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**Interior & Eastern
Arctic Region Meeting
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**Anchorage Advisory Committee
February 6, 2024
William J Hernandez Hatchery**

I. Call to Order: [Time] by Kevin Taylor, Chair at 6:04pm.

II. Roll Call (12)

No	First Name	Last Name	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Kevin	Taylor	Present
2	Martin	Weiser	Present
3	Willow	Hetrick	Present
4	J R	Gates	Present
5	Ed (Harold)	Horton	Present
6	Joel	Doner	Present
7	Scott	Crowther	Present
8	Lynette	Moreno Hinz	Present
9	Bryce	Eckroth	Excused
10	Neil	DeWitt	Present
11	Matt	Moore	Excused
12	Ernie	Weiss	Present
13	Nicole	Schmitt	Present
14	Kneeland	Taylor	Present
15	Joni	Earp	Unexcused

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: None

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Brittany Blain & Fari Fernandez.

IV. Guests Present: Mandy Migura, Deputy Director, Alaska Wildlife Alliance.

V. Approval of Agenda: Neil DeWitt moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Ernie Weiss and carried unanimously.

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: N/A

VII. Reports



- a. Chair's report: None
- b. ADF&G: None
- c. Others:
 - Joni Earp did a great job at the Board of Game Meeting in Kotzebue.
 - Ernie Weiss reported on the NPFMC. The Cook Inlet EEZ is under consideration.

VIII. Public Comment: Debra Call, Cook Inlet Tribal Fisheries (informal) group & John Ross Cook Inlet Tribal Fisheries (informal) group & Ocean Conservancy.

IX. New Business:

- Prepare comments for BOF UCI
 - Scott Crowther moved to accept the unanimous votes of the Fish subcommittee meeting, Nichole Schmitt seconded, and it carried unanimously. The unanimous votes in the Fish subcommittee meeting will reflect 12.
- Prepare comments for BOG Interior and Eastern Arctic Proposals
 - March 15-22, 2024 Board of Game representative. AC nominated Nichole Schmitt to testify on behalf of Anchorage AC.

X. Select representative(s) for board meeting:

- Upper Cook Inlet Meeting: Feb 23-March 5
 - Martin Weiser & Joel Doner will develop testimony for the meeting on behalf of the Anchorage AC & it is undecided who will provide the oral testimony.

XI. Set next meeting date: 3/5/2024 @ William Jack Hernandez Hatchery.

XII. Other: None

Adjourn: 9:20pm



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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
43	Change all general season sheep harvest tickets in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C to registration permits, and allow hunters to obtain a registration permit once every two years		
Oppose	0	11	Reduces opportunity.
44	Reduce the sheep bag limit for resident hunters in Units 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B and 26C to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
Oppose	0	11	Reduces opportunity.
45	Reduce the Unit 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C sheep bag limit for residents to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years		
Oppose	0	11	Reduces opportunity.
46	Change all sheep hunting in Units 12, 19, and 20 to drawing permit only for residents and nonresidents, with a set allocation of permits between user groups		
Oppose	1	8	Support because this would improve the non-resident and the guided experience and knock residents out of this. Opposed because the sheep populations are diminishing, and this area is a great trophy hunt and the rule of full curl harvesting only is not relevant to the genetic pool and management needs to be done differently. 2 abstentions b/c suggestion made to defer to the Unit 19C sheep working group that was currently formed by the ADFG.
47	Allow proxy hunting for bison in Units 12, 19 and 20		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because the lottery system could be abused, and it is already very hard to draw this tag and with this proposal, there would be more competition for a resource that is difficult to get to. There is already a tool to allow for proxy hunting for bison if there are a lot of bison available like going to a registration hunt. Because bison are lottery animals, there is a biological concern that the population isn't strong enough to be a registration hunt (in which proxy hunting is allowed) and registration hunts also reduce the equitable opportunity for hunters to have a fighting chance to get a once in a lifetime hunt.
48	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	8	1	Support for reasons stated. Oppose because communities on the road system should bear the cost and support the State's game management. By getting a tag, there is



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			more opportunity for wildlife management and enforcement. 2 abstentions.
49	Clarify which rivers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C are major rivers for the purposes of bear baiting		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
50	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15		
Support	6	5	Oppose because disagree with the proposers argument on climate change and the fur may be worse and get into the breeding season during this time. Support because increases opportunity for trappers to harvest and make money.
51	Align muskrat trapping seasons with beaver trapping seasons in Units 19, 20 (except 20E), 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
No action	--	--	Support because believe it is good to align the seasons to reduce bycatch and potential game warden interaction(s). Suggest the Board consider closing beaver to November 1 instead of this proposal.
52	Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers with a trapping license in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because opens opportunity to use a firearm while trapping and increases hunter success. Trapping laws allowing guns is liberal enough.
53	Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
No Action	--	--	
54	Review the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
No Action	--	--	
55	Establish a positive Intensive Management finding for moose in Unit 19C		
Support	10	1	Support the Board reviewing the decision. See Proposals 56, 57 and 58. One vote to Oppose because believe that IM doesn't work: 1. With only a few exceptions, aggressive predator control has been ineffective in terms of increasing populations of prey species and human harvest of caribou, moose, and sheep. 2. Intensive Game Management programs should not be approved unless the current circumstances indicate that population and human harvest goals are not being met: by current, I mean in the last year or two, or as reliably forecast by Department biologists for the next year or two. 3. If population and human harvest levels are currently within the



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			<p>Department’s goals, then IM should not be approved.</p> <p>4. If aerial or same day airborne predator control is to be part of an IM program, then duration should be one hunting season, i.e. fall through spring. That’s all the time necessary to remove a large number of predators.</p> <p>5. If aerial and same day airborne predatory control is to be part of an IM program, then there must be proof provided by Department biologists that population and human harvest goals are currently unmet, and that predation is a significant factor affecting population of the prey species, and that predator control is likely to help achieve population and human harvest goals.</p> <p>6. If an IM plan is to be inactive, then changing it from inactive to active must require prior public notice, and compliance with procedures set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act.</p>
56	Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E		
Support	10	1	<p>Support for reasons stated.</p> <p>One vote opposed because there is not enough information on predation and harvest goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With only a few exceptions, aggressive predator control has been ineffective in terms of increasing populations of prey species and human harvest of caribou, moose, and sheep. 2. Intensive Game Management programs should not be approved unless the current circumstances indicate that population and human harvest goals are not being met: by current, I mean in the last year or two, or as reliably forecast by Department biologists for the next year or two. 3. If population and human harvest levels are currently within the Department’s goals, then IM should not be approved. 4. If aerial or same day airborne predator control is to be part of an IM program, then duration should be one hunting season, i.e. fall through spring. That’s all the time necessary to remove a large number of predators. 5. If aerial and same day airborne predatory control is to be part of an IM program, then there must be proof provided by Department biologists that population and human harvest goals are currently unmet, and that predation is a significant factor affecting population of the prey species, and that predator control is likely to help achieve population and human harvest goals.



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			<p>6. If an IM plan is to be inactive, then changing it from inactive to active must require prior public notice, and compliance with procedures set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act. Support because gives managers more information and tools to manage subunits. Support for reasons stated.</p>
57	Modify the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19		
Support	10	1	<p>One vote to Oppose because this a similar situation with 15C IM plan and without a current need there shouldn't be IM.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With only a few exceptions, aggressive predator control has been ineffective in terms of increasing populations of prey species and human harvest of caribou, moose, and sheep. 2. Intensive Game Management programs should not be approved unless the current circumstances indicate that population and human harvest goals are not being met: by current, I mean in the last year or two, or as reliably forecast by Department biologists for the next year or two. 3. If population and human harvest levels are currently within the Department's goals, then IM should not be approved. 4. If aerial or same day airborne predator control is to be part of an IM program, then duration should be one hunting season, i.e. fall through spring. That's all the time necessary to remove a large number of predators. 5. If aerial and same day airborne predatory control is to be part of an IM program, then there must be proof provided by Department biologists that population and human harvest goals are currently unmet, and that predation is a significant factor affecting population of the prey species, and that predator control is likely to help achieve population and human harvest goals. 6. If an IM plan is to be inactive, then changing it from inactive to active must require prior public notice, and compliance with procedures set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act. <p>Support because targets administration errors as identified.</p>
58	Authorize a Unit 19A predation control program		
Support	10	1	<p>Support because would increase harvest objectives and the population number objectives have been met. Oppose because this is a xerox of plans all over the State and violates 16 05 783(a).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With only a few exceptions, aggressive predator control has been ineffective in terms of increasing populations of prey species and human



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			<p>harvest of caribou, moose, and sheep.</p> <p>2. Intensive Game Management programs should not be approved unless the current circumstances indicate that population and human harvest goals are not being met: by current, I mean in the last year or two, or as reliably forecast by Department biologists for the next year or two.</p> <p>3. If population and human harvest levels are currently within the Department’s goals, then IM should not be approved.</p> <p>4. If aerial or same day airborne predator control is to be part of an IM program, then duration should be one hunting season, i.e. fall through spring. That’s all the time necessary to remove a large number of predators.</p> <p>5. If aerial and same day airborne predatory control is to be part of an IM program, then there must be proof provided by Department biologists that population and human harvest goals are currently unmet, and that predation is a significant factor affecting population of the prey species, and that predator control is likely to help achieve population and human harvest goals.</p> <p>6. If an IM plan is to be inactive, then changing it from inactive to active must require prior public notice, and compliance with procedures set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act.</p>
59	Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier		
Support	11	0	Support because it aligns with the school district’s start date and would give the opportunity for another weekend. Would suggest having the extra weekend in September. It is a highly regulated hunt and therefore not a resource concern.
60	Allow aerial wolf control in a portion of Unit 19C		
Support	10	1	See discussion on proposals 57 & 58. Opposed- there is no evidence that population goals are not being met.
61	Allow the take of wolves in Unit 19C the same day a person has been airborne and create an Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19C		
Support	10	1	Support because the quantity of wolf predator proposals from locals indicated there is a perceived problem that must be addressed. Suggest proposer split the ideas in the proposal into two proposals. One vote in opposition because there no evidence that population goals are not being met: 1. With only a few exceptions, aggressive predator control has been



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62	Establish an Intensive Management program for Unit 19C		
No action	--	--	See discussion on proposals 57 & 58.
63	Change the Unit 19C registration permit moose hunt RM653, to a drawing permit for nonresidents, issue up to 20 permits, and shorten the season to September 8-17		
Support	11	0	Support non-residents being removed from the hunt. As long as they keep RM653 resident #'s the same and hunt dates the same.
64	Change the Unit 19C moose hunts to a drawing hunt for both residents and nonresidents, and specify the number of permits available for residents, guided nonresidents, and nonguided nonresidents		
Oppose	0	11	Do not support residents going to a draw instead of harvest tickets. This reduces the opportunity. Do not like to codify the % of non-residents. Would support residents going to registration hunt if there is biological concern (?) but first, non-residents not be allowed to draw..
65	Reauthorize the Unit 19D Intensive Management Plan		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
66	Modify the moose hunting season dates and permit requirements in Unit 19D		



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No Action	--	--	
67	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
68	Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online		
No Action	--	--	
69	Allow hunters that hold registration moose permit RM682 in Unit 19 to be eligible to hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River drainage		
No Action	--	--	
70	Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel		
No Action	--	--	Opposed because are using the term 'resident' to mean local. If the intent is to be 'locals' only.
71	Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19		
No Action	--	--	
72	Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season		
No Action	--	--	
73	Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years		
Support	10	1	<p>We support the IM plan.</p> <p>One vote in opposition with comments below:</p> <p>The premise that these plans can be active for six years is unconstitutional. IM plans should be no longer than two years if they include aerial control and IM has been proven not to work under numerous studies and failed to achieve long term objectives. There is no opportunity for public process after the Board of Game approval of the IM plan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With only a few exceptions, aggressive predator control has been ineffective in terms of increasing populations of prey species and human harvest of caribou, moose, and sheep. 2. Intensive Game Management programs should not be approved unless the current circumstances indicate that population and human harvest goals are not being met: by current, I mean in the last year or two, or as reliably forecast by Department biologists for the next year or two. 3. If population and human harvest levels are currently within the Department's goals, then IM should not be approved. 4. If aerial or same day airborne predator control is to be part of an IM program, then duration should be one hunting season, i.e. fall through spring. That's all the time necessary to remove a large number of



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74	Require applicants for Unit 21E moose drawing hunt DM837 to provide a unique verification number when applying for that hunt		
No Action	--	--	
75	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
76	Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts		
Oppose	0	11	While we respect the guides livelihood has been impacted and we hope that the Board will get to a better solution, a blanket opening of unlimited sheep hunts is not biologically sound.
77	Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting		
Oppose	0	11	While we respect the guides livelihood has been impacted and we hope that the Board will get to a better solution, a blanket opening of unlimited sheep hunts is not biologically sound.
78	Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	11	While we respect the guides livelihood has been impacted and we hope that the Board will get to a better solution, a blanket opening of unlimited sheep hunts is not biologically sound.
79	Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters		
Oppose	0	11	While we respect the guides livelihood has been impacted and we hope that the Board will get to a better solution, a blanket opening of unlimited sheep hunts is not biologically sound.
80	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents		
Oppose	0	11	While we respect the guides livelihood has been impacted and we hope that the Board will get to a better solution, a blanket opening of



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			unlimited sheep hunts is not biologically sound.
81	Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	11	While we respect the guides livelihood has been impacted and we hope that the Board will get to a better solution, a blanket opening of unlimited sheep hunts is not biologically sound.
82	Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
Support	11	0	Support this in lieu of 76-81. Non-residents should be placed on a restricted draw hunt opportunity.
83	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed because this does not limit non-resident participation in an area that is over congested.
84	Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years as		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed because it reduces the opportunity of rams in ½ whereas the guides get to hunt every year.
85	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to eight-year-old rams		
Oppose	0	11	Overly complex. Would prefer to manage a species of conservation corner by first limiting non-residents before residents are forced to enter complex hunting stratification systems.
86	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to ten-year-old rams		
Oppose	0	11	Would prefer to manage a species of conservation concern by first limiting non-residents before residents are forced to enter complex hunting stratification systems.
87	Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	11	While we respect the guides livelihood has been impacted and we hope that the Board will get to a better solution, a blanket opening of unlimited sheep hunts is not biologically sound.
88	Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only		
Oppose	0	11	Support the idea of archery only seasons but oppose the proposal in particular addresses and incredibly large area which has large impacts the majority of rifle hunters.
89	Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	11	For now due to conservation concerns, the AC is opposed because this is



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			one of the most biologically risky actions to take where people take sub legal rams during a time when the population is on a cyclical low.
90	Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	11	For now due to conservation concerns, the AC is opposed because this is one of the most biologically risky actions to take where people take sub legal rams during a time when the population is on a cyclical low.
91	Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan		
Oppose	0	11	This AC opposes the procedural scheme proposed to approve decisions that will not be brought back to the ACs for full public participation. We would encourage the Board that any decisions they make on 19C include ACs inputs.
92	Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19		
Oppose	0	11	Would prefer to place all nonresident sheep on a draw before blanket closures. This AC is pro resident hunting but realize the need for further management but there are more management mechanisms to attempt prior to a blanket closure.
93	Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19C by opening the season on August 10		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated, like the localized conversation on locals perceiving a predator control problem, then would like to defer on their knowledge. Support to provide more opportunity during the sheep hunting season.
94	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season by opening the hunt in the fall on the same day as the sheep and caribou seasons and closing the hunt on June 30		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed because should give bears an opportunity to cub in peace. There is not enough closed season.
95	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C		
No Action	--	--	See proposal #94.
96	Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear hunting season by changing the start date to August 10.		
No Action	--	--	See proposal #93.
97	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season and increase the bag limit in Unit 19C		
No Action	--	--	See proposal #94.
98	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C by one month to align with Units 19A, 19D, and 19E		
No Action	--	--	See proposal #94.



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99	Open the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and nonresidents on August 10		
No Action	--	--	See proposal #93.
100	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19E to year-round		
No Action	--	--	See proposal #94. Support for reasons stated, like the localized conversation on locals perceiving a predator control problem especially when it involves precious salmon harvests, then would like to defer on their knowledge. Opposed because the DLP process is in place (and should be sufficient) for a reason and the bears need a break to continue their lifecycle.
101	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 19C, and to be taken at a bait site the same day a hunter has flown		
Support	8	3	This is a way to be super selective on the bears that are harvested, and this is truly out in the middle of nowhere. There is no change of dates. This allows for black bear hunters to take brown bears off existing bait stations. Bears will come back to the same station so making it same day save time and effort. Opposed because the distance requirements for brown bear baiting need to be increased for residences and populated areas. Also oppose of the concern about the growing amount of bear baiting in the state.
102	Open a fall bear bait season in Unit 19E		
No Action	--	--	See proposal #91.
103	Increase the bag limit for black bear in Units 19B and 19C from three to five		
No Action	--	--	
104	Remove the requirement for a general season black bear harvest ticket in Unit 19D		
Oppose	0	11	The Department needs data to properly monitor.
105	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21A		
Support	8	3	This is a way to be super selective on the bears that are harvested, and this is truly out in the middle of nowhere. There is no change of dates. This allows for black bear hunters to take brown bears off existing bait stations. Bears will come back to the same station so making it same day save time and effort. Opposed because it adds to the pressure on the bears during cubbing season.
106	Allow hunting of black and brown bear with the use of bait or scent lures in Unit 21E		
No Action	--	--	See proposal #105. This is a way to be super selective on the bears that are harvested, and



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			<p>this is truly out in the middle of nowhere. There is no change of dates. This allows for black bear hunters to take brown bears off existing bait stations.</p> <p>Opposed because it adds to the pressure on the bears during cubbing season.</p>
107	Open a fall brown/grizzly bear baiting season in Unit 21E		
No Action	--	--	See proposal #105.
108	Reactivate wolf control in a portion of Units 12, 20D, and 20E to benefit moose		
Support	7	4	<p>Oppose vote:</p> <p>The premise that these plans can be active for six years is unconstitutional in the opinion of one member. IM plans should be no longer than two years if they include aerial control and IM has been proven not to work under numerous studies and failed to achieve long term objectives. There is no opportunity for public process after the Board of Game approval of the IM plan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With only a few exceptions, aggressive predator control has been ineffective in terms of increasing populations of prey species and human harvest of caribou, moose, and sheep. 2. Intensive Game Management programs should not be approved unless the current circumstances indicate that population and human harvest goals are not being met: by current, I mean in the last year or two, or as reliably forecast by Department biologists for the next year or two. 3. If population and human harvest levels are currently within the Department’s goals, then IM should not be approved. 4. If aerial or same day airborne predator control is to be part of an IM program, then duration should be one hunting season, i.e. fall through spring. That’s all the time necessary to remove a large number of predators. 5. If aerial and same day airborne predatory control is to be part of an IM program, then there must be proof provided by Department biologists that population and human harvest goals are currently unmet, and that predation is a significant factor affecting population of the prey species, and that predator control is likely to help achieve population and human harvest goals. 6. If an IM plan is to be inactive, then changing it from inactive to active must require prior public notice, and compliance with procedures set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act. <p>Support for reasons stated, like the localized conversation on IM and if</p>



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			they are perceiving a predator control problem, then would like to defer on their knowledge.
109	Allow wolves to be taken in Unit 12 the same day a person has been airborne.		
Oppose	7	4	Support because this is how it's done in 19 and 20 (we think) and it's very hard to get a wolf by landing & hunting same day. Opposed because of the 1996 ballot initiative (16.05 783A) restricted same day airborne hunting unless there is an IM plan that is active.
110	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
111	Add an archery only, five-day season for residents and nonresidents in Unit 12		
Support	11	0	Support because it provides additional hunting opportunities.
112	Limit nonresident hunting of the Fortymile caribou herd		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated. There is a very high participation of non-resident hunters when hunting this herd. This will reduce the congestion along the highway and provide more opportunity for local hunters.
113	Close caribou hunting within ¼ mile or 100 yards of the Steese Highway above tree line on Eagle and Twelvemile summits in Unit 20		
Oppose	1	10	Support for reasons stated (promotes safety). Opposed because do not know if it is reasonable because do not know enough about the area. Opposed b/c are unclear of the definition of tree line.
114	Allow proxy hunting for caribou in Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F, and 24C registration hunts		
No Action	--	--	Do not know enough about the specifics to understand the intricacies of this area.
115	Require hunters taking Fortymile caribou to gut the animals in the field		
Support	11	0	Support because it is good practice to gut the animal in the field and not leave waste for the rest to see. This is an enforcement issue and needs to be taken up with the wildlife troopers.
116	Implement a non-intensive management predator control plan within the Tok Management Area to benefit Dall sheep		
Oppose	0	11	If the goal is predator control, the AC is unclear what 'non-intensive' management means and it unsure how the Board would regulate. This seems like it is liberalized hunting and trapping of predator. Would prefer to go through IM because IM opens up more opportunity for the Department. Violates AS 16.05 783A.
117	Allocate Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits		



