular region (GMU).
57	Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15		
No Action			Unanimous consent. Members felt that the BOG should guide dicussion on the appropriateness and regulation of the proposal.
58	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units		
No Action			Unanimous consent. discussion identified ADFG management currently has and exercises the authority to require additional orientation/training as needed. Unanimous consent of members felt that the BOG should guide discussion on the appropriateness of additional requirements as proposed.
59	Change the RG231 to an archery only hunt for goat in Unit 6 for certified bowhunters		
Oppose	0	4	Deliberation by members determined this proposal to be highly preferential to one user group and unsupportable. Furthermore as membership are hunt participants, collectively in our shared experience, we have not encountered a state of conflict between user groups (in fact quite the opposite).
60	Create an archery only deer hunt in Unit 6 for resident and nonresident certified bowhunters only		



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Oppose	0	4	Deliberation by members determined this proposal to be highly preferential to one user group and unsupportable. Furthermore as membership are hunt participants, collectively in our shared experience we have not encountered a state of conflict between user groups, and determined current regulation provides equal opportunity for users.
61	Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6		
Oppose	0	4	Discussion resulted in a consensus that an individuals perception that a species is in decline should not be elevated to supercede ADFG management of said species. Analysis of hunter opportunities by the Department appears to distribute the benefits this resource appropriately.
62	Re-establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
Support	4	0	Management of this hunt is proposed by the Department logically with respect to its intended users.
63	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island		
Oppose	0	4	Discussion identified issues with the timing and implementation of this proposal that are applicable and supported.
64	Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6		
Oppose	0	4	Discussion identified issues with the timing and implementation of this proposal that are applicable and supported.
200	Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.		
No Action			Unanimous consent. Lacking further definition this proposal has issues moving forward. The intent is worth consideration, but it is noted that hunts with an emphasis on opportunities for the elderly and disabled currently exist.
103	Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear		
Oppose	0	4	Members determined that a new bear baiting season in a highly populated area like McHugh Creek , with a currently high number of other user groups, would create unnecessary and potentially dangerous incompatibility.

Adjournment: by Nick Crump 8:05pm

Minutes Recorded By: Bruce Bowman

Minutes Approved: Nick Crump

Date: 3/3/23



**Seldovia Advisory Committee
12/14/2023
Seldovia Multipurpose Room**

- I. Call to Order: 6:06 PM by Michael Opheim
- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Michael Opheim, Stephen Payton, Bryan Chartier, Alvin Swick, Walt Sonen, Jevon Chartier, Jordan Cameron

Members Absent (Excused): Cutter Grahn, Keith Swick

Members Absent (Unexcused): None

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present:

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Fernandez, Jason Herreman

IV. Guests Present: Chris Keithly, Ashley Keithly, Chance Collier

V. Approval of Agenda: Motioned to approve by Jordan Cameron, Second by Alvin Swick

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Last meeting minutes not available

VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report: None
 - b. ADF&G: Jason Herreman: Jason provided an update on Moose, Goat and Bear harvest in the Seldovia area/ unit 15. 235 moose were taken and illegal harvest was down to 10% from a recent high of 25%. Herreman stated harvest between GM Units 7-15 harvest was on par with recent years.

For goats there was discussion about this last seasons hunt. Between Unites 7-15, 86 goat were harvested. 4 goats were harvested in the Seldovia area of which 2 were on the outer coast and two were inner. Unfortunately the two goat harvested in the inner coast/ Barabara Valley were female and taken from the same area.

Between 2012 and 2017 three surveys had been done in the area.
 - c. Others



VIII. Public Comment:

Hi Fari,

I would like to submit the following comment on Proposal 155 for tonight's Advisory Committee meeting in Seldovia. Unfortunately, I am not able to attend the meeting in person or Zoom.

My family and I are avid year round spearfishermen in the greater Seldovia area and we are excited to see the proposed amendment expanding ADFG's saltwater spearfishing regulation to include surface swimming. This proposed amendment clarifies some confusion that folks have about spearfishing in Alaska and it will open the sport to beginners and youth alike.

Thank you for your time considering my comment.

Amelia Pollack

907-205-7963

Buck Brown in a communication to the chair: Michael Opheim: Just in case I don't make it to the meeting, please write into the minutes that I am against proposals 163, 164,165,166,167,168,169,170,171,and 172. Except for 163 all these proposals have no biological justification and are aimed at keeping one person happy.

IX. Old Business: none

X. New Business: none

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XII. Set next meeting date:

XIII. Other

Adjourn: 9:12 PM



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55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units		
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15		
Support	7		Shooting game from a boat increases the risk of hitting but losing an animal among other issues.
57	Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15		
58	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units		
Support	7		Hunter Orientation is required for other big game and couldn't hurt to have for goat as hunters (especially new ones) have trouble distinguishing a male from female.
59	Change the RG231 to an archery only hunt for goat in Unit 6 for certified bowhunters		
60	Create an archery only deer hunt in Unit 6 for resident and nonresident certified bowhunters only		
61	Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6		
62	Re-establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
63	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island		
64	Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6		
65	Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula		
66	Create an archery only, resident goat hunt within the Unit 8, RG480 hunt area		



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67			Decrease the number of tags for the DG478 and DG479 goat hunts in Unit 8, to guarantee allocation of the weapons restricted, late season registration hunt
68			Modify the Unit 8, caribou hunting season from a general season harvest ticket to a registration hunt
Support	7		Discussion: If it helps ADF&G manage the population it sounds like a good idea.
69			Exclude Kodiak Island from the hunt area for elk in Unit 8 Remainder
			Discussed but no action taken.
70			Modify the Unit 8, Raspberry Island hunting season and bag limit by changing the antlerless elk drawing hunt to an antlerless registration hunt
71			Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Southwest Afognak
72			Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Raspberry Island
73			Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder
Oppose		7	The AC feels there is not a problem with the deer population.
74			Require that meat must be left on the bone when hunting deer in Unit 8
75			Count brown bear wounded by hunters in Unit 8 against the bag limit of one bear every four calendar years
76			Lengthen the brown bear registration hunt seasons for RB230 and RB260 in Unit 8
77			Eliminate brown bear permits the following season, when a female bear is taken in Unit 8
78			Require all hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits
79			Transfer under-subscribed nonresident brown bear permits for Unit 8 to the resident allocation
80			Adjust the allocation for Unit 8 brown bear permit hunts, DB101 - DB193



