



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee
December 21, 2022
Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 7:04pm by Herb Mansavage

II. Roll Call

Name	Present	Excused/Unexcused	Terms
Herb Mansavage-Chair	X		06/30/2024
Chad Schierman- Sec	X		06/30/2023
Chad Lipse-Fish		Excused	06/30/2023
Gene Sandone	X		06/30/2023
Robert Cassell	X		06/30/2023
Mike Barnett		Excused	06/30/2023
Melvin Grove	X		06/30/2024
Birch Yuknis		Excused	06/30/2024
Neil DeWitt	X		06/30/2024
Dom Nickles	X		06/30/2024
Dan Montgomery-Game	X		06/30/2025
Andy Couch	X		06/30/2025
Austin Manelick	X		06/30/2025
Aaron Bloomquist		Excused	06/30/2025
Hunter Hongslo	X		06/30/2025
Casey Dinkel- ALT		Excused	06/30/2023
Dan Lewis- ALT	X		06/30/2023

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Sylvester

IV. Guests Present: None

V. Approval of Agenda: Neil motioned, Andy seconded – Approved with no objections.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: None

VII. Public Comment: None

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business:



- a. **Western Arctic Caribou Working Group Update (Neil)**
 - Declining preservative mode, 166k population, 12k subsistence harvest
 - Proposal to change limit from 5 per day to 4 annually (1 cow)
 - Letter of interest needed to consider adding Matanuska Valley member.
- b. **Letter to Governor regarding funding of Weir Projects (Andy)**
 - Motion by Dan for AC to approve letter, Neil seconded.
 - Amendment to motion by Dan to allow Andy and Gene to add visuals/charts and submit no later than 12/30/2022, Neil seconded.

X. Proposals:

Alaska Board of Game Southeast Region Meeting Proposals January 20-24, 2023 Ketchikan, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
2	Require hunter orientation for hunting goat in Southeast Region units		
Support	9	2	Support: Differentiating Billies and Nannies can be difficult, education for novice hunters, lowering Nanny kill helps population. Oppose: Orientation in other units did not help Nanny kill, adds layer and not necessary.
4	Change the resident bag limit for brown bear in Unit 1 to one bear every two years		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose: Not necessary to liberalize, department is opposed, potential overharvest.
7	Extend marten trapping seasons to align with wolverine seasons in portions of Units 1 – 4 and 5		
Oppose	0	10	Oppose: Marten season currently aligns with other furbearers so extended would take it out of alignment, not necessary to change current seasons. Interest in understanding reasoning for trapping seasons on different species not aligning.
8	Extend the marten trapping season in Units 1 and 2		
Oppose	0	10	Oppose: Not necessary to change current seasons.
9	Extend the wolverine trapping season to March 15 in Units 1 - 5		
Oppose	0	10	Oppose: No reason to extend season, denning/pupping concerns.



XI. Set Next Meeting Date: January 25th, 2023 (TCM) – Agenda to include Anchorage area (14C).

XII. Other:

- Aleutian Island BOF comments due February 3rd, Gene to send out proposals of interest
- Southcentral BOG comments due March 3rd
- Andy suggested discussion about moose permits in valley on agenda in near future.

XIII. Adjourn: 8:48pm

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman
Date: 12/21/2022