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No Action	--	--	Do not know enough about the specifics to understand the intricacies of this area.
118	Allocate a portion of the Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits to archery only, or create a new archery only hunting the area		
No Action	--	--	Do not know enough about the specifics to understand the intricacies of this area.
119	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 12 for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested		
No Action	--	--	Do not know enough about the specifics to understand the intricacies of this area.
120	Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12		
No Action	--	--	Do not know enough about the specifics to understand the intricacies of this area.
121	Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12		
No Action	--	--	Do not know enough about the specifics to understand the intricacies of this area.
122	Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 12 and 20E by approximately six weeks to end on June 15		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because this is in the pupping season. May have supported if it were through the end of May instead.
123	Lengthen the wolf hunting season by approximately six weeks		
No Action	--	--	See proposal #122.
124	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 20E and 25B by two weeks, to close March 15		
No Action	--	--	Do not know enough about the specifics to understand the intricacies of this area.
125	Change all general season harvest ticket moose hunts in Unit 20D to a registration permit		
No Action	--	--	Do not know enough about the specifics to understand the intricacies of this area. We support the idea of the Department having more information on moose populations.
126	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
127	Expand the hunt area and change the bag limit for the Unit 20D youth moose hunt YM792, and eliminate the drawing hunt DM791		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed because eliminates opportunity. May have supported more opportunity for youth but do not like to limit overall opportunity by eliminating a draw.
128	Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt YM792 to one bull		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because believe that youth should be taught early on to hunt



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			appropriately. Youth get a head start on the animals already.
129	Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt YM792		
No Action	--	--	See proposal #128.
130	Award up to 10% of permits for DS203 and DS204 to nonresidents, and remove the allocation between guided and nonguided nonresident		
Oppose	0	11	Would prefer to manage a species of conservation concern by first limiting non-residents before residents are forced to enter complex hunting stratification systems.
131	Allocate 10% of the Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing permits to nonresidents		
Oppose	1	10	Opposed because AC would prefer to manage a species of conservation concern by first limiting non-residents before residents are limited. While we respect the guides livelihood has been impacted and we hope that the Board will get to a better solution. Support because the guiding lifestyle should not be eliminated and some allocation is appropriate to non residents. This proposal would also support unguided nonresidents to be able to hunt with Alaska residents.
132	Allocate 20% of the resident only late season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS204 to archery only		
Oppose	0	11	While we agree archery is less successful, this AC is opposed because this limits the opportunity for rifle hunting.
133	Allocate 20% of the resident only early season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS203 to archery only or create a new early season archery only hunt		
Oppose	0	11	While we agree archery is less successful, this AC is opposed because this limits the opportunity for rifle hunting.
134	Change the time frame for which a person can be awarded Mt. Harper sheep drawing permit DS206 in Units 20E and 20D, to one permit every four regulatory years or once per lifetime		
No Action	--	--	Do not know enough about the specifics to understand the intricacies of this area.
135	Close Mount Harper sheep drawing hunt DS206 in Units 20D and 20E, to nonresidents		
Oppose	2	9	Those opposed were because would prefer to manage species of conservation concern by first limiting non-residents before residents are limited. While we respect the guides livelihood has been impacted and we hope that the Board will get to a better solution. Support because the guiding lifestyle should not be eliminated and some allocation is appropriate to non residents.
136	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River, and require a registration permit		



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Oppose	0	11	Oppose because more data is needed and are opposed to opening it to baiting. See the brown bear management report and plan, game management unit 20D (Robert Schmit), published in 2021.
137	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in all of Unit 20		
No Action	--	--	See proposal #136.
138	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River		
No Action	--	--	See proposal #136.
139	Reduce the bag limit for taking caribou in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D and 26A to four caribou per year, only one of which may be a cow		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated. Would support & strongly suggest the Board consider this area becoming a Tier I hunt.
140	Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated. Would support & strongly suggest the Board consider this area becoming a Tier I hunt.
141	Close the youth sheep hunts in Units 24A and 25A		
Oppose	1	10	Support because of the aircraft spotting & because it is outside of the regular season. This could be an easy fix to extend the scouting prohibition but that is a hard sell to the state. Opposed because support youth hunting opportunities.
142	Change sheep hunting in portions of Units 24A and 25A to archery only		
No Action	--	--	Do not know enough about the specifics to understand the intricacies of this area.
143	Eliminate the extended season archery sheep hunts within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
Support	11	0	Support b/c it eliminates the extended season for sheep. Sheep are declining all over the state and need a break.
144	Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 24A and 26B and reduce the season		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
145	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
No Action	--	--	The department should consider taking this unit out of IM if there is an opportunity to have an any moose hunt. Do not want to slow the rate of population growth of moose.
146	Adopt an Intensive Management Program and implement wolf control on all state lands in Units 24A and 25A		



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Support	10	1	<p>Supported because support predator harvesting where needed in areas with declining caribou populations.</p> <p>Opposed because for 24B (which is not 24A but realize that, there is no data for 24A), moose density is larger than on surrounding state lands and the Refuge has a lower harvest of predators.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With only a few exceptions, aggressive predator control has been ineffective in terms of increasing populations of prey species and human harvest of caribou, moose, and sheep. 2. Intensive Game Management programs should not be approved unless the current circumstances indicate that population and human harvest goals are not being met: by current, I mean in the last year or two, or as reliably forecast by Department biologists for the next year or two. 3. If population and human harvest levels are currently within the Department’s goals, then IM should not be approved. 4. If aerial or same day airborne predator control is to be part of an IM program, then duration should be one hunting season, i.e. fall through spring. That’s all the time necessary to remove a large number of predators. 5. If aerial and same day airborne predatory control is to be part of an IM program, then there must be proof provided by Department biologists that population and human harvest goals are currently unmet, and that predation is a significant factor affecting population of the prey species, and that predator control is likely to help achieve population and human harvest goals. . 6. If an IM plan is to be inactive, then changing it from inactive to active must require prior public notice, and compliance with procedures set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act.
147	Allow hunters to take wolves in Units 24 and 25 the same day they have been airborne		
Support	7	4	<p>Support because this is how it’s done in 19 and 20 (we think) and it’s very hard to get a wolf by landing & shooting.</p> <p>Opposed because of the 1996 ballot initiative (16.05 783A) restricted same day airborne hunting unless there is an IM plan that is active.</p>
148	Create a predator control program for wolves in Units 24A and 25A		
Support	6	5	<p>Opposed because of the 1996 ballot initiative (16.05 783A) restricted same day airborne hunting unless there is an IM plan that is active. The two relevant statutes need to be complied with.</p> <p>Those in support were for reasons stated by proposer and because multiple similar proposals from this area highlight a legitimate concern.</p>



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149	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Units 24 and the remainder of 25 by one month, to open October 1		
No Action	--	--	Do not know enough about the specifics to understand the intricacies of this area.
150	Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 24 and 25		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed because it gets into the denning season.
151	Increase the hunting bag limit for wolves in Units 24 and 25		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed for reasons stated.
152	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Units 24C and 24D, and open a fall bait season in Units 21B and 24B		
Oppose	0	11	Combo proposal.
153	Lengthen the wolverine hunting and trapping seasons in Unit 21 by one month to end on April 30		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because they will be in denning and need protection.
154	Change the bag limit for caribou in the Remainder of Unit 26B		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because should not liberalize the caribou hunting on this herd.
155	Increase resident caribou hunting opportunity in Unit 26B Remainder		
Oppose	3	8	Oppose because should not liberalize the caribou hunting on this herd. If the Board considers an increase in harvest of this herd, should be open to residents only. Any increase in harvest should be modest and incremental. Support b/c don't think that 5 cows should be taken.
156	Change the nonresident caribou hunt in Unit 26B Remainder to a drawing hunt or registration hunt with a limited number of permits available		
No Action	--	--	Do not know enough about the specifics to understand the intricacies of this area.
157	Change the Unit 26A and Unit 26B muskox hunt area boundaries to match federal hunt boundaries, and expand the state hunt areas		
No Action	--	--	Do not know enough about the specifics to understand the intricacies of this area.
158	Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 25A, 26B, and 26C		
Support	9	2	Support because would be a mechanism to reduce harvest because sheep numbers are decreasing and Federal Managers (mostly ANWR) don't have the tools to reduce harvest without closing it entirely. The fed issue concessions for 10 years which is too long and unless feds can open the concession (which they currently can't), harvest can be too high. It needs to be limited but 7 permits is a strange number and needs to be clarified & considered for appropriateness.



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			Oppose because want more information, not familiar with the area and the proposal is confusing.
159			Open a resident only archery only hunt for sheep in the Eastern Brooks Range Management Area with aircraft restrictions, and modify the existing youth hunt in the same area
No Action	--	--	Combo proposal. Do not know enough about the specifics to understand the intricacies of this area.
160			Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only
Support	11	0	Support because thought it would be a good idea to have an archery-only season but didn't know which of the areas within ANWR would be best.
161			Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only
No Action	--	--	See 160
162			Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only
No Action	--	--	See 160
163			Align salvage requirements for caribou in Units 25B, 25C, and 25D with Unit 25A to require meat of caribou remain on the bone when harvested prior to October 1
Oppose	0	10	Alignment between sub-units is preferred BUT in areas where hunting is 5+ miles away from the road there are concerns about waste if hunters can't bone-out in order to carry full animal in 1 trip; 1 abstention
164			Require the liver, heart, and tongue of moose and caribou harvested in Units 25 to be salvaged
No Action	--	--	
165			Create an intensive management plan for reducing wolves in Unit 25D
Support	10	1	Oppose because violates AK Statue 1605.783A ; seek more information from ADFG on numbers. 1. With only a few exceptions, aggressive predator control has been ineffective in terms of increasing populations of prey species and human harvest of caribou, moose, and sheep. 2. Intensive Game Management programs should not be approved unless the current circumstances indicate that population and human harvest goals are not being met: by current, I mean in the last year or two, or as reliably forecast by Department biologists for the next year or two. 3. If population and human harvest levels are currently within the Department's goals, then IM should not be approved. 4. If aerial or same day airborne predator control is to be part of an IM program, then duration should be one hunting season, i.e. fall through spring. That's all the time necessary to remove a large number of predators.



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			<p>5. If aerial and same day airborne predatory control is to be part of an IM program, then there must be proof provided by Department biologists that population and human harvest goals are currently unmet, and that predation is a significant factor affecting population of the prey species, and that predator control is likely to help achieve population and human harvest goals.</p> <p>6. If an IM plan is to be inactive, then changing it from inactive to active must require prior public notice, and compliance with procedures set forth in the Administrative Procedures Act.</p> <p>Support because aerial wolf control is most precise form of predator control available.</p> <p>1 abstention</p>
166	Establish trapping seasons for black and brown/grizzly bears and allow black and brown/grizzly bears to be taken by bucket snares in Unit 25D		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because feel inhumane; concern about habituating to more bait
167	Lengthen the season dates for Unit 26B nonresident drawing brown bear hunt DB987 by opening the season two weeks earlier, on August 10		
Support	8	3	Support because add opportunity for sheep and caribou hunters; makes conflict bears legal bears, not DLP. Opposed because no biologically demonstrated reason to extend the season.
168	Lengthen the Unit 26B brown bear hunting seasons within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area for residents and nonresidents		
Oppose	0	11	Opposed because allows hunting into the cubbing season; request is going too late into the season; okay with backing up into August but don't want to go almost year-round
169	Remove the resident registration permits RB988 and RB989 for brown bear in Unit 26B		
Support	11	0	Support because Department comments seemed convincing, was not increasing season length or bag limit
170	Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Unit 25A by two weeks to close on April 15		
Oppose	0	11	Oppose because extends trapping season into denning season ; feel wolverine population is low
171	Change all general season harvest ticket hunts to registration permits for moose in Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F and 25C		
Support	11	0	Support because best way for agency to closely monitor the hunt and get better information
172	Create a muzzleloader only moose hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 20A		



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Oppose	0	11	Oppose because too long a season, could go out in winter on snowmachine with easy access; don't like muzzleloader-only seasons because too close in capability to rifles, feel should be with rifle hunters
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
174	Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
No Action	--	--	
175	Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
No Action	--	--	
176	Reduce the nonresident moose bag limit in portions of Unit 20B, and eliminate nonresident moose hunting opportunity in portions of Unit 20B		
Support	11	0	We agree with the proposal reasoning, non-residents have opportunity and don't need meat hunts that Alaskans rely on
177	Extend the current moose season in Unit 20B Remainder by five days for certified bowhunters only		
Support	10	1	Support for dedicated bow-hunt with no conservation concern. This extends in line with surrounding areas or into the rut. It is a really wooded area and difficult to hunt. There is a large part of 20B that is bow only already. Oppose because would extend into rut season, would be supportive if season were earlier; don't want to extend season.
178	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
179	Shift the moose season dates in Unit 20B		
Oppose	0	11	Not sufficient justification to move the season
180	Change the allocation of permits for Delta caribou hunt DC827 in Unit 20A		
Support	11	0	Regarding the history of this proposal, this AC believes in the public process and strongly opposes use of board generated proposals for non-emergencies, and amendments to public submitted proposals that result in an opposite goal from the submitter
181	Allow nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 20A by drawing permit only		
Support	11	0	Support because controls participation from nonresidents, sheep are in a bad place and a cap on permits is merited, Unit 20 is where unit 19C was five years ago when we asked for nonresidents to go on a draw, delayed long enough that had to shut it down entirely
182	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A, 20B, and 25C for residents and nonresidents by two weeks to close on June 15		



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Oppose	0	11	Oppose pending more information on bear population; other believe too long a season into cubbing, seek more info on why authors want bears to be harvested
183	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by two weeks to close on June 15		
No Action	--	--	See 182
184	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by three weeks to open August 10		
No Action	--	--	See 182
185	Extend the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A and Unit 20B Remainder to close on June 30, to align with the rest of Unit 20		
No Action	--	--	See 182
186	Close a portion of Unit 20C to wolf hunting and trapping		
Support	8	3	Support: Allocation issue where preference of 400,000 wildlife viewers is being rivaled by a few trappers each year; longest-standing wolf study area in the US, Denali caribou herd is the only protected area and the Stampede Road is between the parks and the caribou- with trapping the crossing corridor for wolves is jeopardized Oppose: Don't want to limit opportunity; allocation of users has already been taken into consideration with the Stampede as the compromise; wolf already has enough protection.
187	Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Units 20A, 20B, 20D, and 20F by two weeks to align with 20C		
No Action	--	--	Don't know the area
188	Open beaver trapping in a portion of Unit 20B		
No Action	--	--	Don't know the area
189	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. 1 abstain.
190	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	10	0	Support for reasons stated. 1 abstain.
191	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
192	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
193	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C .		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
194	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E		



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Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
195	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
196	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
Support	10	1	Oppose because moose hunting in populated areas in/around Anchorage should be reduced not increased. Support for reasons stated and because antlerless hunt is best and most controlled way to manage moose population in an urban area.
197	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
198	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
199	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.
200	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
Support	11	0	Support for reasons stated.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Willow Hetrick and Nichole Schmitt
Minutes Approved By: Kevin Taylor
Date: 2/6/2024



BETHEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

ADFG BETHEL OFFICE

February 20, 2024; 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER: 18:33

ROLL CALL/ ESTABLISHED QUORUM: *Present:* Sam Hancock, Alissa Nadine Rogers, Lucinda Alexie, Mike Glore, Jeremy Brink, Seth Madole, Travis Burks, Cole Nance, Kara Domnick; *Excused:* Mike Riley, Jon LaValle, Robert Hoffman, Rafe Johnson

INVOCATION: Moment of Silence

ELECTIONS: *Savannah Hollingworth, ADFG Board Coordinator* (Nomination Undesignated Seats: Alissa Nadine Rogers, John LaValle. Closed, Unanimous Passed.), (Nomination Alternate Seats: Rafe Johnson. Closed, Unanimous Passed.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2nd- Jeremy Brink

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Motion- Alissa Nadine Rogers, 2nd- Jeremy Brink

CHAIRMAN REPORT: *Board of Game Report:* Mr. Glore attended the meeting, the only proposal that did not pass is the caliber proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alaska Board of Game: Interior and Northeast Arctic Region Alaska Department of Fish & Game [GMU: 12,19,20,21,24,25,26B &C] <u>McGrath Area- Unit 19, 21A and 21E</u> March 15-22, 2024; Pike's Waterfront Lodge, Fairbanks, AK			
<i>Proposals No.</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>Oppose</i>	<i>Proposal Description:</i>
53	Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
Opposed	1 Alissa Nadine Rogers, Following the support of the other AC's.	8	Motion to Support- Mike Glore 2 nd - Lucinda Alexie Discussion/ Justification: Subsistence Division is going to take lead on this proposal. If it is below 175 it will be in the Tier II hunt that sets the bar. 175- 300, different hunt structure, registration hunt. Over 300, general and non-resident hunters. The harvest can be supported by removal of the Tier II hunt. If the harvest gets too high, it is easy to adjust the number of permits that can be issued. The harvest is not even at the range of moose that are available. Harvestable surplus since 2020, ADFG issues 200-300 permits (Tier II), maintained 200, Feds issue up to 100 permits. Moose population is increasing, ADFG can and will issue more and up to 300 permits. Question called; Opposed: 7 Support: 1; Absent: 2; Opposed



54				Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19			
Support	9	0	<p>Motion to Support- Mike Glore 2nd- Lucinda Alexie</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: The BOG will be putting numbers regardless of support or opposition to this proposal.SHAC- No longer wants ANS, they want to be lumped back in Unit 19.</p> <p>Question called; <i>Support, Unanimously Supported.</i></p>				
58				Authorize a Unit 19A predation control program			
Oppose	0	9	<p>Moose population is growing, predation control is not needed.</p>	<p>Motion to Support- Mike Glore 2nd- Seth Madole</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: ADFG proposal was submitted by the AC's. ADFG is neutral. ADFG would like an IM in the Aniak area. This is a board generated proposal. This would be more focused on Moose than Caribou. Regardless of the wolf population it is not affecting the Moose population growth.</p> <p>Question called; <i>Opposed, Unanimously Opposed.</i></p>			
59				Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier			
Support as Amended; Lengthen the season to September 25	9	0	<p>Motion to Support- Jeremy Brink 2nd- Travis Burks</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: Current season is September 1- 20. BAC wanted to extend the season longer. It is too hot late in the season of August to avoid it spoiling. Extra 5 days at the end of September when the rut will be in season and success rate will be hire without spoilage.</p> <p>Motion to Amend: (Lengthen the season to September 25) Michael Glore, 2nd- Seth Madole</p> <p>Question called; <i>Support Amendment & as a Whole; Unanimously Approved</i></p>				
208				Lengthen the moose hunting season in Unit 19E by five days; allow proxy hunting, and eliminate the restriction of one permit per household as follows:			
Support as Amended; Lengthen the moose hunting to 5 days, remove the language: Proxy hunting and 1 permit per house hold	9	0	<p>Motion to Support- Mike Glore 2nd- Jeremy Brink</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: This will give better opportunity to hunt and issue more permits. This will open opportunity for everyone. BAC is more about extending the season, if they just increased the hunting season there will be potential for more harvest. The upper Kuskokwim AC's would like to open the opportunity, but do not want to open the flood gates to this hunting opportunity. Permits are open to all Alaskans at this point in Unit 19E, but are restricted via regulations and board findings.</p> <p>Motion to Amend: (Lengthen the moose hunting to 5 days only, removing the language "allow proxy hunting, and eliminate the restriction of one permit per household.")- Travis Burks, 2nd- Mike Glore</p>				