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81			Require all snares set on the Kodiak road system to include breakaway mechanisms
82			Expand the Unit 14C northeast sheep drawing hunt areas to include the East Fork Eklutna hunt area
83			Reopen the late rifle hunt for sheep in Unit 14C and redistribute the existing permits to not increase the total take of rams
84			Create a new archery only, drawing hunt for sheep in Unit 14C, that portion within the Eklutna River drainage area
85			Create an archery only drawing hunt for goat in Unit 14C, within the drainage of the West Fork of Eklutna River
86			Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C
87			Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder
88			Change the registration moose hunt, RM445, in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C to an archery only hunt
89			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C
90			Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for black bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C
91			Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
92			Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL457 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, McHugh Creek area



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93			Allow certified bowhunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and McHugh Creek areas
94			Open a black bear archery drawing hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C, Anchorage Management Area
95			Open a resident only, limited registration black bear archery hunt in McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C Anchorage Management Area
96			Establish a black bear archery hunt in Unit 14C, the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson management area for hunters who also draw an archery moose tag
97			Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for brown bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C
98			Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14C
99			Open an archery drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek area for residents and nonresidents
100			Establish an archery only drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson area, with a bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years
101			Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder
102			Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14C Remainder
103			Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear
104			Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping
105			Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15



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Amended	7		<p>AC supports as amended: 5AAC 92.052. Discretionary permit hunt conditions and procedures.</p> <p>Limit hunters to one big game registration permit <u>per species</u> at a time in Units 7 and 15 as follows:</p> <p>Add Units 7 and 15 to the areas in regulation that hunters are limited to one big game registration permit at a time.</p> <p>5 AAC 92.052(19) a person may be limited to one big game registration permit <u>per species</u> at a time in Units 1,<u>7 and 15</u>, 17,20(E), 22, and 23.</p> <p>Discussion: The AC unanimously agreed with this proposal with the exception it be species specific. This way opportunity can't be taken away by hunters holding multiple goat or other game permits in multiple units. By making it species specific hunters will still have the opportunity to hold permits for multiple game species but not multiple of any one species.</p>
106	Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Unit 15C		
107	Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles		
108	Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration		
Support	7		<p>Discussion: The AC felt that if this management tool would make it easier to better manage sheep hunts then it's an action that should be taken. Especially with the current concern for sheep populations.</p>
109	Close sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, Unit 15		
110	Create an archery only registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder		
111	Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder		



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112	Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder		
113	Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder		
114	Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt		
115	Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons		
Oppose		7	
116	Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested		
Support	7		This proposal by Seldovia AC came about as when draw hunts were established in the Seldovia area it came to our attention that the 5-year penalty for shooting a nanny in this area was not established. The AC strongly feels that a hunter be prohibited from hunting any goats in unit 7&15 for 5 regulatory years if they take a nanny.
117	Implement the penalty for taking nannies in the RG364, 365 and 374 goat hunts in Unit 15C		
			Discussion: By supporting proposal 116 we support proposal 117 which suggests the same penalty.
118	Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers		
Oppose		7	
119	Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents		
120	Open an archery, fall moose hunt in Unit 15		
121	Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
122	Establish an early, archery only registration moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		



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123	Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Unit 15C		
124	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 15C Remainder		
125	Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
126	Establish an early archery moose hunt in Unit 15C		
127	Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Unit 15C, Southwest of Point Pogibshi		
Support	7		The AC agrees with this proposal and according to ADF&G staff, Port Graham and Nanwalek ask for this season extension every year, but this is the first time they have put in a proposal which is required to make the change.
128	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	7		Based on information provided by ADF&G The Seldovia AC supports this hunt and the opportunity for residents to fill their freezers.
129	Expand the hunt area boundaries for the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 15C		
Support	7		The Seldovia AC recognizes the issue between hunting opportunity and lack of land and the conflict this creates with home owners/ private land owners. Expanding the area to reduce conflict is a good idea.
130	Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan		
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	7		Based on hunt and population information provided by ADF&G the Seldovia AC supports this hunt and the opportunity it provides residents to fill their freezers.
132	Remove the antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island and from the TM549 Tier II subsistence area		
			It appears the sealing requirement is in place for the Kalgin island moose hunt as it was an oversight when the hunt changed game management units. There was lots of discussion on this proposal. The AC wants to make it known that although they support removing this sealing requirement being removed from the Kalgin island moose hunt and TM549 Tier II subsistence hunt, we do not support by any means



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			removing sealing requirements on the entirety of the Kenai peninsula. The removal of sealing requirements would be detrimental as it would allow poaching of sublegal moose to go unchecked.
133	Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C		
			Discussion: By Supporting Proposal 56 we support this proposal which suggests the same thing. We support proposal 56 because it addresses all big game and not just black bear.
134	Extend the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15		
135	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 from May 31 to June 30, to align with the black bear baiting season		
136	Extend the season for the brown bear registration hunts in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
137	Extend the brown bear registration hunt (RB300) in Unit 7 to June 15		
138	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 to June 15		
139	Extend the brown bear season for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
140	Extend the season for brown bear under RB300 open for take by bow and arrow only, in Units 7 and 15		
141	Lengthen the bear baiting season in Unit 7		
142	Lengthen the brown bear baiting season in Unit 15		
143	Restrict bear bait stations within a half mile of certain structures in Unit 15		
144	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
145	Close areas to hunting and trapping within 1/4 mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 and 15		