			Question called; <u>Support as Amended & as a Whole;</u> <u>Unanimous</u>
68	Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online.		
Support as Amended; Allow RM682 to limit to 10 online	5 Sam Hancock, Mike Glore, Jeremy Brink, Travis Burks, Kara Domnick	4 Alissa Rogers, Lucinda Alexie, Seth Madole, Cole Nance,	Motion to Support- Travis Burks 2 nd - Mike Glore Motion to Amend: (Allow RM682 to limit to 10 online) Mike Glore, 2 nd - Travis Burks Discussion/ Justification: Hunters on the Kuskokwim have more opportunity to obtain permits. This would open it up to lower Kuskokwim villages. Question called; <u>Support Amendment & as a Whole; Support: 5; Opposed 4; Absent 2.</u>
69	Allow hunters that hold registration moose permit RM682 in Unit 19 to be eligible to hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River.		
Support	8	0	Motion to Support- Travis Burks 2 nd - Mike Glore Motion to Amend: (Allow RM682 to limit to 10 online) Mike Glore, 2 nd - Travis Burks Discussion/ Justification: "Families in the area should be able to hunt in the other areas and shouldn't be punished to be restricted from hunting in other areas." ADFG advised the BAC that the justification given in the above statement was the opposite rationale of this proposal. ADFG- Neutral, allocative. Most hunters from this area locally use this permit. They also have 2 other hunts they can participate in. Question called; <u>Supported; Support: 8, Abstain: 1; Absent: 2</u>
70	Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel		
Support	7	1	Motion to Support- Travis Burks 2 nd - Mike Glore Discussion/ Justification: It will give more access for other hunters to travel to Bethel to obtain hunting permits. (No identification on record for who had opposed or justification.) Question called; <u>Supported; Support: 7; Oppose: 1; Absent: 3</u>
71	Eliminate the Holitna- Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19		
Support	7	1 Lucinda Alexie, The geography is different.	Motion to Support- Travis Burks 2 nd - Mike Glore Justification: The area is closed to use of any boat motor with access of manufacture review 40 horse power for taking big game including transportation of big game hunters and gear; or parts of the big game from Aug 1-Nov 1. However this prohibition doesn't apply to the transportation into the area of game meat that has been processed for human consumption. You can't go up there during that time with to process big game meat with a 40



			<p>horse. It was a crowding issue in this area and to reduce this overpopulation this restriction was put in. After a two years and everyone had 40 horse, it was crowded again. There are Moose harvest opportunities all along the Kuskokwim. This area would receive no additional pressure. There are other ways to manage moose population. The HHCUA Causes undo economic strain for communities along the Kuskokwim.</p> <p>Question called; <i>Supported; Support: 7; Oppose: 1; Absent: 3</i></p>
72	Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season.		
Support	7	1	<p>Motion to Support- Mike Glore 2nd- Travis Burks</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: 40 horse power with restrictions, it will give those to hunt the whole month of Sept. Those outboards with over 40 will have 10 days to hunt. Troopers can do another check station, if they wanted to. With current restrictions, hunting bear is prohibited.</p> <p>Question called; <i>Supported; Support 7; Opposed 1; Absent: 3</i></p>
98	Lengthen the brown/ grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C by one month to align with Units 19A, 19D, and 19E.		
Support	8	0	<p>Motion to Support- Jeremy Brink 2nd- Michael Glore</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: With the current season in regulation, this will affect Unit 19C, which is Alaska Range that is only accessible by aircraft. The current regulations already stipulate that the season is open all winter long. This proposal will open the season earlier, Sep 1- Jun 30. This will allow for more opportunity when bears are awake, this will not affect hibernation.</p> <p>ADFG- Support, no conservation concerns with brown bears and gives opportunity.</p> <p>Abstain: Alissa Nadine Rogers</p> <p>Question called; <i>Supported; Support 8; Abstain: 1; Absent 2</i></p>
99	Open the brown/ grizzly bear hunting season in unit 19C for resident and nonresident on August 10		
			<p>Motion to Support- Travis Burks 2nd- Michael Glore</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: This proposal will add only the additional days, but will still end in May.</p> <p>Question called; <i>No Action/ Table; due to action taken on prior proposal.</i></p>
100	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19E to year-round.		
Support	8	0	<p>Motion to Support- Jeremy Brink 2nd- Travis Burks</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: This proposal sounds to be a predator control effort, ADFG had reformed that this wasn't the case of this proposal. This proposal is to support folks who are at fish</p>



			<p>camp and bears have destroyed their fish camp. The shooter had to skin the necessary parts and turn it into ADFG. This proposal will allow folks at camps (year round) to allow them to keep the bears they had shot at camp; protecting their camps.</p> <p>Abstain: Alissa Nadine Rogers</p> <p>Question called; <i>Supported; Support 8; Abstain: 1; Absent 2</i></p>
103	Increase the bag limit for black bear in units 19B and 19C from three to five.		
Support	8	0	<p>Motion to Support- Mike Glore 2nd- Jeremy Brink</p> <p>Discussion/ Justification: To open this up to 3-5 bears to align with other units.</p> <p>Abstain: Alissa Nadine Rogers</p> <p>Question called; <i>Supported; Support 8; Abstain: 1; Absent 2</i></p>
104	Remove the requirement for a general season black bear harvest ticket in Unit 19D		
Support	7	1	<p>(Unknown) Motion was made on the floor and no second at this time. BAC went into discussion.</p> <p>Discussion: Currently this regulation in 19D was a hold over of Intensive Predator Control Program that was put in historic place. The current harvest tickets have become obsolete with no collective biological or scientific data. There is a corporate incentive for harvested bears to get sealed. Unfortunately, these tickets expire on June 30. The issue of ADFG is expired harvest tickets, which is a housekeeping and simplification item for hunters.</p> <p>(Unknown 2nd)</p> <p>Justification: <i>Please refer to discussion prior to 2nd of the motion</i></p> <p>Abstain: Lucinda Alexie</p> <p>Question called; <i>Supported; Support 7; Oppose: 1; Abstain: 1; Absent 2</i></p>

Representative: Kara Domnick: Jeremy Brink, Alternate (Pending)

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 @ 6:30PM; Joint Board

Adjourn: 8:34 PM

Meeting Minutes By: _____

Alissa Nadine Rogers

Approved By: 

Chairman Sam Hancock



Central Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 19th, Beginning at 12:00 PM, 2023
In Person at the Aniak Traditional Council, Community Hall Rd., Aniak, AK

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Call to order: *Chair, Nick Kameroff.*

- I. **Invocation/ Moment of Silence**
- II. **Welcome and Introductions:** *Chair, Nick Kameroff.*

	<u>Aniak</u> Nick Kameroff	<u>Aniak</u> Allen Simeon	<u>Chuathbaluk</u> Teresa Simeon-Hunter	<u>Chuathbaluk</u> Patricia Yaska	<u>Crooked Creek</u> Denny Thomas Jr.	<u>Crooked Creek</u> Tim Zuakar	<u>Lower Kalskag</u> Walter Morgan
Present	X	X	X				X
By Teleconference					X	X	
Absent				X			
	<u>Lower Kalskag</u> Darlene Heckman	<u>Upper Kalskag</u> No rep	<u>Upper Kalskag</u> No rep	<u>Undesignated</u> Doris Allain	<u>Undesignated</u> Chad John	<u>Alternate</u> Rebecca Wilmarth	<u>Alternate</u> Ricky Ciletti
Present					X		
By Teleconference				X			
Absent	X					X	X

- III. **Roll Call**
 - a. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6; with 10 members
 - b. 8 members in attendance. Quorum established
- IV. **Welcome and Introductions:** *Chair, Nick Kameroff*
 - a. ADFG: Dave Runfola, Chuck Brazil, Josh Pierce
 - b. Other Agency Staff: YKDNR-Laurie Boeck, AWT-Sam Thorvilson
 - c. Members of the public: Rachel Donkersloot
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** Allen, Chad. Approved.
- VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** From April 13th, 2023- Allen, Chad. Approved
- VII. **Reports**
 - a. Chair’s report Nick Kameroff welcomed everyone and told them about the bison meeting he had attended. The bison are not ready to hunt yet.
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. Fisheries Reports- Dave Runfola and Chuck Brazil gave report on Kuskokwim salmon runs and assessment projects.
 - ii. Wildlife Reports – Josh Peirce gave report on moose surveys in 19 A and E and harvest numbers from the Teir II hunt.
 - iii. Board Support Section Reports – Savannah Hollingworth updated members on terms and what elections need to be completed. She also talked about the Joint



Board meeting coming up. Savannah reported that Nick Kameroff had written a letter to the Department of Administration commissioner about per diem and a stipend and that it had been sent.

- VIII. Public Comment – Rachel Donkersloot spoke about North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and the Board of Fisheries. There were some questions about the Board of Fish trying to incorporate Traditional Knowledge. Savannah offered to email information.
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business –
 - a. Board of Game Western Arctic/ Western Region Proposals
 - b. Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Proposals
 - c. Joint Board Proposals

Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals			
January 26-29, 2024 Kotzebue, 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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9	Liberalize the bag limit for moose in Unit 18.		
Support	7	0	Allen made a motion, 2 nd by Walter.
10	Liberalize the moose bag limit in Unit 18 Kuskokwim hunt area.		
Support	7	0	Allen made a motion, 2 nd by Teresa
11	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18.		
Support	7	0	Teresamade a motion, 2 nd by Allen.
12	Establish a minimum caliber requirement for hunting moose in Unit 18.		
Support	6	0	Out of concern for wounded animals. 1 Abstention
14	Open a hunt for muskox in a portion of Unit 18, with permits available to residents only, made available in communities closest to the herd.		
NA			



16	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 18 by one month to end on April 30.		
Support	6	1	Predator control measure
17	Increase the brown bear bag limit in Unit 18.		
Support	6	0	Doris Allain was unable to stay connected

Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-22, 2024 | Fairbanks, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
48	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	6	0	Allen made a motion, 2 nd by Chad
49	Clarify which rivers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C are major rivers for the purposes of bear baiting		
Support	6	0	Teresa made a motion, 2 nd by Chad
50	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15		
Support	6	0	
52	Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers with a trapping license in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
Support	6	0	Teresa made a motion, 2 nd by Allen With the limited light this time of year it would be a boon.
53	Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
Support	6	0	Walter made a motion, 2 nd by Teresa This is our proposal. This is only for a nested ANS for 19A, remove 19E.
54	Review the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
Support	6	0	For 19E. We would like to support the SHAC on their proposal.
56	Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E		



Support	6	0	Walter made a motion, 2 nd by Denny
57	Modify the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19		
Support	6	0	Teresa made a motion, 2 nd by Chad
58	Authorize a Unit 19A predation control program		
Support	6	0	Chad made a motion, 2 nd by Allen
59	Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier		
Support	6	0	Our proposal. Motion made by Chad, 2 nd by Teresa
208	Lengthen the moose hunting season in Unit 19E by five days; allow proxy hunting, and eliminate the restriction of one permit per household		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Teresa, 2 nd by Denny Denny said this would keep the hunt more local compared to the other proposals that address this hunt. Moose in the area are still low.
68	Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online		
Oppose	0	6	Motion made by Teresa, 2 nd by Walter For a long time you didn't see any moose in that area although it was once one of the most dense moose populations. The moose are just starting to come back. The current regulations effectively keep the hunt small and mostly local people from Red Devil, Sleetmute, and Stony are able to get the permit easily.
69, 70, 71, 72	Allow hunters that hold registration moose permit RM682 in Unit 19 to be eligible to hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River drainage Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19 Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season		
No Action	Did not vote but discussed the RM682 hunt and 19E	Based on the action taken on Proposal 208. These proposals are all targeting the same hunt area. The Central Kuskokwim AC would prefer Proposal 208, over these other proposals that would make the hunt more accessible. Proposal 208 opens up the hunt gradually and we prefer that solution over these other proposals, at least for now.	
73	Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Walter, 2 nd by Chad
74	Require applicants for Unit 21E moose drawing hunt DM837 to provide a unique verification number when applying for that hunt		



Support	6	0	Motion made by Walter, 2 nd by Teresa
75	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Walter, 2 nd by Teresa
93-107	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19E to year-round Proposals that address bear hunting regulations in GMUs 19 & 21		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Denny, 2 nd by Walter We support all of these proposals as a means of predator control but would like to see consistency in the regs between these bordering areas.

Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting

March 25-28, 2024 | Anchorage, 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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2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
Support	6	0	
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Teresa, 2 nd by Walter Secretaries and all AC members should be paid for their time. Any person willing and able to be the secretary whether male or female can be a secretary.
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
No Action	Rural villages have a different dynamic. It is hard to get people to participate and hard to find people willing to fill these seats. If this passes, rural villages need to be exempt due to the lack of public participation.		
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
No Action	It is hard to find people who do not eat fish and game in the villages. This should fall on the communities themselves.		
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
No Action	If a community attempts to hold an election but fails to elect a member they should then		



	be able to appoint someone to represent them.		
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Walter, 2 nd by Chad
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
Support	6	0	
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
Support	6	0	Motion made by Teresa, 2 nd by Denny

- XI. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - a. Motion made for the chair to select attendance made by Walter Morgan and seconded by Chad John
- XII. Set next meeting date – March by call of the chair.
- XIII. Other – Teir II App process proposal to be written by Walter Morgan
- XIV. Adjourn – 5:40 PM



10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
No Action	It is hard to find people who do not eat fish and game in the villages. This should fall on the communities themselves.		
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
No Action	If a community attempts to hold an election but fails to elect a member they should then be able to appoint someone to represent them.		
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
Support	6	0	Walter, Chad
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
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Support	6	0	Teresa, Denny

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Approved By: *Nick Farnsworth*

Date: 1-29-24



**Copper Basin Advisory Committee
February 8, 2025
Glennallen High School Library**

I. Call to Order: 5:08 by Alysia Hancock

II. Roll Call

No.	First Name	Last Name	Profile	Designated Seat	Term Expires	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Alysia	Hancock	Chair	Copper Center	6/30/2023	present
2	Karen	Linnell	Vice Chair	Glennallen	6/30/2023	present
3	Sarah	Galt	Secretary	Kenny Lake	6/30/2024	excused
4	David	Bruss		Chitina	6/30/2023	Stepping down
5	Chuck	McMahan		Gakona/Gulkana	6/30/2023	present
6	Don	Horrell		Tazlina	6/30/2023	Stepping down
7	Brad	Henspeter		Copper Center	6/30/2024	excused
8	Mercedes	Knighten		Glennallen	6/30/2024	excused
9	James	Horrell		Tazlina	6/30/2024	Present
10	Greg	Parish		Undesignated	6/30/2024	present
11	Nick	Jackson		Gakona/Gulkana	6/30/2026	excused
12	Jim	Odden		Lake Louise	6/30/2026	present
13	Dave	Sarafin		Tazlina	6/30/2026	present
14	Kirk	Wilson		Undesignated	6/30/2026	present

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: AITRC, Ahtna, NPS

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mark Somerville, Jack Cornish, a few others (personal). Heidi Hatcher was sick and could not attend in person, she did get Alysia documents to hand out and made herself available if we wanted to call her to discuss anything. The AC decided to move forward in commenting on proposals as they are due March 1.

IV. Guests Present: none, other public

V. Approval of Agenda

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Last meeting minutes from 2/13/2023 have already been approved.

VII. Reports



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

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

- Advisory Committee Elections for June 2023 expired seats and June 2024 Seats
 - Appoint Community Designated and Alternate Seats:

Copper Center:	Alysia Hancock and Wade Samspon
Tazlina:	Jim Horrell and Bob Cyr
Glennallen	Karen Linnell and Starr Knighten
Kenny Lake	Sarah Gallt
Chitina	Mike Willard
Gakona	Chuck McMahan
Undesignated	Greg Parish

- **Election of Officers:**

Chair – Alysia Hancock was nominated by Jim Odin. Unanimous consent was called. Alysia Hancock is Chair.

Vice Chair – Karen Linnell was nominated by Kurt Wilson. Unanimous consent was called. Karen Linnell is Vice Chair.

Secretary – After discussion, Sarah Gallt was nominated. Unanimous consent was called. Sarah Gallt is the Secretary.

- Board of Game Proposals: antlerless moose reauthorization, brown bear no tag reauthorization, see comments below. Alysia, Dave, Wade, Greg, Karen, James, Robert, Mike, Jim, Kirk present (Chuck was excused to leave)
- GMU 12 comments on proposals of any we are interested in, see comments below Alysia, Dave, Wade, Greg, Karen, James, Robert, Mike, Jim, Kirk present (Chuck was excused to leave)
- Any other items as needed.

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Alysia Hancock or Karen Linnell. Bob Cyr may also come.

XII. Set next meeting date: March 11, 2024 @ 5:00 pm Write fish proposals and review joint board proposals. Add agenda items: Mark Miller NPS talk about Copper River salmon and potential fish proposals, Also, would like to maybe do proposals to federal sub. Fisheries board.



Planning April 6 (pending school approval for venue) to write GMU 13 proposals. Heidi Hatcher will be also be at this meeting to discuss Nelchina caribou and anything else that comes up.

XIII. Other: **Recognition: Don Horrell** is stepping down from the Copper Basin Fish and Game Advisory Committee. He said it’s time for others to get involved, he has served his time. Don served on this board since 1978 (per fish and game records, he told me he joined in 1974). He served as Chair person representing us in front of the Alaska Board of Game for 20+ years until Chuck McMahan stepped into that role. Don has served and provided us with a wealth of local knowledge on fish and game in the area. He will continue to be a resource for myself (Alysia) to consult with on all matters Copper Basin not just fish and game matters. I will miss his presence at our meetings, his thoughtful Insite and his historical knowledge of our area, we may not have agreed on everything but he was always open to hear other people’s perspectives and make an informed vote. Thank you for 44+ years of dedicated service to the Copper Basin Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

XIV.

Adjourn

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43	Change all general season sheep harvest tickets in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C to registration permits, and allow hunters to obtain a registration permit once every two years		
Oppose		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We don’t like to group this many units in a proposal, Good concept to address conservation concern, but grouping all these units with varied climate, terrain, other factors that would end up affecting all these units is not good.



Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-22, 2024 | Fairbanks, AK

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What if you don't kill then you will still be precluded every two years. • Will this end up affecting Federal subsistence also? • This talks about tickets and not harvest.
44	Reduce the sheep bag limit for resident hunters in Units 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B and 26C to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
support	9	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvest ticket, easier to manage • We don't like to group this many units in a proposal: to many varied factors for each unit: terrain, climate, other... • We feel this would be good for unit 12. We are speaking for unit 12 only. We don't like to make decisions on GMUs outside of our area. • Full curl horn one every 2 years • One member wants it to be every four, so will vote against, due to the sheep populations • This should apply to State Hunt only? General season tags do not apply to federal tags.
45	Reduce the Unit 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C sheep bag limit for residents to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years		
oppose	1	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvest ticket, easier to manage • We don't like to group this many units in a proposal: to many varied factors for each unit: terrain, climate, other... • Full curl horn one every 2 years • Given level of decline of sheep, people usually hunt with 2 people so usually you share meat with that person, that would help with the declining populations
46	Change all sheep hunting in Units 12, 19, and 20 to drawing permit only for residents and nonresidents, with a set allocation of permits between user groups		
oppose		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drawing only. 20% to NR- assigned by Guide Use area. NR must have guide. • Once a drawing hunts is applied it is hard to go back. • We do NOT want a DRAW only hunt.



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47	Allow proxy hunting for bison in Units 12, 19 and 20		
oppose		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> no bison in 12 now, if they need a hunt later bring it back up. We feel this is in preparation to re-introduction of bison in unit 12 Sportsman opportunity, can share meat, no need for proxy
48	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
support	10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gives more people opportunity without having to worry about if they have their tag with them..., lots of bears.
49	Clarify which rivers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C are major rivers for the purposes of bear baiting		
oppose		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This makes it complicated, fish and game can't be the one to identify every major river All rivers vary in width, bears can swim across rivers. we feel the bear baits should be 1 mile away from a cabin, Keep a mile away, it is not that far. 1 mile away is good. Don't want to close to people's cabins
50	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15		
oppose		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Push to late for marten going to end of March 15, March may be to close to when they have kits, worried about mothers and young kits, Don't like lumping units, different weather, snow conditions. Cookie cutter approach doesn't work. Weather can shift back to colder sooner and warmer later (just because that is the weather now doesn't mean it will stay this way).
51	Align muskrat trapping seasons with beaver trapping seasons in Units 19, 20 (except 20E), 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
52	Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers with a trapping license in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
oppose		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You would see a heat signature and get rid of fair chase you can use artificial light already,



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • auto finder scopes • this will start a trend to use for other animals later or in other areas. • We don't want to see this for furbearers, we would be ok if only for squirrels or other invasives • We don't like to group this many units in a proposal: to many varied factors for each unit: terrain, climate, other...
53			Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19
54			Review the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19
55			Establish a positive Intensive Management finding for moose in Unit 19C
56			Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E
57			Modify the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19
58			Authorize a Unit 19A predation control program
59			Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier
60			Allow aerial wolf control in a portion of Unit 19C
61			Allow the take of wolves in Unit 19C the same day a person has been airborne and create an Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19C
62			Establish an Intensive Management program for Unit 19C
63			Change the Unit 19C registration permit moose hunt RM653, to a drawing permit for nonresidents, issue up to 20 permits, and shorten the season to September 8-17



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64			Change the Unit 19C moose hunts to a drawing hunt for both residents and nonresidents, and specify the number of permits available for residents, guided nonresidents, and nonguided nonresidents
65			Reauthorize the Unit 19D Intensive Management Plan
66			Modify the moose hunting season dates and permit requirements in Unit 19D
67			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
68			Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online
69			Allow hunters that hold registration moose permit RM682 in Unit 19 to be eligible to hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River drainage
70			Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel
71			Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19
72			Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season
73			Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years
74			Require applicants for Unit 21E moose drawing hunt DM837 to provide a unique verification number when applying for that hunt
75			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
76			Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts



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77			Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting
78			Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C
79			Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters
80			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents
81			Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C
82			Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C
83			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only
84			Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years
85			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to eight-year-old rams
86			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to ten-year-old rams
87			Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C
88			Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only
89			Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C
90			Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C



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91			Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan
92			Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19
93			Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19C by opening the season on August 10
94			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season by opening the hunt in the fall on the same day as the sheep and caribou seasons and closing the hunt on June 30
95			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C
96			Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear hunting season by changing the start date to August 10 .
97			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season and increase the bag limit in Unit 19C
98			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C by one month to align with Units 19A, 19D, and 19E
99			Open the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and nonresidents on August 10
100			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19E to year-round
101			Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 19C, and to be taken at a bait site the same day a hunter has flown
102			Open a fall bear bait season in Unit 19E
103			Increase the bag limit for black bear in Units 19B and 19C from three to five



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104	Remove the requirement for a general season black bear harvest ticket in Unit 19D		
105	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21A		
106	Allow hunting of black and brown bear with the use of bait or scent lures in Unit 21E		
107	Open a fall brown/grizzly bear baiting season in Unit 21E		
108	Reactivate wolf control in a portion of Units 12, 20D, and 20E to benefit moose		
Support	8		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 abstain • Don't want this to be state funded, keep it private. • Is this really effective in these units? • Several of us don't have the knowledge of how this was before so we will abstain, Is this really a reactivation of what they did before? • Will it benefit moose? • Nelchina goes through that area.
109	Allow wolves to be taken in Unit 12 the same day a person has been airborne .		
	8		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 abstain • Wolf control without a intensive management, would not happen within the nps park and preserve anyways. Will help sheep. We like to control wolves which will help nelchina caribou that migrate through.
110	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
111	Add an archery only, five-day season for residents and nonresidents in Unit 12		
oppose		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goes into rut, late season • Can use archery during the regular season • don't need a special hunt just for archery • better chance of wasting meat



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112	Limit nonresident hunting of the Fortymile caribou herd		
113	Close caribou hunting within ¼ mile or 100 yards of the Steese Highway above tree line on Eagle and Twelvemile summits in Unit 20		
114	Allow proxy hunting for caribou in Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F, and 24C registration hunts		
115	Require hunters taking Fortymile caribou to gut the animals in the field		
116	Implement a non-intensive management predator control plan within the Tok Management Area to benefit Dall sheep		
117	Allocate Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits		
118	Allocate a portion of the Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits to archery only, or create a new archery only hunting area		
119	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 12 for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested		
oppose		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will penalize you for taking a younger ram, • this would promote you to take the older rams, • who will have to keep track of this- how will they do it? • We took action on 44. • Someone is trying to come up with a way to limit harvest on a resource in decline.
120	Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12		
oppose	4	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not an easy area to get into, will help increase harvest. Very specific small area. Resident only. A few landing areas that may get a little extra harvest. • This will help with sheep and moose populations. • What is the bear population here (is there an increase in bears?), Hard area to actually do studies in, hard to get into. Won't be a high likely area to do a bear study.



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in 2 bear kill areas you can sell bear hides so this will increase the take because of the incentive to sell. We don't agree to the selling of the bear hides if this goes to 2 bears.
121	Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12		
See 120			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See 120
122	Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 12 and 20E by approximately six weeks to end on June 15		
oppose		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hides would be rough, no good be able to shoot a bear in spring with clients, will they be pupping in this later timeframe Need to look at balance of IM
123	Lengthen the wolf hunting season by approximately six weeks		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No unit, to broad
124	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 20E and 25B by two weeks, to close March 15		
125	Change all general season harvest ticket moose hunts in Unit 20D to a registration permit		
126	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
127	Expand the hunt area and change the bag limit for the Unit 20D youth moose hunt YM792, and eliminate the drawing hunt DM791		
128	Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt YM792 to one bull		
129	Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt YM792		
130	Award up to 10% of permits for DS203 and DS204 to nonresidents, and remove the allocation between guided and nonguided nonresidents		
oppose		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheep in decline, would increase permits to nonresident, they are trying to add 10% non resident to a resident only draw area. There isn't enough sheep



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131	Allocate 10% of the Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing permits to nonresidents		
No action			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See 130
132	Allocate 20% of the resident only late season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS204 to archery only		
oppose		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archery doesn't need own timeframe, we don't need special hunt, don't need to allocate 20 percent they can hunt during normal hunt season
133	Allocate 20% of the resident only early season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS203 to archery only or create a new early season archery only hunt		
		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See 132
134	Change the time frame for which a person can be awarded Mt. Harper sheep drawing permit DS206 in Units 20E and 20D, to one permit every four regulatory years or once per lifetime		
135	Close Mount Harper sheep drawing hunt DS206 in Units 20D and 20E, to nonresidents		
136	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River, and require a registration permit		
137	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in all of Unit 20		
138	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River		
139	Reduce the bag limit for taking caribou in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D and 26A to four caribou per year, only one of which may be a cow		
140	Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A		
141	Close the youth sheep hunts in Units 24A and 25A		
142	Change sheep hunting in portions of Units 24A and 25A to archery only		



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143	Eliminate the extended season archery sheep hunts within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
144	Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 24A and 26B and reduce the season		
145	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
146	Adopt an Intensive Management Program and implement wolf control on all state lands in Units 24A and 25A		
147	Allow hunters to take wolves in Units 24 and 25 the same day they have been airborne		
148	Create a predator control program for wolves in Units 24A and 25A		
149	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Units 24 and the remainder of 25 by one month, to open October 1		
150	Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 24 and 25		
151	Increase the hunting bag limit for wolves in Units 24 and 25		
152	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Units 24C and 24D, and open a fall bait season in Units 21B and 24B		
153	Lengthen the wolverine hunting and trapping seasons in Unit 21 by one month to end on April 30		
154	Change the bag limit for caribou in the Remainder of Unit 26B		
155	Increase resident caribou hunting opportunity in Unit 26B Remainder		



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156			Change the nonresident caribou hunt in Unit 26B Remainder to a drawing hunt or registration hunt with a limited number of permits available
157			Change the Unit 26A and Unit 26B muskox hunt area boundaries to match federal hunt boundaries, and expand the state hunt areas
158			Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 25A, 26B, and 26C
159			Open a resident only archery only hunt for sheep in the Eastern Brooks Range Management Area with aircraft restrictions, and modify the existing youth hunt in the same area
160			Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only
161			Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only
162			Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only
163			Align salvage requirements for caribou in Units 25B, 25C, and 25D with Unit 25A to require meat of caribou remain on the bone when harvested prior to October 1
164			Require the liver, heart, and tongue of moose and caribou harvested in Units 25 to be salvaged
165			Create an intensive management plan for reducing wolves in Unit 25D
166			Establish trapping seasons for black and brown/grizzly bears and allow black and brown/grizzly bears to be taken by bucket snares in Unit 25D
167			Lengthen the season dates for Unit 26B nonresident drawing brown bear hunt DB987 by opening the season two weeks earlier, on August 10
168			Lengthen the Unit 26B brown bear hunting seasons within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area for residents and nonresidents



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169			Remove the resident registration permits RB988 and RB989 for brown bear in Unit 26B
170			Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Unit 25A by two weeks to close on April 15
171			Change all general season harvest ticket hunts to registration permits for moose in Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F and 25C
172			Create a muzzleloader only moose hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 20A
173			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A
174			Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A
175			Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A
176			Reduce the nonresident moose bag limit in portions of Unit 20B, and eliminate nonresident moose hunting opportunity in portions of Unit 20B
177			Extend the current moose season in Unit 20B Remainder by five days for certified bowhunters only
178			Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B
179			Shift the moose season dates in Unit 20B
180			Change the allocation of permits for Delta caribou hunt DC827 in Unit 20A
181			Allow nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 20A by drawing permit only
182			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A, 20B, and 25C for residents and nonresidents by two weeks to close on June 15



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183	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by two weeks to close on June 15		
184	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by three weeks to open August 10		
185	Extend the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A and Unit 20B Remainder to close on June 30, to align with the rest of Unit 20		
186	Close a portion of Unit 20C to wolf hunting and trapping		
187	Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Units 20A, 20B, 20D, and 20F by two weeks to align with 20C		
188	Open beaver trapping in a portion of Unit 20B		
189	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
support	10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good opportunity, • don't have to have a tag or worry about not having tag • take more bears when out doing other activities
190	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
191	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
192	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
oppose		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A management tool if they need to use, won't be implemented if numbers aren't there • Don't agree with the winter season when they are bred. • Like to see the actual count data, where are we actually at. • Not enough moose right now. Shooting cows when there are no moose is a bad idea. • Questioning where we actually are on the objective (are we really at the midpoint) we are not seeing many moose.



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We can bring this back later if we are in a better position with moose population. May do this next round for proposals for gmu 13 (due May1) and make changes. When this was put on the books, it was hard to get on, but, we are now uncomfortable with where we are on the objective with moose, we want more discussion with ADF&G on counts. Harvest numbers are going down and just as many hunters out there.
193	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C .		
oppose		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A management tool if they need to use, won't be implemented if numbers aren't there Don't agree with the winter season when they are bred. Like to see the actual count data, where are we actually at. Not enough moose right now Questioning where we actually are on the objective (are we really at the midpoint) we are not seeing many moose. We can bring this back later if we are in a better position with moose population. May do this next round for proposals for gmu 13 (due May1) and make changes. When this was put on the books, it was hard to get on, but, we are now uncomfortable with where we are on the objective with moose, we want more discussion with ADF&G on counts. Harvest numbers are going down and just as many hunters out there.
194	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E		
oppose		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A management tool if they need to use, won't be implemented if numbers aren't there. Don't agree with the late winter season when they could be bred. Like to see the actual count data, where are we actually at. Not enough moose right now. Questioning where we actually are on the objective (are we really at the midpoint) we are not seeing many moose.



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195	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
196	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
197	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
198	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
199	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
200	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
207	Repeal the age criteria for full-curl ram horns for Dall sheep hunts in Interior and Eastern Arctic Regions		
oppose		10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why are they including interior and eastern arctic, we don't like lumping large areas there are too many differences in climate, weather, terrain, other factors.... If an 8 year old or older ram is under a full curl it would never be taken, could be bad genes or just old. We don't just want to have full curl. Current restrictions are fine. Current definition is fine
208	Lengthen the moose hunting season in Unit 19E by five days; allow proxy hunting, and eliminate the restriction of one permit per household		



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210	Change the subunit boundary of Units 20A and 20C to the current river channel		
211	Change the hunt area boundary for Unit1A goat hunt RG002 and accompanying permit issuance requirements		

Adjournment: 8:46pm

Minutes Recorded By: __ Karen and Alysia, sent out to AC for review _____

Minutes Approved By: _Alysia Hancock_____

Date: __2/22/24_____



Delta Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 20th, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the

I. **Call to Order: at 6:36pm by Chair Tisha Kennell**

II.

III. **Roll Call: Tisha Kennell (Chair), Present**

Mike Bender (Vice Chair), **Excused**

Jeff Lipscomb (Secretary), **Present**

Jesse Cummings, **Excused**

Vern Aiton, **Present**

Jacob White, **Present**

Alan Waldo, **Present**

Robert Matthews, **Absent**

Earl McNabb, **Present**

Tim Webb, **Present**

Carl Taylor, **Present**

Paul Dudgeon (alternate), **Present**

Rusty Craig (alternate) **Excused**

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 Number Present 9

IV. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:**

Bob Schmidt

Brandy Baker

Tony Hollis

Jeff Wells

Kyle Campbell (board Support Staff)

V. **Introduce Guests Present:**

Don Bunselmeier

Don Quarberg

Tony White

Neil Kelly

Betty Ross (online) – Tanana Chiefs

VI. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Paul Dudgeon. Second: Jeff Lipscomb Carried unanimously.

VII. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: October 25th, 2023 & November 29th, 2023**

There were no minutes presented for the October 25th meeting.

Motion to approve minutes of 29 NOV 2024 meeting made by Jacob White, Seconded by Paul Dudgeon.

Carried unanimously.



VIII. Reports

a. Chair's Report - **NONE**

b. ADFG staff reports

i. Tony Hollis & Jeff Wells – Update on Moose harvest and population surveys

A handout was provided. There was no moose survey in 20 A last year – 20B was done in 2023.

They did do a sheep survey in 20A. They counted 292 in 2022 and 327 in 2023. There were 91 rams, which was up from 83 rams in 2022, with 5 legal rams counted, which was down from 17 legal rams in 2022. There were a few more lambs this year than last.

Didn't get a Delta Caribou composition this year. SDF&G is switching to Satellite tracking collars – put 20 on this year. These new collars which don't require flights to find them will provide better, more accurate and timely data.

20B Moose population estimate is 7848 animals – a 37% decline since last survey. Calf to cow ratio was 40 per 100 which is way higher than it has been. Bull to cow ratio was 26 per 100. 25 is the objective. There were Alan Waldo asked if 20B has had a browse survey done? Tony answered not since 2011, but will be doing the Minto Flats area this spring. Alan then asked if Calf Weights was/were going to be done in 20B. The answer was yes and more were going to be done in 20A as well.

Jacob White asked what the 20A sheep population was on a good year? Answer: Average has been 550 sheep with a record of over 700. 20A averages 1 40 inch ram a year when population is high. 4-6 forty inchers when density is lower. This past season saw several 7/8 year olds and younger that were 40 inches or bigger.

Jeff Wells has moved from the TOK ADF&G office to Fairbanks. Aden Hunter is now the TOK area Wildlife Biologist.

ii Bob Schmidt

Bob provided a 20D Moose handout. In 2020 there were 3.25 moose per square mile. That number went to 1.94 in 2022 and was 2.8 moose per square mile in 2023. Bull-Cow ratio was 25/100 in 2022 and 25/100 in 2023

Alan Waldo asked if there was any 2023 harvest report data? Answer: Seems to be down a little, but the reporting period is not over, so too early to draw conclusions.

iii Brandy Baker

Brandy did an area check of the local lakes yesterday (19 DEC 2023) Quartz lake ice was 18-20 inches thick near shore and averaged 15" on the point. Ice fishing traffic is picking up.

Board of fish proposals for Prince William Sound are due 10 APR 2024. This includes sport fishing in the upper Copper River and the Susitna River. It also includes Chitina.

The fisheries Biologist for the Gulkana River is willing to come to one of our meetings if we would like to hear what is going on there.



IX. **Public Comment - None**

X. **Old Business - None**

XI. **New Business**

a. Review 2023-2024 Board of Game Proposals – see attached

XII. **Select representative(s) for board meeting(s):** Jeff Lipscomb will attend as the official rep of the Delta AC.

XIII. **Set next meeting date: 17 JAN 2024**

XIV. **Adjourned at 9:27 PM**



Delta Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 17th, 2024

I. **Call to Order: 6:32PM** by Chair – Tisha Kennell

II. **Roll Call:**

Tisha Kennell (Chair),	Present
Mike Bender (Vice Chair),	Present
Jeff Lipscomb (Secretary),	Present
Jesse Cummings,	Present
Vern Aiton,	Present
Jacob White,	Present
Alan Waldo,	Present
Robert Matthews,	Present
Earl McNabb,	Present
Tim Webb,	Present
Carl Taylor,	Absent
Paul Dudgeon (alternate),	Present
Rusty Craig (alternate)	Absent

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6 Number Present 11

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

Brandy Baker – Delta ADF&G Fisheries Biologist

Bob Schmidt – Delta ADF&G Wildlife Biologist

Heidi Hatcher – Glennallen ADF&G Area Wildlife Biologist (online)

Kyle Campbell – Boards Support Section (online)

IV. **Introduce Guests Present:**

Don Quarberg

Don Bunselmeier

Neil Kelly

Tony Williams

Arthur Cummings (Fish & Wildlife Trooper)

Jack Windsor

Carl Frank – Minto AC (online)

Betty Ross – Tanana Chiefs Conference - Online

V. **Approval of Agenda: as amended to delay the Nelchina Caribou herd presentation by Heidi Hatcher to the FEB or March Meeting**

Motion by Mike Bender 2nd: Vern Aiton VOTE: 11-0

VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion by Mike Bender 2nd _Jacob White VOTE: 11-0**



VII. Reports

- a. Chair's Report – None, but we added a short update from Vern Aiton on the Fortymile Caribou herd.
- b. ADFG staff reports
 - i. Heidi Hatcher – Glennallen Area Biologist: Nelchina Caribou Herd Status update was moved to a later meeting, TBD. Delta AC Chair Tisha Kennell requested Heidi come in person to give the update. Heidi replied that she would try, but no guarantee on the in-person update.
 - ii. Fortymile Caribou winter draw hunt update

Vern Aiton reported that there were recently around 25,000 caribou in the Steese Highway area and another 10,000 or so near Dawson City. Canada opened hunting there – expect a low harvest, perhaps a few dozen. Alaskan's should hear next week on Fortymile drawing hunt. Wolves in the herd's range area are very abundant. Caribou are not the only species to have suffered there due to the past two bad winters – moose population estimates in some Taylor Highway areas less than one per square mile.

Don Bunselmeier asked about aerial hunting of wolves in those areas. Bob Schmidt answered that the Board of Game will be considering proposals for that in March. Consensus that Delta AC supports this. Tisha followed up by asking if the Aerial hunting could be implemented before next year? Bob replied that while this area will likely move faster than some, it will still be 2025 before implementation. Vern reported that Pilots from 40-mile Air flying in that area had reported sightings of one pack of wolves with 32 members and another with 22.

- c. Others
 - i. Alaska Energy Metals mining project update

Vern Aiton reported that Alaska Energy Metals is a mineral exploration company doing extensive exploration around interior Alaska. They have found a sizeable nickel deposit in 20E, that is a long vein. Red Rock Canyon area South of Delta is also very rich in nickel. The average modern car contains about 53 pounds of nickel. It will be a while before there is active mining on these new finds, but interior residents should expect more mining operations in the future.