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Support	7		These comments cover Proposals 145, 146, and 147: The Seldovia AC supports these proposals as setbacks for trapping from established and heavily used trails is necessary for the safety of pets and recreational users of these trails.
146	Establish trapping setbacks on specific trails within the Kachemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C		
Support	7		
147	Establish trapping setbacks along certain snow machine and Nordic ski trails in Unit 15C		
Support	7		
148	Require 100-yard trapping setbacks from known multi-use trails in Unit 7		
149	Establish trapping setbacks along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7		
150	Establish trapping setbacks along certain roads and pullouts in Unit 7		
151	Establish trapping setbacks along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in Unit 7		
152	Establish trapping setbacks along trails and trailheads in Unit 7		
153	Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7		
154	Require signs be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7		
155	Close Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
156	Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek Drainages in Unit 15C for six years		
157	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online		
158	Shorten the coyote trapping season in Units 7 and 15		
159	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15		
160	Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge for Units 7 and 15, and require visual markers		



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161	Direct ADF&G to conduct a feasibility study for transporting Sitka Blacktail deer to Unit 15C, south side of Kachemak Bay		
No Action			Discussion: The topic of planting deer in the Seldovia area has been brought up many times. The AC understands there are concerns of disease and pests being introduced with a new species, although ADF&G quarantines any animals to be transplanted which would clear them of disease and pests. The AC took no action on this proposal as it is not a decision the board of game can make.
162	Extend the ptarmigan season in a portion of Unit 15C to March 31		
Oppose		7	The board opposes this proposal as we believe the ptarmigan population needs more time to rebound.
163	Rescind the bag limit restrictions for sea duck hunting in Unit 15C		
Oppose		7	Information provided about sea duck populations suggests the populations of most species of sea ducks are holding steady and the Agency (ADF&G) has no conservation concerns at this time. The AC opposed this proposal as we feel the harvest amounts are reasonable and don't need to be increased.
164	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Units 7 and 15		
Support	7		These comments cover proposals 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, and 170: Information provided about sea duck populations suggests the populations of most species of sea ducks are holding steady and the Agency (ADF&G) has no conservation concerns at this time. The AC was also informed that hunting guides and other users supported the reduction in bag limits. Based on this information the AC agreed taking this approach is safe and will not have any negative effects on the number of users for these hunts.
165	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Unit 15C		
support	7		Discussion: By supporting proposal 164 we support proposal 165 which suggests the same reduction in bag limit.
166	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15		
Support	7		
167	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C		
support	7		Discussion: By supporting proposal 166 we support proposal 167 which suggests the same reduction in bag limit.



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168	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin duck for Units 7 and 15		
Oppose		7	Based on Information provided to the AC and the views of different user groups we feel there are enough Harlequin duck to support the current harvest limits and a reduction is not necessary.
169	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin in Unit 15C		
			Discussion: By opposing proposal 168 we support proposal 169 which suggests the same reduction in bag limit.
170	Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed duck in Units 7 and 15		
Oppose		7	Based on Information provided to the AC and the views of different user groups we feel there are enough long-tailed duck to support the current harvest limits and a reduction is not necessary.
171	Direct ADF&G to implement a method for accurate reporting of sea duck harvest for Units 6, 7 and 15		
Support	7		Every other game and fish species has to be reported for accurate counts and proper management, ducks should not be an exception.
172	Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemack Bay in Unit 15C		
			Discussion: By supporting 171 we support 172 as it proposes the same regulation change.
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
174	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C		
175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E		
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
177	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
178	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
179	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
180	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
181	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		



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182			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
183			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E
184			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D
185			Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
186			Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska
187			Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region
188			Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A

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87			Define eel stick.



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153			Define escape mechanisms for collapsible 'slinky' groundfish pots.
82			Modify the dates sinking of gillnets is allowed in the Yukon Area from October 1 to April 30.
154			Allow the use of purse seine drums.
155			Allow a person using a spear or speargun to take fish while swimming at the water's surface.
Support	7		The AC has seen the increased popularity of free diving/spear fishing in the area and supports this proposal as some areas are too shallow to dive or as suggested by a community member it restricts new users and youth from the fishery.
156			Prohibit the use of felt soled wading footwear while personal use fishing in freshwater.
Support	7		The use of felt soled footwear increases the risk of spreading invasive species. This is a law in most places and shouldn't be allowed in any fishery.
157			Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.
158			Allow a person holding CFEC permits for multiple salmon net areas to commercial fish for salmon in more than one net area per year.
159			Close commercial fishing for a given species within one-fourth of a mile of any area closed to sport fishing for that species.



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160	Require surrender of proceeds gained from sale of wild king salmon caught in hatchery terminal harvest areas.		
161	Create and establish Alaska Board of Fisheries policy regarding the management of groundfish fishery resources in waters of Alaska <i>(To be heard at the Pacific cod meeting and deliberated during the Statewide Finfish and Supplemental Issues meeting)</i> .		
162	Allow the Kenai River Special Management Area -DNR decal to serve as proof of ADF&G sport fishing guide vessel registration.		
163	Prohibit guiding in personal use finfish fisheries.		
Support	7		This has been a topic of discussion by the Seldovia AC before. As this proposal suggests by allowing guides to charge personal use fishery users to go out, they are commercializing the fishery. These fisheries are for residents to fill their freezers, not guides to fill their pockets.
164	Establish registration and reporting requirements for personal use guides and transporters.		
165	Prohibit compensation for guide services in subsistence fisheries.		
Support	7		This has been a topic of discussion by the Seldovia AC before. As this proposal suggests by allowing guides to charge personal use fishery users to go out, they are commercializing the fishery. These fisheries are for residents to fill their freezers, not guides to fill their pockets.
166	Establish a statewide bag limit for personal use finfish fisheries.		
Support	7		Establishing a statewide bag limit for personal use fisheries would stop people from being able to go from one river system to the other filling their bag limit in multiple areas.



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167	Require inseason reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest.		
168	Extend emergency order authority to allow restrictions of sport fisheries in contaminated waters.		
169	Amend the list of banned invasive species.		
Support	7		The AC agrees with ADF&Gs decision to make additions to the list of banned invasive species.