VIII. Public Comment - NONE

IX. Old Business - None

X. New Business

- a. Discuss House Bill 201 regarding residency requirements for hunting and fishing licenses. There is a parallel senate bill (SB 171). Vern Aiton Moved that the Delta AC send an e-mail letter of support to the State Legislature. Tisha Kennell Seconded. VOTE: 10-1-0

- b. Discuss House Bill 243 regarding application fees for bison draw permits
Mike Bender Moved that the Delta AC send an e-mail letter of support to the State Legislature. Rob Mattehwsl Seconded. VOTE: 10-0- 1 (abstention cited conflict of interest as he is part of the Soil and water district team managing the Bison Grant money.)



c. Continue action on 2023-2024 Board of Game Proposals – **See attached proposal list**

d. Review 2023-2024 Joint Board Proposals

This was delayed till FEB Meeting of the Delta AC

XI. **Select representative(s) for board meeting(s):** NA – done last meeting. Jeff Lipscomb will attend.

XII. **Set next meeting date** 21 FEB 2024

XIII. **Other**

Don Quarberg Commented that the Department had used the words to the effect of “where we went wrong – I think they meant the AC, was we didn’t shoot enough moose” This was in reference to why so many moose were winter killed in the previous two winters. He then asked Bob Schmidt “Why we are not using the same rationale for sheep, caribou, and bison? The department wasn’t advocating for increased cow/ewe harvest of those species, but we lost a lot of those to winter kill also?” Bob Schmidt replied that different species have to be managed differently and for some, Dall’s Sheep for instance, browse surveys are not an effective way to estimate nutrition/population relationships.

XIV. **Adjourned at: 8:51PM**



Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-22, 2024 | Fairbanks, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
43	Change all general season sheep harvest tickets in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C to registration permits, and allow hunters to obtain a registration permit once every two years		
Oppose	1	8	Would support if amended to be no permit the year following a successful hunt.
44	Reduce the sheep bag limit for resident hunters in Units 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B and 26C to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
Oppose	1	8	Adding more regs is not solving the stated issue
45	Reduce the Unit 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C sheep bag limit for residents to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years		
Oppose	1	8	More regulations are not solving the stated issue
46	Change all sheep hunting in Units 12, 19, and 20 to drawing permit only for residents and nonresidents, with a set allocation of permits between user groups		
Oppose	0	9	The Delta AC is opposed to set allocations between user groups. These allocations do not necessarily reflect the actual applicant demographics.
47	Allow proxy hunting for bison in Units 12, 19 and 20		
Support	9	0	Should be the same regulation as other big game species.
48	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	9	0	We support maximum opportunity for harvest of Brown bears when encountered, even when not actively bear hunting.
49	Clarify which rivers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C are major rivers for the purposes of bear baiting		
Support	9	0	As written, there is too much ambiguity with interpretation left up to individual hunters and law enforcement officials.
50	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15		
Support	8	1	No issue as there is no biological concern for this species.
51	Align muskrat trapping seasons with beaver trapping seasons in Units 19, 20 (except 20E), 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
No Action			
52	Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers with a trapping license in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
Support as amended	9	1	Needs to be amended to include "Thermal, night vision, and infrared devices"
53	Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
No Action			



54	Review the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
No Action			

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
55	Establish a positive Intensive Management finding for moose in Unit 19C		
No Action			
56	Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E		
No Action			
57	Modify the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19		
No Action			
58	Authorize a Unit 19A predation control program		
No Action			
59	Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier		
No Action			
60	Allow aerial wolf control in a portion of Unit 19C		
No Action			
61	Allow the take of wolves in Unit 19C the same day a person has been airborne and create an Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19C		
No Action			
62	Establish an Intensive Management program for Unit 19C		
No Action			
63	Change the Unit 19C registration permit moose hunt RM653, to a drawing permit for nonresidents, issue up to 20 permits, and shorten the season to September 8-17		
No Action			
64	Change the Unit 19C moose hunts to a drawing hunt for both residents and nonresidents, and specify the number of permits available for residents, guided nonresidents, and nonguided nonresidents		
No Action			
65	Reauthorize the Unit 19D Intensive Management Plan		
No Action			
66	Modify the moose hunting season dates and permit requirements in Unit 19D		
No Action			
67	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
No Action			
68	Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online		



No Action			
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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
69			Allow hunters that hold registration moose permit RM682 in Unit 19 to be eligible to hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River drainage
No Action			
70			Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel
No Action			
71			Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19
No Action			
72			Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season
No Action			
73			Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years
No Action			
74			Require applicants for Unit 21E moose drawing hunt DM837 to provide a unique verification number when applying for that hunt
No Action			
75			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
No Action			
76			Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts
No Action			
77			Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting
No Action			
78			Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C
No Action			
79			Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters
No Action			
80			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents
No Action			
81			Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C
No Action			
82			Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C
No Action			
83			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only



No Action			
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84			Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years
No Action			
85			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to eight-year-old rams
No Action			
86			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to ten-year-old rams
No Action			
87			Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C
No Action			
88			Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only
No Action			
89			Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C
No Action			
90			Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C
No Action			
91			Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan
No Action			
92			Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19
No Action			
93			Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19C by opening the season on August 10
No Action			
94			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season by opening the hunt in the fall on the same day as the sheep and caribou seasons and closing the hunt on June 30
No Action			
95			Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C
No Action			
96			Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear hunting season by changing the start date to August 10 .
No Action			



97	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season and increase the bag limit in Unit 19C		
No Action			
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98	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C by one month to align with Units 19A, 19D, and 19E		
No Action			
99	Open the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and nonresidents on August 10		
No Action			
100	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19E to year-round		
No Action			
101	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 19C, and to be taken at a bait site the same day a hunter has flown		
No Action			
102	Open a fall bear bait season in Unit 19E		
No Action			
103	Increase the bag limit for black bear in Units 19B and 19C from three to five		
No Action			
104	Remove the requirement for a general season black bear harvest ticket in Unit 19D		
No Action			
105	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21A		
No Action			
106	Allow hunting of black and brown bear with the use of bait or scent lures in Unit 21E		
No Action			
107	Open a fall brown/grizzly bear baiting season in Unit 21E		
No Action			
108	Reactivate wolf control in a portion of Units 12, 20D, and 20E to benefit moose		
SUPPORT	9	0	We support active predator control in this period after two hard winters that dramatically lowered the moose population.
109	Allow wolves to be taken in Unit 12 the same day a person has been airborne .		
No Action			
110	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
Support	10	0	1 Abstained. There was originally reluctance on two members part to support this until they knew if the department was going to support an unrelated brown bear proposal. Bob Schmidt reported that the Department was not opposed to the other proposal, so they changed their votes to yes. I didn't have note on the abstention.
111	Add an archery only, five-day season for residents and nonresidents in Unit 12		
No Action			



112	Limit nonresident hunting of the Fortymile caribou herd		
SUPPORT	9	0	With lower harvest goals due to lower populations, we support providing these reduced opportunities to residents first.

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
113	Close caribou hunting within ¼ mile or 100 yards of the Steese Highway above tree line on Eagle and Twelvemile summits in Unit 20		
SUPPORT as amended	8	1	Amend to within ¼ mile of the road for the entire corridor. The one opposed, did not like the precedent this sets for limiting hunting areas.
114	Allow proxy hunting for caribou in Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F, and 24C registration hunts		
Support	11	0	Consistency with other big game species and areas
115	Require hunters taking Fortymile caribou to gut the animals in the field		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	9	0	Amended to read “at the site of the kill” instead of “in the field”. In the field is ambiguous and open to too much interpretation.
116	Implement a non-intensive management predator control plan within the Tok Management Area to benefit Dall sheep		
SUPPORT	9	0	Low sheep numbers mean we need to provide all the help we can to get them back up.
117	Allocate Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits		
OPPOSE	0	8	1 Abstained because he felt he did not understand the proposal. The Delta AC is opposed to set allocations between user groups. These allocations do not necessarily reflect the actual applicant demographics.
118	Allocate a portion of the Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits to archery only, or create a new archery only hunting area		
OPPOSE	0	8	1 Abstained because he disagrees with the prevalent attitude that an archery only hunt is some kind of special treatment.
119	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 12 for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested		
OPPOSE	0	9	Full curl is full curl
120	Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12		
Support	11	0	The AC voted on these two proposals at the same time. Delta AC supports increased predator harvest where there is no biological concern for their population.
121	Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12		
Support	11	0	The AC voted on these two proposals at the same time. Delta AC supports increased predator harvest where there is no biological concern for their population.
122	Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 12 and 20E by approximately six weeks to end on June 15		
SUPPORT	9	0	More opportunity means less wolves and more moose/caribou
123	Lengthen the wolf hunting season by approximately six weeks		
No Action			



124	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 20E and 25B by two weeks, to close March 15		
SUPPORT	8	1	
125	Change all general season harvest ticket moose hunts in Unit 20D to a registration permit		
SUPPORT	9	0	The Delta AC prefers unit 20D remain separate from the rest of Area 20, but would accept them all being consolidated if that is the only way this gets done.
126	Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D		
SUPPORT	10	1	Keeping the tool available so we don't have to start over in the future if/when it is needed.
127	Expand the hunt area and change the bag limit for the Unit 20D youth moose hunt YM792, and eliminate the drawing hunt DM791		
SUPPORT	11	0	Delta AC prefers this proposal be adopted as written

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128	Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt YM792 to one bull		
No Action			
129	Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt YM792		
No Action			
130	Award up to 10% of permits for DS203 and DS204 to nonresidents, and remove the allocation between guided and nonguided nonresidents		
SUPPORT	9	0	This proposal puts things for these hunts back to the way they were before the unintended changes put in place by adoption of PROP 149 in 2022
131	Allocate 10% of the Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing permits to nonresidents		
OPPOSE	0	9	This is more of the same that is addressed by proposal 130, above. The Delta AC is absolutely opposed to set allocations for residents and non residents and between non-resident user groups
132	Allocate 20% of the resident only late season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS204 to archery only		
OPPOSE	0	9	hunters drawing one of these permits are free to use whatever equipment is legal, including archery.
133	Allocate 20% of the resident only early season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS203 to archery only or create a new early season archery only hunt		
OPPOSE	0	9	hunters drawing one of these permits are free to use whatever equipment is legal, including archery.
134	Change the time frame for which a person can be awarded Mt. Harper sheep drawing permit DS206 in Units 20E and 20D, to one permit every four regulatory years or once per lifetime		
No Action			
135	Close Mount Harper sheep drawing hunt DS206 in Units 20D and 20E, to nonresidents		
No Action			



136	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River, and require a registration permit		
Support	9	0	Consistency with the rest of the area and we have plenty of bears. This was voted on during the DEC meeting, when we acted 136, 137, and 138 with one vote.
137	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in all of Unit 20		
Support	9	0	Consistency with the rest of the area and we have plenty of bears. This was voted on during the DEC meeting, when we acted 136, 137, and 138 with one vote.
138	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River		
Support	9	0	Consistency with the rest of the area and we have plenty of bears.
139	Reduce the bag limit for taking caribou in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D and 26A to four caribou per year, only one of which may be a cow		
NO ACTION			
140	Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A		
OPPOSE	0	11	Non-resident harvest not significant enough to affect issue in the proposal
141	Close the youth sheep hunts in Units 24A and 25A		
NO ACTION			

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
142	Change sheep hunting in portions of Units 24A and 25A to archery only		
NO ACTION			
143	Eliminate the extended season archery sheep hunts within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
NO ACTION			
144	Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 24A and 26B and reduce the season		
NO ACTION			
145	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
NO ACTION			
146	Adopt an Intensive Management Program and implement wolf control on all state lands in Units 24A and 25A		
NO ACTION			
147	Allow hunters to take wolves in Units 24 and 25 the same day they have been airborne		
NO ACTION			
148	Create a predator control program for wolves in Units 24A and 25A		
NO ACTION			



149	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Units 24 and the remainder of 25 by one month, to open October 1		
NO ACTION			
150	Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 24 and 25		
NO ACTION			
151	Increase the hunting bag limit for wolves in Units 24 and 25		
NO ACTION			
152	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Units 24C and 24D, and open a fall bait season in Units 21B and 24B		
NO ACTION			
153	Lengthen the wolverine hunting and trapping seasons in Unit 21 by one month to end on April 30		
NO ACTION			
154	Change the bag limit for caribou in the Remainder of Unit 26B		
NO ACTION			
155	Increase resident caribou hunting opportunity in Unit 26B Remainder		
NO ACTION			
156	Change the nonresident caribou hunt in Unit 26B Remainder to a drawing hunt or registration hunt with a limited number of permits available		
NO ACTION			

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
157	Change the Unit 26A and Unit 26B muskox hunt area boundaries to match federal hunt boundaries, and expand the state hunt areas		
NO ACTION			
158	Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 25A, 26B, and 26C		
NO ACTION			
159	Open a resident only archery only hunt for sheep in the Eastern Brooks Range Management Area with aircraft restrictions, and modify the existing youth hunt in the same area		
NO ACTION			
160	Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only		
NO ACTION			
161	Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only		
NO ACTION			
162	Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only		
NO ACTION			
163	Align salvage requirements for caribou in Units 25B, 25C, and 25D with Unit 25A to require meat of caribou remain on the bone when harvested prior to October 1		
NO ACTION			



164	Require the liver, heart, and tongue of moose and caribou harvested in Units 25 to be salvaged
NO ACTION	
165	Create an intensive management plan for reducing wolves in Unit 25D
NO ACTION	
166	Establish trapping seasons for black and brown/grizzly bears and allow black and brown/grizzly bears to be taken by bucket snares in Unit 25D
NO ACTION	
167	Lengthen the season dates for Unit 26B nonresident drawing brown bear hunt DB987 by opening the season two weeks earlier, on August 10
NO ACTION	
168	Lengthen the Unit 26B brown bear hunting seasons within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area for residents and nonresidents
NO ACTION	
169	Remove the resident registration permits RB988 and RB989 for brown bear in Unit 26B
NO ACTION	
170	Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Unit 25A by two weeks to close on April 15
NO ACTION	

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
171	Change all general season harvest ticket hunts to registration permits for moose in Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F and 25C		
Support	9	0	This was done at the DEC meeting, in conjunction with Tony Hollis's presentation to the AC.
172	Create a muzzleloader only moose hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 20A		
No Action			
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Support	9	0	This was done at the DEC meeting, in conjunction with Tony Hollis's presentation to the AC.
174	Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
No Action			
175	Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
No Action			
176	Reduce the nonresident moose bag limit in portions of Unit 20B, and eliminate nonresident moose hunting opportunity in portions of Unit 20B		
No Action			
177	Extend the current moose season in Unit 20B Remainder by five days for certified bowhunters only		
No Action			



178	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
Support	9	0	This was done at the DEC meeting, in conjunction with Tony Hollis's presentation to the AC.
179	Shift the moose season dates in Unit 20B		
No Action			
180	Change the allocation of permits for Delta caribou hunt DC827 in Unit 20A		
Support	11	0	The Delta AC is opposed to set allocations and supports the "up to 10%" language.
181	Allow nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 20A by drawing permit only		
Oppose	0	10	1 Abstained – no comment. The Delta AC liked the concept for this situation, but worried about a precedent that puts all hunts here into drawings at some time in the future.
182	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A, 20B, and 25C for residents and nonresidents by two weeks to close on June 15		
Support	11	0	182 and 183 were considered together and voted on once. The Delta AC supports expanded opportunity for Brown Bear harvest in this area
183	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by two weeks to close on June 15		
Support	11	0	182 and 183 were considered together and voted on once. The Delta AC supports expanded opportunity for Brown Bear harvest in this area
184	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by three weeks to open August 10		
Support	11	0	The Delta AC supports expanded opportunity for Brown Bear harvest in this area
185	Extend the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A and Unit 20B Remainder to close on June 30, to align with the rest of Unit 20		
Support as Amended	11	0	The Delta AC would like this changed to be all of Unit 20 AUG 10 to June 30. This will increase opportunity and simplify regulations.

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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
186	Close a portion of Unit 20C to wolf hunting and trapping		
Oppose	0	11	The Delta AC supports expanded predator harvest.
187	Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Units 20A, 20B, 20D, and 20F by two weeks to align with 20C		
No Action			
188	Open beaver trapping in a portion of Unit 20B		
No Action			
189	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	11	0	The Delta AC supports simplifying things to allow opportunistic harvest by hunters of other species, without having to get a paid tag.
190	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	11	0	The Delta AC supports simplifying things to allow opportunistic harvest by hunters of other species, without having to get a paid tag.



191	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
No Action			
192	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
No Action			
193	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C .		
No Action			
194	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E		
No Action			
195	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
No Action			
196	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
No Action			
197	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
No Action			
198	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
No Action			
199	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
No Action			
200	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
No Action			

Added Proposals:

207	Repeal horn ring age criteria		
Support	4	2	5 abstained – don't care either way. Supporters believe too easy to make mistakes. Those opposed say no different that 50 inches for moose, etc. Don't want to take a tool away from hunters.
208	Unit 19E Seasons and Bag liits for Moose		
No Action			
209	Establish a target hunt for muskoxen in unit 23		
No Action			
210	Change the subunits boundaries of 20A and 20C to current river channels		
Support	11	0	Bring reg in line with actual geography/hydrology

Minutes Recorded By: Jeff Lipscomb

Minutes Approved By: FULL AC
Date: 2/21/2024



Eagle Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 27th, 2024 at 4:00 pm
Eagle Village Tribal Hall
and by web/teleconference

- I. **Call to Order:** 4:03 pm
Chair Karma Ulvi declared vacancies for Sonja Sagar and Mike McDougal's seats, and appointed Helen Gilmore as an alternate
- II. **Roll Call:**
Present: Karma Ulvi (chair), Ben Juneby, Chalia Sleman, Don Woodruff, Helen Gilmore (alternate)
Absent: Steve Robbins, Andy Bassich, Jackie Helmer
- III. **Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 4
- IV. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:** Kyle Campbell (Boards Support), Aidan Hunter (Division of Wildlife Conservation)
- V. **Introduce Guests Present:** none
- VI. **Approval of Agenda** *amended to add discussion on Wood Bison under old business.*
Motion to approve as amended by __DW__ 2nd by __CS__ (unanimous)
- VII. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** April 13, 2023 – *motion by __DW__ 2nd by __CS__ (unanimous)*
- VIII. **Reports**
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. ADFG staff reports – Kyle informed AC about 2023-2024 Board of Game Call for Proposals (includes changes to statewide regulations; e.g., unit boundary changes)
- IX. **Public Comment**
- X. **Old Business**
 - a. Discussion on wood bison restoration project- *the AC will invite ADFG staff Tom Seaton and Luke Rogers to attend the next Eagle AC meeting*
 - b. Planning for Election Meeting – *tentatively scheduled for April 16th at 4:00*
- XI. **New Business**
 - a. 2023-2024 Board of Game Proposals – comments due March 1st
See actions below
 - b. 2023-2024 Joint Board Proposals – comments due March 11th
See actions below
- XII. **Select representative(s) for board meeting(s):**
BOG Interior and Eastern Arctic March 15-22 in Fairbanks: *_____ to be determined*
Joint Board March 25-28 in Anchorage: *_____ to be determined*
- XIII. **Set next meeting date and location:** April 16th, 2024
- XIV. **Other**
- XV. **Adjourn** 6:23



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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>			
108	Reactivate wolf control in a portion of Units 12, 20D, and 20E to benefit moose		
OPPOSE	2	3	
109	Allow wolves to be taken in Unit 12 the same day a person has been airborne .		
OPPOSE	3	1	1 abstention
110	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
OPPOSE	0	5	
111	Add an archery only, five-day season for residents and nonresidents in Unit 12		
No Action			
112	Limit nonresident hunting of the Fortymile caribou herd		
Oppose			Unanimous
113	Close caribou hunting within ¼ mile or 100 yards of the Steese Highway above tree line on Eagle and Twelvemile summits in Unit 20		
SUPPORT	5	0	
114	Allow proxy hunting for caribou in Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F, and 24C registration hunts		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	5	0	Amendment: allow proxy hunting for Elders only
115	Require hunters taking Fortymile caribou to gut the animals in the field		
SUPPORT	5	0	
116	Implement a non-intensive management predator control plan within the Tok Management Area to benefit Dall sheep		
OPPOSE	1	3	1 abstention



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
117	Allocate Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits		
SUPPORT	5	0	
118	Allocate a portion of the Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits to archery only, or create a new archery only hunting area		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	5	0	Amendment: Option 1 only
119	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 12 for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested		
SUPPORT	5	0	
120	Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12		
SUPPORT	4	1	
121	Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12		
SUPPORT	4	1	
122	Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 12 and 20E by approximately six weeks to end on June 15		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	3	1	Amendment: Exclude 20E North (but include 20E South) (1 abstention)
123	Lengthen the wolf hunting season by approximately six weeks		
TNA			No GMU listed.
124	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 20E and 25B by two weeks, to close March 15		
SUPPORT	5	0	
207	Repeal the age criteria for full-curl horn rams for Dall sheep hunts in Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
OPPOSE	2	3	



Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting Proposals

March 25-28, 2024 | Anchorage, 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>			
1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
OPOUSE	0	5	
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
OPOUSE	0	5	It is the responsibility of the department to ensure that Advisory Committee meetings are accessible by remote access when needed, but if required this could hinder AC's ability to conduct business. For example – if the internet or phone lines (or equipment) fails mid-meeting, an AC would be required to end their meeting.
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
TNA			
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
SUPPORT	5	0	
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
SUPPORT	5	0	
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
TNA			
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
TNA			
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
OPOUSE	0	5	
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
OPOUSE	0	5	
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
TNA			
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
TNA			
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
SUPPORT	5	0	
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
SUPPORT	5	0	
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
SUPPORT	4	0	1 abstention
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
TNA			
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
TNA			
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
SUPPORT	5	0	
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
SUPPORT	5	0	
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		
TNA			

Minutes Recorded By: ___Karma Ulvi_____

Minutes Approved By: ___Karma Ulvi_____

Date: _____03-01-24_____



**Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee
February 14, 2024 Meeting**

I. Call to Order: 18:10 by acting Chair Mark Richards

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mark Richards, Gale Vick, Virgil Umphenour, Bill Larry, John Wisniewski, Gabriel Davis, Warren Giuchici, Lance Nelson, John Haddix

(Note: Bill Larry called into the meeting and was unable to vote)

Members Absent (Excused): John Siegfried, Austin Smith, Jeff Lucas, Levi Lewellyn, Mike Tinker, Chuck Derrick

Members Absent (Unexcused): James Paine

Number Needed for Quorum on AC:8

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, Mark Nelson, Jordan Pruszenski, Lindsey ?, Andy Gryska, Jeff Wells, Kyle Campbell, Deena Jallen,

IV. Guests Present: Al Barrette, Jennifer Yuhas, Lenny & Diane Jewkes, Mark McNeely, Olivia Irwin, Katie Harms,

V. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by unanimous consent with the addition of:

1. Final discussion of HB 201/SB 171 Hunting License Residency Requirements
2. Replacement AC representative for the Wood Bison Working Group meeting
3. Appoint someone to represent the AC at the Region III Board of Game meeting

VI. Approval of Previous January 10th Meeting Minutes: approved by unanimous consent

VII. Reports

Chair's report: Mark Richards (vice-chair) reports that chairman Siegfried is stepping down due to personal reasons. The FAC will elect a new chairman at the March meeting.