Adjournment: 9:12 PM

Minutes Recorded By: Stephen Payton

Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim

Date:12/21/23



**Seward Advisory Committee
January 26, 2023
City Clerk Council Chambers**

- A. Call to Order: 7:04 by Jim McCracken, Chair
- B. Roll Call
 - Members Present: Jim McCracken, Diane Dubuc, Andy Bacon, WC Casey, Maile Branson, Kenn Carpenter, Mark Clemens, Bob White, Nate Smith arrived at 8:18
 - Members Absent (Excused): Arne Hatch, Jim Hubbard
 - Members Absent (Unexcused): 0
 - Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6
 - List of User Groups Present: 1-6, 8-12
- C. Fish and Game Staff Present: Britney Roth, Sportfish Area Management Biologist, Jason Herreman Game Biologist out of Homer, Georgie Phillips, Boards Support out of Kotzebue
- D. Approval of Agenda: Motion to amend (Dubuc/Carpenter) Hold new business item 2, elections, before new business item 1, game proposals. Motion passed unanimous Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Casey/Clemens) - Unanimous
- E. Correspondence- No official correspondence. Carpenter discussed PWS Pollock trawl opener. White discussed hearing of a Polar Bear sighting at Mieres Lake.
- F. Public Comment - None
- G. Presentations/Reports
 - 1. **Game Report:** Herreman reported on peninsula moose harvest. Slow as usual in GMU 7. 14 moose harvested, on permit hunt 4F & 10M. Overall moose harvest higher this year on the peninsula. Total 430 moose harvested on the peninsula. 15C: 233 moose 15A- had lower harvest: 40 moose 15B: 64 moose. Has not received all harvest tickets. 11% illegals overall, on par with averages. None in GMU 7. Unit 15C had 36 illegal takes. Clemens asked for Brown Bear report, Herreman doesn't have info, browns managed out of Soldotna. Herreman stated that the highest brown bear harvest is in unit 7, most off bait stations. Herreman doesn't have the numbers handy. Unit 15C: 13 brown bears. 15C Reached cap for adult females taken, and overall taken: 10 females, 60 overall (harvest cap measured off a 3 year running average). Expects a higher number next year, as a high harvest year will be dropping off the 3 year average.
Fish Report- Dubuc reported statewide BoF meeting is March 10. Only 19 proposals. Britney Roth reported that she is now officially our new AMB. White asked about the stocking plan for troop lake, who is responsible. Roth said its now managed in the North Gulf Coast region (the lake is located right near the drainage divide for Kenai River/Resurrection Bay). Stocking plan didn't change: every other year it gets stocked. White expressed interest in helping pack fish up to the lake next time they stock it, he did so in the past, back as far as when it was originally stocked. Dubuc reported that the LCI BoF meeting is coming up next year in Homer and there is a

deadline of proposals April 10. Dubuc encouraged our members to come up with any proposals. Roth stated she doesn't have any proposals for LCI, is waiting to see some rockfish harvest data, after review, she may introduce proposals based on the new data. Roth reported seeing an increase in pelagic rockfish harvest across NGC and PWS. McCracken asked if Dubuc if she had any proposals in mind, and if she wished to form a committee, Dubuc said she would consider that. McCracken and Dubuc discussed the advantages of holding the next LCI BoF meeting here in Seward, and McCracken asked if Dubuc would contact the BoF Chair. Dubuc said she would present an invitation to the Chair of the BoF to hold their meeting in Seward, noting that last time it was a success and that Board members gave positive feedback on the meetings and the amenities in Seward. Roth advised the Committee that it is early in the cycle for planning that particular meetings location and the invitation may be better received if put forth at a later date.

H. Old Business-

Kid Fish- Carpenter reported Kid Fish 2022 was a great success, the event received many donations from the community, about 60 kids attended, and every kid won at least 2 items. Carpenter purchased materials to put a new wier in First Lake. Roth said she'd ask for some larger fish to be added to the stock for First Lake. Roth said the new wier would need to be cleaned of debris periodically, and then removed before salmon enter the system. Carpenter discussed a design idea for a self-cleaning wier. McCracken asked if the mobile classroom was available, Britney said it was sold a few years ago, discussed a mobile fishing event trailer, could look into bringing it down. In response to Roth, Carpenter said the event will happen the 3rd Saturday in May, and please stock 1st lake the Wednesday prior to that date. McCracken advised Roth to encourage hatchery staff to withhold feeding the fish *at least* 3 days prior to transport.

I. New Business

1. **AC Elections** – discussion. Bacon reported that Hatch and Hubbard, unable to attend this evening, would like to keep seats, and are willing to accept nominations for reelection. (Bacon/Clemens) Moved to nominate the candidates up for re-election: McCracken, Hatch, Casey, Hubbard. Dubuc, attending telephonically, asked about how votes would be tallied since she was on the phone and not present to write on a paper ballot. Phillips stated that she would be willing to receive Dubuc's vote via text to maintain anonymity
(Dubuc/White) – Asked for unanimous consent to elect the nominees, and the nominees were reappointed to new terms by unanimous consent.

2. BOG Southcentral Proposals – ***See vote sheet below***

J. Citizens Comments on fish/game items -none

K. Response to citizens comments - none

L. Select representative(s) for board meeting – postponed to next meeting

M. Set next meeting date- March 23, 2023- Agenda to include *Finalize any proposals for LCI BoF* and any other business that may be brought to the Committee

N. Adjourn 9:44 (Carpenter/Clemens)



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55	Reduce resident cow permits and nonresident bull permits for Southcentral Region units		
			No Action
56	Prohibit taking of big game from boats in Units 6, 7, and 15		
support	7	1	(Carpenter/Clemens): Carpenter discussed issues with taking of big game from boats- ex.: shooting a deer, not knowing where they ran off, not landing on shore to recover resulting in wanton waste.
57	Allow the use of dogs to track and retrieve dead or wounded fur animals in Units 6 - 8, 14C, and 15		
			No Action
58	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southcentral Region units		
			No Action
59	Change the RG231 to an archery only hunt for goat in Unit 6 for certified bowhunters		
			No Action
60	Create an archery only deer hunt in Unit 6 for resident and nonresident certified bowhunters only		
			No Action
61	Lower the resident and nonresident general season bag limit for deer in Unit 6		
			No Action
62	Re-establish an antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
			No Action
63	Lengthen the brown bear season in Unit 6D, excluding Montague Island		
			No Action
64	Change the minimum jaw spread for trapping land otter in Unit 6		
			No Action
65	Establish a fall, registration goat hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 8, that portion of the Aliulik Peninsula		
			No Action
66	Create an archery only, resident goat hunt within the Unit 8, RG480 hunt area		
			No Action
67	Decrease the number of tags for the DG478 and DG479 goat hunts in Unit 8, to guarantee allocation of the weapons restricted, late season registration hunt		