ADF&G: Tony Hollis report on 20B moose, population down by 37% since last survey in 2021. Calf:cow ratios are very good though, at 40:100. Bull:Cow ratio a bit below the 30:100 we like to see, at 26:100. Declines likely due to the past deep snow winters, this winter so far things are looking good. No intention to propose Intensive Management control efforts at this time, we expect the population to increase under current conditions.

Antlerless authorization for 20B, we still want reauthorization but there will be no other cow hunts in 20B other than the Fairbanks management area where we try to take some to avoid vehicle collisions.



Al Barrette: How many moose are taken on potlatch hunts?

Tony: We estimate about 40 per year. Not overly concerned about potlatch harvest.

Mark R: Is the Department considering any IM proposals for 20B?

Tony: Not at this point, moose declines were from the bad winter in 2020/2021, expect population to grow.

Virgil: Do we have people from Southeast coming to the interior to do potlatch hunts?

Tony: probably some, but we don't see a lot of the records as there is no failure to report for potlatch hunts. So not everyone reports.

Mark Nelson: No updates, will be available to answer any questions on the NE Arctic proposals

VIII. Public Comment: No public comments

IX. Old Business: HB 201/SB 171 Letter (tabled til end of meeting)

X. New Business:

Gale Vick, fisheries subcommittee Chair: Report on Yukon River Panel. One of the major outcomes reached by the Commissioner and DFO, asking for a 7 year moratorium on chinook fishing.

Would like to set up a river-wide joint AC meeting, to discuss Yukon River Panel agreement. Motion made by Virgil Umphenour, seconded by John Wisniewski, to set up joint AC meeting, approved by unanimous consent. Date TBD

Would like the AC to support Marit Carlson-Van-Dort for reappointment to the Board of Fisheries and also to serve on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. Discussion of Carlson-Van Dort's experience and standing on the side of fisheries conservation. Motion made by Virgil Umphenour, seconded by John Wisniewski, to send letter of support for Carlson-Van Dort for reappointment to the Board of Fisheries and to be appointed to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, approved by unanimous consent.

Gale: Announces that the next fisheries subcommittee meeting will be held in person on Feb. 21st at 6pm for a final review of the BOF proposals to be deliberated at the Upper Cook Inlet meeting that starts on Feb. 23, 2024.

We will be submitting our comments as a Record Copy, want to reconfirm that the AC gives permission for the fisheries subcommittee to send in our comments after the meeting on Wednesday.



Motion to approve fisheries subcommittee submit our comments to the Board of Fish, made by Virgil, seconded by ?, approved by unanimous consent.

Gale: Strategic planning for FAC Proposal 43 at the BOF meeting, all the other interior ACs are supporting it. Virgil will represent the AC at the meeting. Virgil Gale, and Chief Ulvi from Eagle Village will be submitting an op-ed on hatchery issues on their own, not affiliated with the AC. We have to start a dialogue on hatchery issues.

One last piece of legislation, SB 209, from the Governor, is something very important that we've been requesting for a long time, the monitoring of salmon vessels. Lengthy bill, haven't had time to read it all. Will discuss at upcoming subcommittee meeting.

Mark Richards: Thank you, Gale, and everyone on the fisheries subcommittee for all the work you do and time spent on such important issues.

Moving on to the Region III proposals, everyone should have a copy. The Game/Trap subcommittee met on Jan. 22nd, and Feb 1st, and spent over 7 hours deliberating on the Region III proposals. Only the proposals that we did not have unanimous consent on are flagged in red for the full AC to go over tonight. If any member wants to bring up any proposals agreed upon in subcommittee for further discussion, or any other proposals, now is the time to do that as we deliberate.

Let's start with proposal 50, to lengthen marten trapping season to March 15 we had some concerns on what the federal season was, looked it up and also ends last day in February. So this would not apply to fed lands, seasons would be different.

Al Barrette: So if passed it would apply to federal lands under state regulations.

Motion to support by John W, seconded by Gabe Davis, passed by unanimous consent.

Mark R: Next proposal is proposal 82, the subcommittee decided that rather than comment on all of the Unit 19C sheep proposals, we wanted to make our position known via proposal 82, language you see in our comments of support were gone over by Mark R. and Mike Tinker, and open for changes now.

AC supports opening nonresident sheep hunting in 19C, but there needs to be limits.

Gabe Davis: don't want any biological concerns mentioned.

Lance Nelson: if we start saying crowding and conflicts are an issue, that sets a precedent for other sheep areas.

Mark R: AC can change opinion any time in future on specific proposals



Virgil: What about the other proposals, like the one from APHA?

Mark R: we did comment on that one, saying we can't support the recommendations of the 19C sheep working group as those recommendations are not yet known.

Virgil: Did they get a facilitator for the 19C sheep working group

Mark: not sure, they are working on it.

Discussion of past sheep working group and whatever came of it.

Mark R: back to proposal 82, motion made by John Haddix to support proposal 82, seconded by Warren Giuchici.

Virgil: okay, motion has been made and seconded, now I have a question. So we want up to 10 permits?

Mark R: No, we are asking to amend for a better balance of nonresident and resident sheep hunters based on what the Board thinks is best for the up-to number of permits.

Gabriel Davis: We also discussed whether this should be a draw permit or a registration hunt for nonresidents.

Mark R: I will ask for unanimous consent on proposal 82. No objection, so moved.

Mark R: I meant to mention this prior to going over the Region III comments:

It is unacceptable that the Department Analysis & Recommendations are still not published and available for review! Advisory Committees depend on Department information to make informed decisions. We need to know if there are any conservation concerns with any proposals and what the Department recommendations are. Without that information, the AC process can't work as it should, and ACs are losing trust in the Department. This can't continue to happen.

Have talked to Tony and other bios about this, it is not their fault, they have had their comments in a long time ago, Dept. comments are being held up in leadership.

Olivia Irwin, from the Minto-Nenana AC: also wanted to point out that it is a big problem not having the Dept. A&Rs out in time for AC comment deadline. Other ACs and TCC are considering sending in a letter to the Joint Board about this issues, and if the Fbks AC would like to sign on as well, would be good.

Mark R: this isn't something the joint board can fix, it's a Department issue and has happened in the past, understand that the Department is short staffed at HQ, but this needs to be fixed.



Moving on, to proposal 99. Motion to adopt made by Virgil, seconded by Gabe Davis.

Virgil: I support this proposal to open brown bear hunting in the fall after August 10th, hides are in good shape, would be good to take more bears.

Discussion of liberalized bear seasons and whether the Department has any concerns with more bears being taken. Any skull size changes to be concerned about. Tony Hollis says that liberalizations have happened in steps over time, and they have not seen any negative effects in the units he oversees, however the Department does not do counts of brown bears, very expensive.

Mark R: hard to comment on this without the Department comments. Would those of you who support this proposal still support it if the Department opposes it? I don't want to get to where our AC is supporting proposals that the Department has conservation concerns on, that isn't a good look, I want us to be able to trust the Department recommendations regarding any conservation concerns. Where I'm going with this...how about if we offer support for proposal 99 and any other similar ones with the caveat that we support fall brown bear hunting seasons as long as the Department has no conservation concerns.

Motion to support proposal 99 made by John W, seconded by Gabe Davis, with that caveat Mark mentioned. Approved by unanimous consent, to support proposal 99 as long as the Department has no conservation concerns.

Mark R: next proposal is proposal 102 to open a fall bear baiting season in 19E, I can tell you that I don't personally support fall bear baiting seasons when moose and/or caribou hunting is open.

Virgil makes motion to adopt proposal 102, seconded by Gabe Davis.

Discussion: Virgil says he supports, brown bears good eating that time of year after eating blueberries.

Mark R: I agree! Very good eating!

Virgil: We had a blueberry bear in hunting camp once and everyone preferred it over other meats.

Mark R: We have plenty of opportunity to take grizzly bears, just don't see a need to open baiting in fall.

Gabe Davis: hunt and stalk very hard way to take bears, baiting would make it more successful

Lance Nelson: Good opportunity for residents to take a bear over bait

Gale: Lack of salmon in areas, grizzlies one of the few things to eat



Mark: just don't want to see hunters running into bait stations in the fall, that isn't a pleasant experience when you aren't aware they are there. Guides can set up to ten bait stations per GUA

Virgil: have made hundreds of pounds of bear sausage and tried to show people that fall grizzly bears in the interior are good eating

Mark R: no one is disputing that grizzly bears can be good eating. One other thing, I don't want the AC to be under the impression that this has anything to do with predator control or increasing the overall number of ungulates in an area by opening fall baiting seasons. We need to kill a large number of bears or wolves to have any efficacy in increasing ungulate populations

Question is called, vote by raised hands, 7 yays, 1 nay. AC supports proposal 102 because it provides more opportunity to harvest brown bears.

Mark R: Next is proposal 105, to take brown/grizzly bears over bait in Unit 21A, we were waiting for the Dept recommendations to support this, suggest we do as with the other proposal

Motion to adopt proposal 105 made by Virgil, seconded by Warren G.

Motion to support proposal 105 made by Lance Nelson, seconded by Warren G, to support proposal 105 as long as the Dept has no conservation concerns.

Mark R: next is proposal 107, to open a spring and fall baiting season in Unit 21E

Motion to adopt made by Virgil, seconded by Warren. Call the question. Question is called, vote by raised hands. 7 yays, 1 nay. Support based on it provides more opportunity to harvest bears

Gale: would be interested in knowing what the Minto-Nenana voted on these fall baiting proposals.

Olivia Irwin: we have not voted on those ones yet.

Mark R: Proposal 112, this was discussed at the subcommittee meeting; we had questions about the nonresident harvest and how much of that was by nonresident military, had asked Jeff Gross if he could get us some harvest data.

Jeff Wells: was just sent these graphs and data by Jeff Gross (hands out the graphs to all AC members. Some mistakes on the first sheet, not quite right, the upper right graph is not correct, look on the back page where resident and nonresident harvests are detailed by individual zones.



John Haddix: my recollection, Jeff, is that we were trying to figure out how many of the nonresidents listed are first year military nonresidents because we didn't want to really limit that component.

Mark R: I did ask Jeff for that but it seems they can't break out the nonresident data by who is military and who is not.

Jeff Wells: Across all zones the last two years nonresident harvest has been 22 – 26% of the harvest

Mark R: do we know what the nonresident harvest is in Zone 2?

Jeff Wells: Yes, it's in the data on the graphs.

Gale: by nonresident do we mean non-local resident or out-of-state

Mark R: someone who doesn't live in Alaska

Virgil: question about the graphs... something doesn't add up

Jeff Wells: there was a mistake on that upper right graph, will be fixed

Virgil: I know a lot of military from Anchorage area come up to hunt caribou, as well as the soldiers here, has to be a large number of those within the nonresident harvest data.

Jeff Wells: we could break down better by looking at license data.

Virgil: motion to adopt 112, seconded by John H

Mark: the reason RHAK submitted this proposal is we were concerned with the decline of the Fortymile herd and we want to protect the winter subsistence hunt for residents. We did want to compromise with the transporters, which is why we left zone 2 open to nonresident opportunity.

Virgil: not in favor of this because I know a lot of military enjoy having the opportunity to take a caribou

Mark R: the herd is declining and at some point we will have to limit nonresidents, would like to do it ahead of time with this proposal that would still allow nonresident opportunity in Zone 2

Virgil: I was in the military at Ft Bragg back in the day when military were not treated well by the public, in the Marine Corp at Camp Pendleton....how the military used to be treated poorly, don't want to treat them like 2nd class citizens



John Haddix: Can we support this with an amendment that would say, limit nonresidents who are not military?

Mark R: We could, but I don't see a way for the board to institute that in a way to differentiate between types of nonresidents. We can certainly put something in there and let the board figure it out.

Lance: I don't support it, lots of military are up here and don't want to disenfranchise them. Am concerned with the winter hunt being closed, but don't agree with this proposal

Call the question by show of hands for support of proposal 112.
5 yays, 3 nays

Mark R: would like for whomever represents us at the March BOG meeting to make clear why the 3 nays voted that way, concern about disallowing nonresident military opportunity.

Let's take a break for ten minutes, come back at 19:52

Mark R: Call back to order at 8pm. Next up is proposal 114

Virgil makes motion to adopt seconded by Warren.

Mark R: this proposal is to allow proxy hunting of caribou in several units, and there was some disagreement among subcommittee on this, which is why it's before the full AC

Virgil: when we had proxy hunting it was abused on antlerless hunts and that abuse led to stopping proxy hunting in these units

Mark R: yes, abuse was the rationale to close proxy hunting for these hunts.

Discussion on how proxy hunting works, destruction of trophy value, number of times someone can proxy hunt for individuals.

Gale: as an elder who doesn't hunt caribou anymore I depend on my family to proxy hunt for me

Concerns that we don't want to prevent elders from getting meat via a proxy hunt for Fortymile caribou.

Virgil: I move to amend to only allow one animal to be taken by a proxy hunter per year, not have one person doing multiple proxy hunts. Seconded by Warren

Discussion of proxy hunting regulations and existing limits within the regulations.



Gabe Davis: this proposal would take opportunity away from the Fortymile caribou hunters under the registration permit

Mark R: Motion is on the table, how do we want to proceed?

Warren: Cal the question by show of hands to support proposal 114 as amended to only allow one animal per proxy hunter per year for the Fortymile herd

6 yays, 2 nays. Rationale for the nays is that too many caribou would be taken by proxy hunters on a declining herd.

Mark R: next proposal is #124, lengthen marten trapping season by two weeks, some concerns in subcommittee about fur still being prime in March.

Motion to adopt 124 by Virgil, seconded by Gabe Davis

Passed by unanimous consent to provide more opportunity, believe fur is still prime in these units.

Mark R: next is proposal 139

Motion to adopt proposal 139 made by Virgil, seconded by Gabe Davis

Mark R: this proposal was heard in Kotzebue and the board could not vote on Region III units within the proposal. The board amended the proposal to only include the northwestern part of Unit 23, and western portion of 26A. So I don't think the board will include these Region III units, may be best to take no action on this proposal based on actions taken at the Region V meeting.

By unanimous consent, AC votes to take no action on proposal 139 based on actions taken by the board in Kotzebue.

Mark R: next is proposal 140, again this was taken up by the Board in Kotzebue and the proposal was amended to put all nonresident caribou hunters in Unit 23 on draw only permits with an allocation of up to 300 permits.

Gale: I say we TNA this one

By unanimous consent, AC votes to take no action on proposal 140 based on actions taken by the board in Kotzebue.

Mark R: Next up is proposal 153, subcommittee had concerns over fur being prime



Lance Nelson: and denning during that time period

Discussion about whether hunting season for wolverine is open during this time frame.
Wolverine hunting ends March 31, not end of April.

Motion to support proposal 153. Proposal 153 is opposed by unanimous consent, based on the denning season happening

Mark R: proposal 154 is next, Mark Nelson or Jordan would you like to speak to the proposal from the Department?

Jordon Pruszenski: Central Arctic Herd has increased and is now at 32,000 – 37,000 which is above IM objectives, so there is a harvestable surplus. Average harvest is 420 caribou per year, which is much lower than the harvestable surplus. Proposal 154 increases the resident bag limit and season and the nonresident bag limit.

Virgil: so the harvestable surplus was supposed to be 1,000?

Jordan: the harvestable surplus is 1, 400 per year with the herd at current levels

Virgil: so nonresident bag limit goes from 1 to 2, I support this, would bring in more money to the Dept by purchasing two tags, increase opportunity.

Motion to adopt proposal 154 by Gabe, seconded by Lance

Mark R: the reason I oppose this is because when the herd drastically declined, the Department amended a proposal to increase the nonresident season to where the next year nonresident caribou hunters took the majority of the harvest of a declining caribou herd important for providing food for Alaskans. I can't support nonresidents being allowed to take more than one caribou after that, have seen meat care issues.

Mark R: can the Dept explain what the number of cows that can be taken by residents is, what upper limit of cows can be harvested before that portion would be closed

Jordan: we believe that 1% of the harvest can be cows

Mark R: are we confident that after the massive decline of the CAH in 2016 that these are all CAH animals? We've never seen a herd increase like this so fast.

Jordan: was nutritional stress initially, habitat seemed to improve, more recruitment, less cow mortality.

Lance: nonresidents I know take care of their meat, don't agree that nonresidents don't take



proper care of their meat. Shooting two bulls by nonresidents isn't going to do anything to harm this herd. Residents can shoot cows, have even more opportunity. I support this proposal.

Call the question. Show of hands.

Gale: want to clarify what the motion is

Mark R: to support the proposal as written

Show of hands: 5 yays, 3 nays, nays don't believe we should increase nonresident bag limit so soon after herd declined then rebounded, but support the resident bag limit increase

Mark R: moving on, proposal 155, to increase resident Central Arctic Herd bag limit and season

Take no action on proposal 155 based on action taken on 154

Mark R: Proposal 158

Motion to adopt proposal 158 by John H, seconded by Gabe

Mark R: rationale of this proposal is so the board can have a discussion on this issue, I think most of us agree about federal overreach issues, and the purpose of this proposal is have a discussion about why we let the feds allocate our sheep to guided hunters in ANWR. On other refuge lands, like Kodiak, or Nowitna, the board of game allocates sheep and moose via draw permits to the guide concession areas. This proposal doesn't seek to take the current allocations guides get under their contract prospectus agreement with federal land managers, only give the Board of Game the authority over those allocations so if we have sheep declines and those allocations need to be limited, the board can do that.