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			No Action
68	Modify the Unit 8, caribou hunting season from a general season harvest ticket to a registration hunt		
			No Action
69	Exclude Kodiak Island from the hunt area for elk in Unit 8 Remainder		
			No Action
70	Modify the Unit 8, Raspberry Island hunting season and bag limit by changing the antlerless elk drawing hunt to an antlerless registration hunt		
			No Action
71	Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Southwest Afognak		
			No Action
72	Establish a drawing permit hunt for elk, open to take by bow and arrow only in Unit 8, Raspberry Island		
			No Action
73	Reduce the bag limit for deer in Unit 8, Remainder		
			No Action
74	Require that meat must be left on the bone when hunting deer in Unit 8		
			No Action
75	Count brown bear wounded by hunters in Unit 8 against the bag limit of one bear every four calendar years		
			No Action
76	Lengthen the brown bear registration hunt seasons for RB230 and RB260 in Unit 8		
			No Action
77	Eliminate brown bear permits the following season, when a female bear is taken in Unit 8		
			No Action
78	Require all hunters to apply for Unit 8 brown bear drawing permits		
79	Transfer under-subscribed nonresident brown bear permits for Unit 8 to the resident allocation		
			No Action
80	Adjust the allocation for Unit 8 brown bear permit hunts, DB101 - DB193		
			No Action
81	Require all snares set on the Kodiak road system to include breakaway mechanisms		



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			No Action
82	Expand the Unit 14C northeast sheep drawing hunt areas to include the East Fork Eklutna hunt area		
			No Action
83	Reopen the late rifle hunt for sheep in Unit 14C and redistribute the existing permits to not increase the total take of rams		
			No Action
84	Create a new archery only, drawing hunt for sheep in Unit 14C, that portion within the Eklutna River drainage area		
			No Action
85	Create an archery only drawing hunt for goat in Unit 14C, within the drainage of the West Fork of Eklutna River		
			No Action
86	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
			No Action
87	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder		
			No Action
88	Change the registration moose hunt, RM445, in the Chugach State Park Management Area in Unit 14C to an archery only hunt		
			No Action
89	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
			No Action
90	Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for black bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C		
			No Action
91	Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL455 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson		
			No Action
92	Add bow and arrow to the legal means of take for the DL457 black bear hunt in Unit 14C, McHugh Creek area		
			No Action
93	Allow certified bowhunters to participate in DL455 and DL457 black bear hunts in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson and McHugh Creek areas		



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			No Action
94	Open a black bear archery drawing hunt in the McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C, Anchorage Management Area		
			No Action
95	Open a resident only, limited registration black bear archery hunt in McHugh Creek hunt area in the Unit 14C Anchorage Management Area		
			No Action
96	Establish a black bear archery hunt in Unit 14C, the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson management area for hunters who also draw an archery moose tag		
			No Action
97	Establish a primitive weapons hunt or any weapons hunt for brown bear in the West Fork of Eagle River Drainage in Unit 14C		
			No Action
98	Open a hunt for brown bear within the Rainbow Creek drainage in Unit 14C		
			No Action
99	Open an archery drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek area for residents and nonresidents		
			No Action
100	Establish an archery only drawing hunt for brown bear in Unit 14C, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson area, with a bag limit of one bear every four regulatory years		
			No Action
101	Extend the general season for brown bear, open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 14C Remainder		
			No Action
102	Lengthen the season for brown bear in Unit 14C Remainder		
			No Action
103	Establish a bear bait hunt in Unit 14C, the McHugh Creek drainage area for black and brown bear		
			No Action
104	Close Chugach State Park and Glacier Creek drainage in Unit 14C to lynx hunting and trapping		
oppose	0	8	(White/Carpenter) White said that Lynx should be managed under current ADFG regulations, no need for changes.
105	Limit hunters to one big game registration permit at a time in Units 7 and 15		
oppose	0	8	(Carpenter/White) Herreman said ADFG was going to put forth an amendment to make proposal apply to individual animal species,



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			allowing hunter to harvest each animal type within a respective GMU, but not hold mult. tags across mult. GMUs.
106	Modify the restrictions for using ATVs to hunt moose in Unit 15C		
opposed	2	3	(White/Dubuc). Dubuc doesn't want to vote for proposals that limit disabled vets. Proposal 106 and 107 were taken up for discussion concurrently, AC discussed the differences between the two proposals, a consensus among some members developed favoring one over the other Roll call: Aye: White, Carpenter Nay: Dubuc, Bacon, Clemens Abstain: McCracken, Branson, Casey
107	Allow an exemption for disabled Veterans to hunt in the Lower Kenai Controlled Use Area in Unit 15C using motorized vehicles		
Support, as amended	8	0	(White/Dubuc). Dubuc doesn't want to vote proposals that limit disabled vets. (White/Clemens) Amend to change disability level from 50% to 25%, allowing more disabled veterans to benefit from the proposal, amendment passes unanimous, main motion as amended passes unanimous
108	Make all sheep hunts in Units 7 and 15 registration		
oppose	0	7	(Clemens/Dubuc) Moved to group 108, 110-113. Based on action taken on proposal 109 the Seward AC doesn't support these other Sheep proposals. Dubuc abstained, stating this was not an area of expertise
109	Close sheep hunting on the Kenai Peninsula, Unit 15		
Support, as amended	6	1	(Carpenter/Casey) moved to discuss Amendment (Carpenter/Bacon) Amend to add Unit 7, (Carpenter/Bacon) Amend to add a 5-year sunset to the closure White stated the problem isn't hunting pressure, it's wolf predation, he will be voting no. Casey stated that if the hunt is closed for 5 years it may inform the theory that predation is cause for low Sheep numbers, so he will vote yes. Aye: 6 Nay: 1 Abstain: Dubuc
110	Create an archery only registration hunt and youth hunt for sheep in Unit 7 Remainder		
oppose	0	7	(see 108)
111	Create an archery only, registration sheep hunt for residents and nonresidents in Units 7 and 15 Remainder		



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oppose	0	7	(see 108)
112	Establish a general sheep hunting season, open for take by bow and arrow only in Unit 15 Remainder		
oppose	0	7	(see 108)
113	Establish a general sheep season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 7 Remainder		
oppose	0	7	(see 108)
114	Change the RG331 goat hunt in Unit 7 to an archery only hunt		
115	Divide all Unit 15C goat drawing hunts into two seasons		
116	Change the regulation to clarify goat hunters in Unit 15C are restricted from taking goat on the Kenai Peninsula for five years if a nanny is harvested		
117	Implement the penalty for taking nannies in the RG364, 365 and 374 goat hunts in Unit 15C		
118	Change the general season, resident bag limit for moose in Unit 15 to include bulls with fork antlers		
Opposed	0	7	(Clemens/White) Clemens would like regulations unchanged. Herreman discussed conservation concerns with allowing spike-fork. White discussed a past study looking at winter mortality of spike-fork moose due to malnourishment. Clemens stated some must survive the winter. Herreman aware of winter mortality study, what wasn't considered was % of moose that were spike vs. fork vs. paddled. A large number of harvested moose were spike fork when it was allowed. May create a conservation issue if passed White abstained
119	Create an archery only moose hunt in Unit 7 Remainder for both residents and nonresidents		
opposed	0	7	(Carpenter/Clemens) discussed the regulation. Herreman said no concerns with the population if this was adopted. White abstained
120	Open an archery, fall moose hunt in Unit 15		
opposed	0	9	(Clemens/Carpenter) Discuss 120, 122-126 as a group. Seward AC support of proposal 121 nullifies all these proposals. ***After AC



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			approves 121, and begins discussing this group of related proposals, Smith joins the meeting, and total voting members goes from 8 to 9***
121	Establish an early archery only moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
support	7	0	(Dubuc/Clemens) Herreman is neutral because proposal allocative. Dubuc supports because it brings into alignment White abstained
122	Establish an early, archery only registration moose hunt in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
Opposed			See proposal 120
123	Establish an archery only, fall moose hunt in Unit 15C		
Opposed			See proposal 120
124	Establish a general moose season open for take by bow and arrow only, in Unit 15C Remainder		
Opposed			See proposal 120
125	Establish a fall archery hunt for moose in Unit 15C to align with Units 15A and 15B		
opposed			
126	Establish an early archery moose hunt in Unit 15C		
opposed			See proposal 120
127	Extend the TM549 moose hunting season in Unit 15C, Southwest of Point Pogibshi		
No action			
128	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
support	8	1	(Casey/Clemens) Herreman reported that this requires annual reauthorization. 25 moose average harvest. White voted no for Billy.
129	Expand the hunt area boundaries for the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 15C		
Support	9	0	(White/Smith) Herreman discussed ADFG support for the proposal.
130	Renew and update the Unit 15C Intensive Management Plan		
Support	9	0	(Carpenter/Clemens) move to adopt and ask for unanimous
131	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	9	0	(Carpenter/Clemens) move to adopt and ask for unanimous
132	Remove the antler sealing requirement for moose harvested on Kalgin Island and from the TM549 Tier II subsistence area		
Support	9	0	(Carpenter/Clemens) move to adopt and ask for unanimous



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133	Prohibit the taking of black bear from boats in Unit 15C		
Support	9	0	(Carpenter/Clemens) move to adopt and ask for unanimous
134	Extend the brown bear season in Units 7 and 15		
Support	9	0	(White/Carpenter) adopt and reference proposal 134 in subsequent proposals relating to extending brown bear season. Seward AC generally supports extending the Brown Bear season
135	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 from May 31 to June 30, to align with the black bear baiting season		
Support			reference proposal 134
136	Extend the season for the brown bear registration hunts in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
Support			reference proposal 134
137	Extend the brown bear registration hunt (RB300) in Unit 7 to June 15		
Support			reference proposal 134
138	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 15 to June 15		
Support			reference proposal 134
139	Extend the brown bear season for the RB300 hunt in Units 7 and 15 to June 15		
Support			reference proposal 134
140	Extend the season for brown bear under RB300 open for take by bow and arrow only, in Units 7 and 15		
			NO ACTION
141	Lengthen the bear baiting season in Unit 7		
			NO ACTION
142	Lengthen the brown bear baiting season in Unit 15		
			NO ACTION
143	Restrict bear bait stations within a half mile of certain structures in Unit 15		
			NO ACTION
144	Define "developed recreation facility" and "permanent dwelling" for bear baiting in Units 15 and 7		
			NO ACTION
145	Close areas to hunting and trapping within 1/4 mile of parts of the Sterling Highway in Units 7 and 15		
oppose	0	8	(Diane/Carpenter) Discuss proposals 145-154 as a group. Dubuc stated the rules that are in place are adequate, reminds the public to mind their pets. Smith supports multiple uses be allowed on public lands, consensus of the committee to support multiple uses. Branson abstains
146	Establish trapping setbacks on specific trails within the Kachemak Bay State Park in Unit 15C		
oppose			See 145