Virgil: the feds are going to go by whatever the management plan is, but there is no management plan for sheep in ANWR. We have an ANS for sheep, but nothing beyond that as far as allocations to user groups. What needs to happen is a management plan that outlines the harvest allocations of different user groups.

Mark R: the point of this proposal is to ask, why do we allow the feds to allocate our sheep in ANWR? Where do we want to go with this proposal?

Virgil: I think the board is aware of this already

Mark R: so if we take no action, do we want to offer any comments at all about this issue?

Lance: put a comment in there just saying that the state should have management authority, why are we allowing the feds to do this



Gale makes motion to support, seconded by Warren

John Haddix: at the subcommittee meeting it came up, is this proposal asking for up to 7 permits for each guide concession area, and does it include 2nd degree of kindred?

Mark R: yes for each concession area, would be up to the board whether to include 2DK nonresidents.

Gale offers friendly amendment, seconded by Warren to add 2DK hunters within the nonresident component, amendment passes by a vote of 7-1, amended proposal passes by a vote of 7-1

Gale: we are basically making a point on the record

Mark R: yes, that the state should manage/allocate our sheep

Mark R: proposal 166, to allow the trapping of grizzly and brown bears by bucket foot snares in Unit 25D. This was heard at the Yukon Flats AC meeting, would like Mark Nelson to speak to it. We have no Dept comments or recommendation at this time.

Mark Nelson: this is for both black and brown bears, black bears are listed as a furbearer but no trapping seasons are open for black bears in the interior. Brown bears are not furbearers so the only way this would work is if they are classified as a furbearer, or new methods and means would have to be allowed to take a big game animal with a foot snare. This was allowed in bear control areas.

Mark R: Is the Dept going to support this outside an IM bear control program

Mark Nelson: I believe the Dept would be neutral if it was just black bears, not sure since it includes brown bears. No real conservation concerns for bears in Unit 25D.

Discussion on how to avoid catching grizzlies if it was black bear only, smaller snare size.

Gale: Mark Nelson were you at the Yukon Flats meeting? And how did they vote

Mark Nelson: they supported it.

Gale: I'd like to go with their lead on it

Mark R: forgot to do a motion to adopt, someone please make a motion

Gabe makes motion to adopt, seconded by John H



Question called, proposal 166 supported by unanimous consent

Mark R: next is proposal 207

Gabe: wait, weren't we going to discuss the language of our support for proposal 181, to not include any mention of biological concerns? If we make that argument, it could come back on us to limit resident sheep hunters. And under FC management there are no conservation concerns.

Mark R: so what are you saying, do you want to change the language within our comments on proposal 181?

Gabe: I thought I made myself clear, I will not support it with language that expresses any biological concerns.

Mark R: so you support proposal 181 based on that there are conflicts and crowding with unlimited nonresident sheep hunting in 20A? But not based on any conservation or biological concerns?

Gabe: yes

Virgil: the way it works is the board has a policy that is based on the past harvests over ten years to determine allocations for draw hunts. You want them to go against their own policy for 20A. That's what proposal 180 does, the board went by their own policy that nonresidents were getting 25% of the DC 827 permits. That's how it ended up with 25% of nonresidents and 75% for nonresidents.

Mark R: do we want to bring proposal 180 on the table again,

Virgil: yes

Motion by Gabe to adopt proposal 180, seconded by Lance.

Question called, show of hands. 7 yays, 1 nay on proposal 180.

Mark R: back to proposal 181

Motion to adopt proposal 181 by Virgil, seconded by Gabe

Mark R: Gabe, so how can we deal with this

Gabe: conservation concerns is the first issue in proposal 181 and whether FC mgmt. is sustainable, can not support with that language



Lance: so going to a draw in 20A, how is this going to help?

Mark R: well there are conflicts and crowding, the guides are not happy with it either

Discussion on unlimited nonres sheep hunting, state constitution, other western states place limits

Question called, show of hands. Yays, 5, nays 3.

Mark R: if you want to include language on the rationale of the nay votes, that would be good for the board to hear

Gabe: if it was only crowding and conflicts I would support it going to draw only for nonresidents, but not with conservation concerns, the Department has no conservation concerns with FC harvests

Mark R: but the Department has said they have conservation concerns for the sheep in Unit 23 under FC management, which is why it's been closed since 2015

Gabe: that's only some of the Department and I don't agree with that and neither do a lot of biologists

Mark R: Proposal 207, from the western interior RAC, to do away with the age requirement for sheep, the rationale seems to be that if we go to FC only, it may decrease the sub-legal harvest. All of this will come up with the Unit 19C working group.

Motion by Gabe to adopt proposal 207, seconded by John H.

John H: question to Tony H about sublegal harvests, what is the percentage

can't hear the answer

Question called, proposal 207 opposed by unanimous consent

Mark R: old business, we had a meeting to discuss HB 201/SB 171, and it seemed like we were opposed to it if it didn't include any amendments to cover specific individuals who may be gone more than 180 days.

Gale: I'd like to support it with that type of amendment

Mark R: it seems that amendments would open a can of worms for legislators. It's had two hearings in House Resources so far.

Unanimous vote to approve Lance sending a letter opposing HB 201/SB 171



Mark R: We need someone to represent us for the wood bison working group meeting coming up next week for three days. Jeff Lucas is our representative but is traveling

Everyone is busy, no one can represent us at wood bison working group regarding release of wood bison in the Minto Flats area.

Mark R: do we want to let them now we approve the release of wood bison in Minto Flats

Motion by John H to approve release of wood bison in the Minto Flats areas, seconded by Lance. Approved by unanimous consent.

Mark R: we need to appoint someone to represent us at the Region III board of game meeting. Jeff has volunteered but he is gone right now.

Mark R: I nominate Jeff Lucas to represent us, approved by unanimous consent, with Austin Smith chosen as alternate

Lance: were we going to talk about the language for weapons-restricted hunts?

Mark R: Yes, thank you Lance, the language you see in all of our comments on archery only hunts is before you.

Lance: I would oppose adopting that as a policy, because we may want to approve weapons restricted hunts in future.

Mark R: the AC has typically opposed new weapons restricted hunts when they weren't necessary due to proximity to public trails, near roads, and in urban areas

Discussion on new weapons restricted hunts, providing more opportunity for a special class of hunters.

Lance: going forward, look at individual proposals to make decisions on whether we support new weapons restricted hunts.

Mark R: I appreciate the discussion, we need to move on, it's late, do we want to change the language on archery only and weapons-restricted hunts.

Lance: I am okay with leaving that language in now but in future we should vote on each proposal individually and not have one blanket statement on weapons restricted hunts

Mark R: all we were doing here was adopting language for why we opposed all the archery only hunt proposals, and agree we should look at each proposal individually down the line

Motion to adjourn 21:44



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<p><i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i></p> <p>(Please note: all votes taken by the Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee were unanimous unless otherwise noted in red)</p>			
43	Change all general season sheep harvest tickets in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C to registration permits, and allow hunters to obtain a registration permit once every two years		
OPPOSE			New limits on resident sheep hunters should never be imposed until there are strict limits on all nonresident sheep hunters
44	Reduce the sheep bag limit for resident hunters in Units 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B and 26C to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 43
45	Reduce the Unit 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C sheep bag limit for residents to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 43
46	Change all sheep hunting in Units 12, 19, and 20 to drawing permit only for residents and nonresidents, with a set allocation of permits between user groups		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 43
47	Allow proxy hunting for bison in Units 12, 19 and 20		
OPPOSE			Very limited bison hunting opportunity and would reduce opportunity for those who want to participate in the hunt
48	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT	Support		
49	Clarify which rivers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C are major rivers for the purposes of bear baiting		
SUPPORT	Support		Not certain if language has been changed in 5AAC 92.044
50	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15		



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SUPPORT			Fur still prime, more opportunity
51	Align muskrat trapping seasons with beaver trapping seasons in Units 19, 20 (except 20E), 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
SUPPORT	Support		Aligns with beaver season
52	Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers with a trapping license in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
Support			This is a Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee proposal
53	Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
TNA			
54	Review the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
TNA			
55	Establish a positive Intensive Management finding for moose in Unit 19C		
SUPPORT			
56	Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E		
SUPPORT			
57	Modify the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19		
SUPPORT			
58	Authorize a Unit 19A predation control program		
SUPPORT			
59	Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier		
TNA			
60	Allow aerial wolf control in a portion of Unit 19C		
SUPPORT			
61	Allow the take of wolves in Unit 19C the same day a person has been airborne and create an Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19C		
TNA			Based on support for proposal 80
62	Establish an Intensive Management program for Unit 19C		
TNA			
63	Change the Unit 19C registration permit moose hunt RM653, to a drawing permit for nonresidents, issue up to 20 permits, and shorten the season to September 8-17		



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TNA			
64			Change the Unit 19C moose hunts to a drawing hunt for both residents and nonresidents, and specify the number of permits available for residents, guided nonresidents, and nonguided nonresidents
OPPOSE			Makes no sense to put residents on a draw permit
65			Reauthorize the Unit 19D Intensive Management Plan
SUPPORT			Housekeeping issue
66			Modify the moose hunting season dates and permit requirements in Unit 19D
SUPPORT			We agree with the rationale of the McGrath AC
67			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D
TNA			
68			Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online
SUPPORT			All registration hunts should be available online
69			Allow hunters that hold registration moose permit RM682 in Unit 19 to be eligible to hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River drainage
TNA			
70			Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel
TNA			
71			Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19
TNA			
72			Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season
TNA			
73			Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years
TNA			
74			Require applicants for Unit 21E moose drawing hunt DM837 to provide a unique verification number when applying for that hunt
TNA			We believe this is an issue for the Big Game Commercial Services Board that regulates transporters
75			Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E
TNA			
76			Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts



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TNA			See our comments on proposal 82
77			Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting
TNA			See our comments on proposal 82
78			Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C
TNA			See our comments on proposal 82
79			Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters
TNA			See our comments on proposal 82
80			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents
TNA			See our comments on proposal 82
81			Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C
TNA			See our comments on proposal 82
82			Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C
SUPPORT AS AMENDED			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee would like to see nonresident sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C opened, but that opportunity needs to be limited via a permit system to avoid crowding and conflicts among user groups. With current sheep population declines, there is currently a harvestable surplus of 30 rams in Unit 19C according to the Department. We support the intent of this proposal to limit nonresident sheep hunters but the up-to number should be increased to what the Department and board believe will lead to a better balance of both resident and nonresident sheep hunters.
83			Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only
OPPOSE			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restricted hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts
84			Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years
OPPOSE			Resident sheep hunters do not need to be limited
85			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to eight-year-old rams
OPPOSE			FC rams under eight years old are legal. This would add a penalty to taking a legal ram.



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86	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to ten-year-old rams		
TNA			See our comments on proposal 85
87	Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 82
88	Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only		
OPPOSE			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restricted hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts
89	Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C		
SUPPORT			The Department erred when they initially closed the winter subsistence sheep hunt but not make any recommendations to restrict the general hunt. At no time should any subsistence hunt be closed without restrictions on the general hunt component.
90	Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C		
SUPPORT			See our comments on proposal 89
91	Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan		
TNA			This proposals asks to support something that has not yet been written or recommended to the Board
92	Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 82
93	Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19C by opening the season on August 10		
TNA			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee cannot make informed decisions on extending the brown bear season without first seeing the Department Analysis and Recommendations (A&Rs). We are frustrated that the Dept. A&Rs are continually not available for ACs to make informed decisions. We support extending the brown bear season if the Dept. has no conservation concerns
94	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season by opening the hunt in the fall on the same day as the		



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	sheep and caribou seasons and closing the hunt on June 30		
TNA			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee cannot make informed decisions on extending the brown bear season without first seeing the Department Analysis and Recommendations (A&Rs). We are frustrated that the Dept. A&Rs are continually not available for ACs to make informed decisions. We support extending the brown bear season if the Dept. has no conservation concerns
95	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C		
TNA			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee cannot make informed decisions on extending the brown bear season without first seeing the Department Analysis and Recommendations (A&Rs). We are frustrated that the Dept. A&Rs are continually not available for ACs to make informed decisions. We support extending the brown bear season if the Dept. has no conservation concerns
96	Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear hunting season by changing the start date to August 10 .		
TNA			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee cannot make informed decisions on extending the brown bear season without first seeing the Department Analysis and Recommendations (A&Rs). We are frustrated that the Dept. A&Rs are continually not available for ACs to make informed decisions. We support extending the brown bear season if the Dept. has no conservation concerns
97	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season and increase the bag limit in Unit 19C		
TNA			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee cannot make informed decisions on extending the brown bear season without first seeing the Department Analysis and Recommendations (A&Rs). We are frustrated that the Dept. A&Rs are continually not available for ACs to make informed decisions. We support extending the brown bear season if the Dept. has no conservation concerns
98	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C by one month to align with Units 19A, 19D, and 19E		
TNA			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee cannot make informed decisions on extending the brown bear season without first seeing the Department Analysis and Recommendations (A&Rs). We are frustrated that the Dept. A&Rs are continually not available for ACs to make



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			informed decisions. We support extending the brown bear season if the Dept. has no conservation concerns
99	Open the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and nonresidents on August 10		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED			FAC supports this proposal as long as the Department has no conservation concerns
100	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19E to year-round		
TNA			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee cannot make informed decisions on extending the brown bear season without first seeing the Department Analysis and Recommendations (A&Rs). We are frustrated that the Dept. A&Rs are continually not available for ACs to make informed decisions. We support extending the brown bear season if the Dept. has no conservation concerns
101	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 19C, and to be taken at a bait site the same day a hunter has flown		
SUPPORT			
102	Open a fall bear bait season in Unit 19E		
SUPPORT	7	1	The one nay vote has concerns with fall bear baiting affecting moose and caribou hunters
103	Increase the bag limit for black bear in Units 19B and 19C from three to five		
SUPPORT			More opportunity, defer to Department recommendations
104	Remove the requirement for a general season black bear harvest ticket in Unit 19D		
SUPPORT			We support this proposal as long as the Department gets adequate harvest data that they need
105	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21A		
SUPPORT	7	1	See our comments on proposal 102
106	Allow hunting of black and brown bear with the use of bait or scent lures in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT			
107	Open a fall brown/grizzly bear baiting season in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT	7	1	See our comments on proposal 102
108	Reactivate wolf control in a portion of Units 12, 20D, and 20E to benefit moose		
SUPPORT			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee supports IM efforts



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			when necessary to benefit ungulate populations
109	Allow wolves to be taken in Unit 12 the same day a person has been airborne .		
SUPPORT			This would allow more opportunity to take wolves
110	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
SUPPORT			
111	Add an archery only, five-day season for residents and nonresidents in Unit 12		
OPPOSE			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restricted hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts
112	Limit nonresident hunting of the Fortymile caribou herd		
SUPPORT	5	3	The yay votes believe nonresidents should be limited at this time, but not eliminated completely. The nay votes have concerns about restricting nonresident military members stationed here
113	Close caribou hunting within ¼ mile or 100 yards of the Steese Highway above tree line on Eagle and Twelvemile summits in Unit 20		
OPPOSE			Not enforceable
114	Allow proxy hunting for caribou in Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F, and 24C registration hunts		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	6	2	Support as amended that there can only be one proxy hunter per animal per year, no multiple proxy hunts for any individual. Nay votes concerned that it takes opportunity away from other hunters.
115	Require hunters taking Fortymile caribou to gut the animals in the field		
OPPOSE			
116	Implement a non-intensive management predator control plan within the Tok Management Area to benefit Dall sheep		
SUPPORT			The Department did a special bear control program for muskox in Unit 26B even though muskox are not an IM species, so it's possible something could be done for sheep
117	Allocate Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits		
OPPOSE			No applicability with current permit allocation of 1 permit. Leave the permit structure the way it is.
118	Allocate a portion of the Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits to archery only, or create a new archery only hunting area		



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OPPOSE			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restricted hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts
119			Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 12 for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested
OPPOSE			This would be an unworkable regulation, as there are legal full-curl rams that are 6 and 7 years old
120			Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12
SUPPORT			This is a Fairbanks AC proposal
121			Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12
SUPPORT			Support to increase the resident brown bear bag limit
122			Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 12 and 20E by approximately six weeks to end on June 15
OPPOSE			We have concerns about the lack of any value of hides at that time and it is during denning
123			Lengthen the wolf hunting season by approximately six weeks
OPPOSE			
124			Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 20E and 25B by two weeks, to close March 15
SUPPORT			more opportunity, fur still prime at that time in these units
125			Change all general season harvest ticket moose hunts in Unit 20D to a registration permit
SUPPORT			The Dept. needs more accurate harvest reporting and data, and it's a requirement under a registration hunt to report that comes with a Failure-to-Report (FTR) penalty whereby a hunter who does not report is ineligible to receive the same permit the next year.
126			Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunting seasons in Unit 20D
SUPPORT			
127			Expand the hunt area and change the bag limit for the Unit 20D youth moose hunt YM792, and eliminate the drawing hunt DM791
SUPPORT			We communicated with the Delta AC on this and support their rationale
128			Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt YM792 to one bull
TNA			Based on our support of 127. We do not support the motorized suggestion
129			Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt YM792



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TNA			Based off support of 127
130			Award up to 10% of permits for DS203 and DS204 to nonresidents, and remove the allocation between guided and nonguided nonresidents
SUPPORT			We communicated with the Delta AC on this and agree that the permit structure for the DCUA hunts needs to return to the way it was
131			Allocate 10% of the Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing permits to nonresidents
OPPOSE			We don't want any changes to the nonresident allocation of permits
132			Allocate 20% of the resident only late season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS204 to archery only
OPPOSE		Oppose	The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restricted hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts
133			Allocate 20% of the resident only early season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS203 to archery only or create a new early season archery only hunt
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 132
134			Change the time frame for which a person can be awarded Mt. Harper sheep drawing permit DS206 in Units 20E and 20D, to one permit every four regulatory years or once per lifetime Oppose
OPPOSE			There are only 2 DS 206 permits available and we question why nonresident opportunity is still allowed. We do not support a one-every-four-years sheep regulation for residents
135			Close Mount Harper sheep drawing hunt DS206 in Units 20D and 20E, to nonresidents
SUPPORT			With only two DS 206 permits available for this isolated and very low sheep population, we don't understand why there is currently any nonresident opportunity.
136			Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River, and require a registration permit
TNA			Based on our support for proposals 137 and 138
137			Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in all of Unit 20
SUPPORT			We support providing more brown bear hunting opportunity
138			Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River
SUPPORT			We support providing more brown bear hunting opportunity



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
139	Reduce the bag limit for taking caribou in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D and 26A to four caribou per year, only one of which may be a cow		
TNA			Based on actions taken by the board at the Region V meeting
140	Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A		
TNA			Based on actions taken by the board at the Region V meeting
141	Close the youth sheep hunts in Units 24A and 25A		
OPPOSE			
142	Change sheep hunting in portions of Units 24A and 25A to archery only		
OPPOSE			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restriction hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts
143	Eliminate the extended season archery sheep hunts within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
OPPOSE			See our comments on proposal 144. We don't support eliminating the resident component
144	Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 24A and 26B and reduce the season		
SUPPORT			Nonresident sheep hunting in these units needs to be limited
145	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
TNA			
146	Adopt an Intensive Management Program and implement wolf control on all state lands in Units 24A and 25		
SUPPORT			
147	Allow hunters to take wolves in Units 24 and 25 the same day they have been airborne		
SUPPORT			This would provide more opportunity to take wolves
148	Create a predator control program for wolves in Units 24A and 25A		
TNA			Based on support for proposal 146
149	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Units 24 and the remainder of 25 by one month, to open		