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147	Establish trapping setbacks along certain snow machine and Nordic ski trails in Unit 15C		
oppose			See 145
148	Require 100-yard trapping setbacks from known multi-use trails in Unit 7		
oppose			See 145
149	Establish trapping setbacks along the perimeter of campgrounds in Unit 7		
oppose			See 145
150	Establish trapping setbacks along certain roads and pullouts in Unit 7		
oppose			See 145
151	Establish trapping setbacks along highway pullouts, backcountry access points, and winter trails in Unit 7		
oppose			See 145
152	Establish trapping setbacks along trails and trailheads in Unit 7		
oppose			See 145
153	Establish trapping setbacks along Kenai Lake beaches in Unit 7		
oppose			See 145
154	Require signs be posted at all active trapping access points in Unit 7		
oppose			See 145
155	Close Unit 15C to beaver trapping		
No action			
156	Close beaver trapping in the Anchor River and Deep Creek Drainages in Unit 15C for six years		
No action			
157	Require all resident registration permit hunts be available for application online		
No action			
158	Shorten the coyote trapping season in Units 7 and 15		
oppose	0	9	(Carpenter/Smith) Discussed that there are plenty of coyotes in unit 7, Seward AC does not want unit 7 to be part of this proposal and made no action to amend the proposal, rejected outright.
159	Lengthen the wolverine hunting season in Units 7 and 15		
No action			No action
160	Limit beaver trapping to one set per lodge for Units 7 and 15, and require visual markers		
No action			
161	Direct ADF&G to conduct a feasibility study for transporting Sitka Blacktail deer to Unit 15C, south side of Kachemak Bay		



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	0	9	(Dubuc/Clemens) Opposed to moving animals beyond their natural range, which equates to introducing invasive species. Herreman stated the Kachemak Bay state park plan opposes introducing animals, leaving majority native lands as lands available for proposed blacktail introduction.
162	Extend the ptarmigan season in a portion of Unit 15C to March 31		
			No action
163	Rescind the bag limit restrictions for sea duck hunting in Unit 15C		
opposed	0	9	(White/Carpenter) Discuss proposals 163-172 as a group. Discussed opposing this suite of proposals. ADFG states no conservation problem with sea duck populations at this time (with exception of noted species-spectacled eiders, etc..)
164	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Units 7 and 15		
opposed			See 163
165	Reduce the bag limit for goldeneye in Unit 15C		
opposed			See 163
166	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Units 7 and 15		
opposed			See 163
167	Reduce the bag limit for bufflehead in Unit 15C		
opposed			See 163
168	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin duck for Units 7 and 15		
opposed			See 163
169	Reduce the bag limit for harlequin in Unit 15C		
opposed			See 163
170	Reduce the bag limit for long-tailed duck in Units 7 and 15		
opposed			See 163
171	Direct ADF&G to implement a method for accurate reporting of sea duck harvest for Units 6, 7 and 15		
opposed			See 163
172	Require mandatory harvest reporting for sea ducks in Kachemack Bay in Unit 15C		
opposed			See 163
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
No action			
174	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C		
No action			



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175	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E		
No action			
176	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
No action			
177	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
No action			
178	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18		
No action			
179	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
No action			
180	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
No action			
181	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
No action			
182	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
No action			
183	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
No action			
184	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
No action			
185	Reauthorize a winter antlerless moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
No action			
186	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
No action			
187	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
No action			
188	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
No action			

Adjournment: 9:44 PM (Carpenter/Clemens)

Minutes Recorded By: Andy Bacon

Minutes Approved By: Chair Jim McCracken

Date: 1/26/2023



Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G)
Southern Norton Sound Advisory Committee

DRAFT Agenda

October 27, 2022 - 11:00am

Myles Gonongnan Aaron Panek Memorial Hall - Unalakleet, Alaska

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Jacob Ivanoff-Chair, Morris Nassuk-Vice Chair, Renae Ivanoff-Secretary
Wes Jones-Unalakleet; Gary Eckenweiler-Unalakleet
Matilda Hardy-Shaktoolik, Randy Takak-Shaktoolik
Johnny Richardson-Member; Leo Kobuk-St. Michael,
Kelsi Ivanoff-Unalakleet

1. Call to Order

Chair Morris Nassuk called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.

2. Roll Call - 4 to make quorum

Present: Morris Nassuk (telephonic), Wes Jones, Renae Ivanoff, Matilda Hardy (telephonic)

a. Excused -

b. Unexcused - Gary Eckenweiler, Randy Takak, Leo Kobuk

3. Fish & Game Staff present - Kevin Clark, Sarah Germaine, Alicia Carson, Georgie Phillips

4. Guests present - Fred Jay Ivanoff, Ron Pitka, Louisa Paniptchuk, Kelsi Ivanoff, Steve Ivanoff

5. Approval of Agenda

Wes Jones made a motion to approve to approve the agenda with ability to amend as needed, seconded by Renae Ivanoff. There was no opposition.

6. Election of Members

Johnny Richardson submitted a written nomination to fill an undesignated seat. Morris Nassuk (Koyuk), Wes Jones {Unalakleet}, and Matilda Hardy {Shaktoolik} were re-elected in their designated seats. Renae Ivanoff nominated Jacob Ivanoff to the vacant Unalakleet seat. Kelsi Ivanoff nominated herself to fill a fifth Unalakleet seat. All nominations were unanimously approved.

7. Election of officers

Chair - Jacob Ivanoff

Vice Chair - Morris Nassuk

Secretary- Renae Ivanoff

Wes Jones moved, seconded by Matilda Hardy to seat Jacob as Chair. Matilda Hardy moved to close nominations, no opposition. Matilda Hardy moved, seconded by Wes Jones to seat Morris Nassuk as Vice Chair. Wes Jones closed nominations. There was no opposition. Jacob Ivanoff moved, seconded by Kelsi to seat Renae Ivanoff as Secretary. Matilda Hardy closed nominations. There was no opposition. Wes Jones moved, seconded by Renae Ivanoff to approve the election of members. The question was called. There was no opposition.

8. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Wes Jones made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes of February 20, 2020, as presented, seconded by Matilda Hardy. The question was called. There was no opposition.



9. Reports

a. Chairs Report

Jacob Ivanoff noted the 2020 winter and summer closure of the Norton Sound king crab in addition to Norton Sound related proposals that passed at the last Board of Fish (BOF) meeting cycle.

b. ADF&G

Kevin Clark gave an overview of three proposals (75 - sports fisheries, 77 and 78 - commercial fisheries) that will be presented at the BOF -Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim (AYK) Finfish for Norton Sound in addition to proposal 76 regarding the Kotzebue Commercial Fisheries.

Wes moved, seconded by Morris Nassuk to support proposal 78 with no action taken on proposals 75, 76, and 77 as these address areas outside of Southern Norton Sound. The question was called. There was no opposition.

There was a question regarding the deadlines for proposals and comments which lead to a subsequent discussion on proposal 140 which addresses the Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan. Supporting proposal 140 could allow for the reduction of intercepted AYK bound salmon in the June fishery. Jacob Ivanoff added that a further, more in-depth discussion on proposal 140 should be advised before the BOF meeting after committee members have time to thoroughly look through and understand the proposal.

Wes moved, seconded by Morris Nassuk to support proposal 140. The question was called. There was no opposition.

A subsequent discussion on the opposition of proposal 167 took place as this proposal addresses in-season reporting of subsistence and personal use salmon harvest within 5 days of harvest. Wes expressed that this proposal would cause an extra burden and that a much better proposal can be crafted specifically for the region.

Wes made a motion to oppose proposal 167, seconded by Morris Nassuk. The question was called. There were no opposition.

Lastly, a short discussion was held on Board of Game proposal 188 regarding brown bear tag fee exemptions.

Morris Nassuk made a motion to support proposal 188, seconded by Matilda Hardy. The question was called. There was no opposition.

i. Spring 2023 Yearling capture - Sarah Germaine, Alicia Carson

Sarah Germaine gave an overview of one of two possible surveys that will take place in the spring of 2023, a browse survey and/or a yearling capture study. She detailed the methodology of both surveys noting that the browse survey would be the preferred survey over the yearling capture study as it is less invasive. Fred Jay Ivanoff asked a question relating to the invasiveness of the study and Sarah Germaine explained that the calves would be under for 10 minutes where a reversal drug would be administered and within 1-2 minutes, the calves would be back to normal. A consensus was established that the browse survey would be the preferred method.



ii. **Moose survey 2021- Sarah Germaine, Alicia Carson**

Sarah Germaine gave an update on the 2021 spring moose composition survey stating that the moose population was stable, noting 765 moose were observed and the ratio of bulls to cows were 122:100. This in turn increased the quota in unit 22A. Plans for future surveys near the Shaktoolik and Koyuk area will take place fall of 2023 and fall of 2024 for the Unalakleet area. Wes shared his concern with the high harvest rate continuously over the next several years comparing it to the 1980's when the moose population crashed. Morris Nassuk asked about the density map referring to the provided packet where Sarah Germaine explained that a neonatal project (in units 22C&D) was conducted where calves were collared and monitored. Results showed an 85% mortality rate within the first 5 months. In addition, Jacob Ivanoff and Morris Nassuk had general questions regarding the musk ox hunt. Sarah Germaine noted that a musk ox survey is scheduled for spring of 2024.

c. **Others**

There were no other reports.

10. **Public Comment**

Hunter and fishermen, Fred Jay Ivanoff, made two comments regarding subsistence hunts for musk ox and moose. First, for the destruction of musk ox horn: his suggestion was to allow subsistence users to keep the cut tip part of the horn for subsistence purposes instead of submitting entirety to the State. The second suggestion he made was having a minimum caliber restriction for moose hunting. A following discussion proceeded with a consensus in support of the two comments made. Topics within the discussion brought up concern regarding hunters in general using low caliber rifles, evidence of nonfatal wounds amongst moose harvested, often non-harvestable meat near and around the wound area and finding other solutions to minimize trophy hunts without the destruction of entire musk ox horn.

Alicia Carson asked if there was any way that ADF&G can help in relation to providing hunter education to the communities. Jacob Ivanoff and Wes Jones suggested that this course could be administered through the school that gears towards young hunters with the help of the committee members in Unalakleet, Shaktoolik, and Koyuk.

Steve Ivanoff gave a comment regarding the pink salmon commercial fishery, particularly opportunities for Stebbins and St. Michael community members to participate. Issues about past management were discussed and if this were to be proposed, who would be taking lead on such a proposal. In addition, he was also in support of having a minimum caliber restriction for moose hunting.

11. **Old Business**

There was no old business.

12. **New Business**

a. **Board of Game and Fisheries meeting Cycle/Schedule**

- i. November 29, 2022, Board of Fish - Bristol Bay Finfish, comment deadline November 14, 2022
- ii. January 14-18, 2023 **B o a r d** of Fish -Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim Finfish, comment deadline December 30, 2022
- iii. February 20-25, 2023, Board of Fish -Alaska Peninsula/Aleutian Island/Chignik Finfish, comment deadline February 3, 2023



- iv. March 10-13, 2023, Board of Fish - Statewide finfish & supplemental issues, comment deadline February 23, 2023

Sarah Germaine gave insight to a potential commercial, non-resident moose hunt in unit 22. Jacob Ivanoff and Wes shared concern that this should be addressed as a community, resident discussion. In addition, Morris Nassuk shared that this would be a good economic resource for locals to obtain their commercial guide license but noted the difficulty in obtaining such license. It was recommended by Jacob Ivanoff to work with tribal entities to have such possibility. Sarah also recommended to come up with a backup or counter proposal in case that there is opportunity for a non-resident moose hunt. Jacob Ivanoff also brought up a point of extending the winter hunt dates in RM841 for additional moose harvest. Kelsi commented on potential tribal members to allow hunting during the federal hunt.

Lastly, Board of Game submission proposals dates were addressed for upcoming potential proposals discussed throughout the meeting.

13. Set the next meeting date

No set date, however, the next meeting is anticipated to take place spring 2023.

14. Other

Morris Nassuk requested to Board Support, Georgianna Phillips to advocate for in-person meetings for the future. Alicia Carson asked if there were any interest in the Department of Conservation being present in Unalakleet during the moose hunting season; there was a consensus amongst committee members agreeing that this was an appropriate time:

15. Adjournment

Wes Jones moved, seconded by Matilda Hardy to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm.

Approved minutes by Secretary, Renae Ivanoff and Advisory Member Wesley Jones.

Renae Ivanoff
Wesley W Jones