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	October 1		
SUPPORT			Aligns with trapping season
150	Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 24 and 25		
OPPOSE			Hides of no value, is during denning
151	Increase the hunting bag limit for wolves in Units 24 and 25		
OPPOSE			Hides of no value, is during denning
152	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Units 24C and 24D, and open a fall bait season in Units 21B and 24B		
SUPPORT			Allows more opportunity
153	Lengthen the wolverine hunting and trapping seasons in Unit 21 by one month to end on April 30		
OPPOSE			Concerns with fur being prime and it's during denning
154	Change the bag limit for caribou in the Remainder of Unit 26B		
SUPPORT	5	3	nays don't believe we should increase nonresident bag limit so soon after herd declined then rebounded, but support the resident bag limit increase
155	Increase resident caribou hunting opportunity in Unit 26B Remainder		
TNA			Based on action taken on proposal 154
156	Change the nonresident caribou hunt in Unit 26B Remainder to a drawing hunt or registration hunt with a limited number of permits available		
OPPOSE			Not necessary with a nonresident one-bull bag limit
157	Change the Unit 26A and Unit 26B muskox hunt area boundaries to match federal hunt boundaries, and expand the state hunt areas		
SUPPORT	Support		Support with Department Amendment
158	Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 25A, 26B, and 26C		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	1	Amend to add 2DK hunters and clarify it is per guide concession area. FAC doesn't understand why allocations in ANWR are determined by feds when that isn't the case on other Refuge lands
159	Open a resident only archery only hunt for sheep in the Eastern Brooks Range Management Area with aircraft restrictions, and modify the existing youth hunt in the same area		
OPPOSE			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restriction hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts



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	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
160			Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 159
161			Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only
OPPOSE			See comments on proposal 159
162			Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only
OPPOSE		Oppose	See comments on proposal 159
163			Align salvage requirements for caribou in Units 25B, 25C, and 25D with Unit 25A to require meat of caribou remain on the bone when harvested prior to October 1
OPPOSE			Meat care is the responsibility of the hunter and this doesn't consider hunters transporting meat from the field via aircraft who would like to lessen the weight
164			Require the liver, heart, and tongue of moose and caribou harvested in Units 25 to be salvaged
OPPOSE			Harvest methods are the responsibility of the individual hunter. While we support utilizing the liver, heart, and tongue, we don't support making it a requirement for everyone
165			Create an intensive management plan for reducing wolves in Unit 25D
TNA			No efficacy, is mostly federal land
166			Establish trapping seasons for black and brown/grizzly bears and allow black and brown/grizzly bears to be taken by bucket snares in Unit 25D
SUPPORT			
167			Lengthen the season dates for Unit 26B nonresident drawing brown bear hunt DB987 by opening the season two weeks earlier, on August 10
SUPPORT			More opportunity during sheep season
168			Lengthen the Unit 26B brown bear hunting seasons within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area for residents and nonresidents
TNA			See 169
169			Remove the resident registration permits RB988 and RB989 for brown bear in Unit 26B
SUPPORT			We support this Department proposal and rationale. There is no need for this to continue to be a registration hunt for residents.
170			Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Unit 25A by two weeks to close on April 15
OPPOSE			Goes into the denning period
171			Change all general season harvest ticket hunts to registration permits for moose in Units 20A,



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
	20B, 20C, 20F and 25C		
SUPPORT			See our comments on proposal 125
172	Create a muzzleloader only moose hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 20A		
OPPOSE			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restriction hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT			
174	Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT			Passage of this proposal would mean less conflicts with enforcement , allow use of the mining trail and prevent tearing up the tundra
175	Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
TNA			Based on support of proposal 174
176	Reduce the nonresident moose bag limit in portions of Unit 20B, and eliminate nonresident moose hunting opportunity in portions of Unit 20B		
SUPPORT			We do not support nonresident antlerless and any-bull moose hunting opportunities in these areas. Those should be reserved for resident hunters to put meat in their freezer.
177	Extend the current moose season in Unit 20B Remainder by five days for certified bowhunters only		
OPPOSE			The Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee does not support new weapons-restriction hunts unless necessary due to proximity to public trails, roads, and in urban areas. Bowhunters and muzzleloaders already have opportunity under draw and general hunts
178	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
SUPPORT	Support		
179	Shift the moose season dates in Unit 20B		
TNA			
180	Change the allocation of permits for Delta caribou hunt DC827 in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT	7	1	Allocation to nonresidents is too high, should be up-to language
181	Allow nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 20A by drawing permit only		
			Unlimited nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 20A has led to nonresident



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SUPPORT	5	3	sheep hunters taking the majority of the ram harvest. Most all of those nonresident sheep hunters are guided. This is also causing crowding and conflicts between guides and guided and unguided hunters.
182	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A, 20B, and 25C for residents and nonresidents by two weeks to close on June 15		
SUPPORT			This is a Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee proposal
183	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by two weeks to close on June 15		
TNA			Based on support of proposal 182
184	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by three weeks to open August 10		
OPPOSE			Hide isn't really good then, and June extended season in proposal 182 is a better option
185	Extend the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A and Unit 20B Remainder to close on June 30, to align with the rest of Unit 20		
TNA			Extending until June 30 was not supported by the Dept.
186	Close a portion of Unit 20C to wolf hunting and trapping		
OPPOSE		Oppose	We do not support, nor is it necessary, to close wolf trapping in Unit 20C
187	Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Units 20A, 20B, 20D, and 20F by two weeks to align with 20C		
OPPOSE			Goes into the denning season
188	Open beaver trapping in a portion of Unit 20B		
OPPOSE			Beaver trapping in this area with many riverbank houses and public use along the Chena in winter would lead to problems and conflicts. If beavers are causing any damage, there are nuisance permits available.
189	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
SUPPORT			
190	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
191	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C		
TNA			
192	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
TNA			
193	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C .		
TNA			



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194	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E		
TNA			
195	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
TNA			
196	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
TNA			
197	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
TNA			
198	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
TNA			
199	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
TNA			
200	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 17A		
TNA			
207	Repeal the age criteria for full-curl ram horns for Dall sheep hunts in Interior and Eastern Arctic Regions		
OPPOSE			
208	Lengthen the moose hunting season in Unit 19E by five days; allow proxy hunting, and eliminate the restriction of one permit per household		
TNA			
210	Change the subunit boundary of Units 20A and 20C to the current river channel		
SUPPORT			
211	Change the hunt area boundary for Unit1A goat hunt RG002 and accompanying permit issuance requirements		
TNA			

Minutes Recorded By: Mark Richards (Acting Chair)

Minutes Approved By: Mark Richards (Acting Chair)

Date: 2/28/2024



**Grayling/Anvik/Shageluk/Holy Cross (GASH)
Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, February 23rd, 2024 at 9:00 am
Native Movement Building
60 Hall Street, Fairbanks AK 99701
and by web/teleconference**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ken Chase at 9:20 am.

Roll call: Ken Chase, Shirley Deacon Clark, Rich Freireich, Chevie Roach, Bruce Werba, Kathy W. Chase, Nathan Elswick

Absent: Roger Hamilton Jr. and Eugene Paul.

Quorum established.

Guests: Robert Walker

ADFG Staff: Josh Pierce, Kyle Campbell

Approval of agenda, discussion to add two items, motion made by Rick to approve the amended agenda, Shirley seconded. Two items added were, cost of the bison project and the 21E and 21D boundaries. Motion carried.

Approval of the 4/17/23 GASH AC meeting, motion made by Rick and seconded by Bruce. Yes to approve, Ken, Shirley, Rick, Chevie, Bruce and Kathy. 6 yes votes

Chairman Ken gave a brief report on the GASH activities, setting up meetings, staying on top of proposals, public information on issues, he mentioned that there has to be someone stepping up to replace him as the Chair, getting school students involved, more people involved, talked about the boundary issue.

ADF & G Staff gave their reports

There was discussion by members of the GASH board on Area M. Robert Walker gave his input on Proposal 43.

Concerns: Proxy hunt, Josh gave out good information on this process. The boundary issue was addressed by Josh. 21E and 21D, the deadline for submitting this proposal is May 1, 2024. Josh will draft up a map and wording and will get the information out to the GASH board. Roll call vote, yes votes: Ken, Nathan, Shirley, Rick, Chevy, Bruce, Kathy. Motion carried.

Information on the bison history was given by Josh. 5 million spent in the last 30 years. 150,000 since 2015

Break for lunch at 12:35

Meeting back on at 1:35 pm.



Board of Game:

Proposal 47, motion to oppose, 2 no votes, 5 yes

Proposal 48, support this, 7 yes votes

Proposal 50, support this, 7 yes votes

Proposal 53, 54, support this, 7 yes votes

Proposal 59, support this, 7 yes votes

Proposal 208, 6 yes votes, 1 abstain

Proposal 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, support these, 7 yes votes

Proposal 73, support this, 7 yes votes

Proposal 74, 6 yes votes, 1 abstain

Proposal 75, support this, 7 yes votes

Proposal 93 - 107, support this, (Josh will provide the language for this)

Board of Fisheries

Proposal 43, support this, 7 yes votes

Joint Board:

Proposal 6 and 7, full support for quorum purposes, 7 yes votes

Ken Chase to attend meeting in Anchorage, March 15-22, 2024, Chevy might be able to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Kathy Chase
Minutes Approved By: _____



Alaska **Board of Fisheries** Upper Cook Inlet Meeting Proposals

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43	Amend Basic Management Plans as follows (<i>This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting</i>):		
SUPPORT	7	0	

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47	Allow proxy hunting for bison in Units 12, 19 and 20		
OPPOSE	2	5	
48	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT	7	0	
50	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15		
SUPPORT	7	0	
53	Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
SUPPORT	7	0	
54	Review the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
SUPPORT	7	0	



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
59	Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier		
SUPPORT	7	0	
68	Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online		
SUPPORT	7	0	
69	Allow hunters that hold registration moose permit RM682 in Unit 19 to be eligible to hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River drainage		
SUPPORT	7	0	
70	Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel		
SUPPORT	7	0	
71	Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19		
SUPPORT	7	0	
72	Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season		
SUPPORT	7	0	
73	Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years		
SUPPORT	7	0	
74	Require applicants for Unit 21E moose drawing hunt DM837 to provide a unique verification number when applying for that hunt		
SUPPORT	6	0	1 abstention
75	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT	7	0	
93	Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19C by opening the season on August 10		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	Amendment: Brown bear: Unit 19B and 19C Aug 10 – June 30 2 bear bag limit for everyone Take at bait Apr 15 – June 30 & Aug1 – Oct. 31 Units 19A, 19D, 19E, 21A and 21E (contain villages) No closed season 2 bear bag limit for everyone Take at bait Apr 15 – June 30 & Aug 1 – Oct 31 Black bear: Unit 19



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Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
			<p>No closed season 5 bear bag limit for everyone Take at bait Apr 15 – June 30 and Aug 1 – Oct 31</p> <p>Unit 21A, 21E No closed season 3 bear bag limit for everyone Take at bait Apr 15 – June 30 and Aug 1 – Oct 31</p>
94	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season by opening the hunt in the fall on the same day as the sheep and caribou seasons and closing the hunt on June 30		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	See Proposal 93
95	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	See Proposal 93
96	Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear hunting season by changing the start date to August 10 .		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	See Proposal 93
97	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season and increase the bag limit in Unit 19C		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	See Proposal 93
98	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C by one month to align with Units 19A, 19D, and 19E		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	See Proposal 93
99	Open the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and nonresidents on August 10		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	See Proposal 93
100	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19E to year-round		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	See Proposal 93
101	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 19C, and to be taken at a bait site the same day a hunter has flown		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	See Proposal 93



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
102	Open a fall bear bait season in Unit 19E		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	See Proposal 93
103	Increase the bag limit for black bear in Units 19B and 19C from three to five		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	See Proposal 93
104	Remove the requirement for a general season black bear harvest ticket in Unit 19D		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	See Proposal 93
105	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21A		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	See Proposal 93
106	Allow hunting of black and brown bear with the use of bait or scent lures in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	See Proposal 93
107	Open a fall brown/grizzly bear baiting season in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	7	0	See Proposal 93
208	Lengthen the moose hunting season in Unit 19E by five days; allow proxy hunting, and eliminate the restriction of one permit per household		
SUPPORT	6	0	1 abstention



Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting Proposals

March 25-28, 2024 | Anchorage, AK

Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
SUPPORT	7	0	
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
SUPPORT	7	0	

Minutes Recorded By: Kathy Chase
 Minutes Approved By: _____



**Homer Advisory Committee
1-30-24
KBNERR, 2181 Kachemak Drive 99603**

- I. Call to Order: 1800 by Morgan Jones, Chair
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Tom Hagberg, Wes Humbyrd, Morgan Jones, Matt Hakala, Corey Loos, Corey DeCook, Josh Wickboldt, Dan Anderson, George Matz, Doug Malone

Members Absent (Excused): Tom Young, Dave Lyon, Joey Allred, Michael Craig, Bob Nathanson, Andy Fetterhoff, Dan Miotke
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present:
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Mike Booz, Jason Herreman
- IV. Guests Present: Janet Carroll, Tad Russell
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G : Jason Herreman gave a brief moose update and asked us to weigh in on P199, the local cow moose hunt. He pointed to a current 35:100 bull-cow ratio and good twinning rates as indication of good overall herd health. The department will be continuing to try to increase the numbers of any-bull permits.
 - c.
 - d. Others
- VIII. Public Comment
- IX. Old Business
- X. New Business WE took up UCi proposals as well as BoG antlerless moose proposals



- XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting: The AC chose Thomas Hagberg to represent our interests at Board of Fisheries
 - XII.
 - XIII. Set next meeting date for march 12, 2024 at 1800 at KBNERRR
 - XIV. Other
- Adjourn at 2004

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150			Create a Kasilof River Late-Run King Salmon Management Plan
No action			After a brief discussion, we decided to take no action 10-0
188	Prohibit bait and multiple hooks in Hidden Lake		
Support	10	0	Members felt that Hidden Lake is getting much use, best to be proactive in conserving the lake trout resource by a small reduction in methods and means as written.
189	Require personal use guides in Cook Inlet to adhere to sport fishing guiding requirements		
Support	10	0	The AC generally feels that with the amount of pressure from PU fishers, registration requirements for guides are appropriate, same as the sport fishery.
190	Establish requirements to guide in Upper Cook Inlet personal use fisheries		
Support	9	1	The AC generally feels that with the amount of pressure from PU fishers, registration requirements for guides are appropriate, same as the sport fishery. Opposition felt that guides should not be allowed in the PU fishery.
192	Close personal use . based on commercial openings		
Support	5	3	2 Abstained, citing messy issue and not comfortable weighing in. Those in favor argue that PU fish are taken from commerce- the Magnusen Stevens Act; and also that the commercial closures are based on projections inriver.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
			One supporter voted yes only due to the fact that this proposal as written would appear to close ALL PU fisheries in Cook Inlet- if it was strictly concerning the Kenai River his vote would be the negative.
197	Prohibit retention of king salmon in the Kenai River personal use fishery		
Split	5	5	. King salmon on the Kenai river should be closed to all users. Some felt that keeping one would be ok
199	Prohibit transport of Kasilof River personal use fish by motorized vessel		
Support	9	1	Busy river, plenty of access, concerns about overuse and large HP boats, even though the river is not conducive to powerboating above RM 3.
201	Close the Kenai River personal use fishery when drift fishery is restricted		
Support	8	2	Most felt that 2 12hr days per week opportunity for commercial fleet does not comport with 24/7 opportunity for the PU fishers. A better way to approach might be to restrict time period for the PU fisheries.



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197	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	9	1	Support more meat opportunity. Opposed felt he, as a Homer AC member, represents lower Peninsula residents, is not representing the interests of Turnagain residents
198	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Support	10	0	Herd health is good, no predators on Kalgin
199	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	10	0	The herd appears to be in good shape, we support the opportunity.

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Douglas
Malone Minutes Approved By:
Morgan Jones Date: Feb 12, 2024



Koyukuk River Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 at 9:00 am

Fairbanks ADFG Conference Room

and by web/teleconference

Advisory committee called to order and establish quorum at 9:10 AM at the Alaska department of fish and game office in Fairbanks.

Members present: Darrell Vent from Huslia , Jack Wholecheese on the phone, from Huslia , Vincent Simon, from Allakaket, Charles Ned, from Allakaket, and Jack Reakoff chairman from Wiseman. member, Michelle, Quillin came in at 10:20 AM, quorum established with four members.

ADF&G staff introduction were Dina Jallan Yukon River, Summer, season manager, Christie Gleason, fall season manager for the Yukon, Brooke Fisher, and Jesse, Coleman, Subsistence division, Glenn Stout, area biologist for Galena for the Galena area, and Kade Kelum his assistant AB, Mark Nelson, area, biologist, or the north east area, and his assistant Jordan Pruszinski AB, John Wisniewski Fairbanks AC, and member of the public Vanessa Schultz.

Agenda discussed and amended define game proposals to be reviewed motion to adopt by Darrell Vent second by Vincent Simon agenda adopted, all present in favor.

Darrell motion to adopt minutes from me January 11, 2024 6 PM teleconference to set in person meeting date, assign an alternate seat, and deliver at Western Arctic Caribou proposals. Vincent seconded minutes adopted unanimously.

Chairman report worked on previous meetings minutes, reviewed proposals, and try to get other communities to send advisory committee participation. Hughes, Alatna, and Evansville/Bettles are hard to contact and have not shown interest in assigning participants.

Galena area biologist Glenn Stout introduced his assistant again, covered Caribou collaring projects in the Ray, wolf and Galena Mountain Caribou herds.

Caribou are having GPS satellite telemetry use now, as Porcupine Caribou, intermix, and take VHF collars away. Glenn presented PowerPoint data for moose population, and the harvest. Bull, moose study, using GPS collars in and out of the river corridor between Galena and Huslia. DNA is collected with blood from the moose bulls as well as from teeth collected from harvested moose at the check station. Joint project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife. Moose service cannot be done due to shallow snow in the upper Koyukuk. Brown bear, potation increasing on adults and calves discussed. Dall sheep declines are affecting game management unit 24 harvest. The committee discussed submitting an emergency request to open bull, moose, season with Glenn Stout. Member Wholecheese from Huslia felt that it was an emergency due to climate change and wanted to have game management unit 24D August 22 through the 31st.

Member Wholecheese motioned to send EO request, member Simon second. Four votes in favor to apposed motion passed. 10 minute break taken.

Next staff presentation was subsistence division Jesse Coleman and Brooke Fisher presented a whitefish study near Allakaket on the Alatna river. Committee discussed baseline data on population of whitefish species and impacts from the Ambler if built. basically, Subsistence division would like traditional ecological knowledge to delineate where white fish spawn in the Alatna and south fork Koyukuk rivers.

Dina Jalan summer in season manager for the Yukon river discussed the low returns of Chinook and Summer chum salmon for the last three seasons. She covered the conservation issues that we discussed at the Yukon



panel and the seven-year rebuilding strategy for Yukon River Canadian stocks. Advisory committee members discussed and clarified various issues with the InSeason manager, and their concerns about the impact of subsistence users in the Koyukuk river, and Yukon river drainage.

Christie Gleason fall in season manager for fall, Chum and Coho salmon presented again the challenges to achieve escapement goals in the Yukon river system. The committee discussed extensively, the high seas, lifecycle of chum, salmon, and interception from the north pacific as they move through the souther, Alaska Peninsula, and through the Bering Sea to reach the Yukon river.

The committee is appreciative of the department staff, and is very satisfied with the summer and fall in season managers efforts.

The Advisory committee took a one hour lunch break and came back to order adjust after 1 PM. And begin taking up board of game proposals.

Proposal 139 reduce the bag limit for the Western Arctic Caribou herd. Due to the board of game action to modify and taken on this proposal in Kotzebue to Sepp a bag limit of 15 Caribou but no more than one cow, the committee endorsed that strategy. Member Vent motion to adopt the modification, and member Simon second the proposal was adopted by the committee anonymously.

Proposal 140 to allow non-resident harvest of one bull Caribou bag limit motion to adopt by Mr. Vent, second by Mr. Simon. Advisory committee discussed the new resident bag limit focus of 14 balls per 100 cows as the majority, of the harvest with only one cow. There is a need to maintain a minimum bull:cow ratio of 35 per 100 cow. The committee feels strongly that there needs to be an absolute minimum composition of 6 to 7 large bulls, of age five years old and older, per 100 cows. Without composition data for the Western Arctic Caribou herd, it is unknown if there are enough large bulls to maintain a sustainable breeding structure, and resident subsistence use. Large five-year-old bulls are the breeding component and have the fat reserves to cover cows for breeding during the very short estrous cycle of Caribou, documented in Denali national park for many years. Reindeer herders in Scandinavia and the Seward peninsula select for maintaining large five-year-old bulls in their herd population. bull caribou are not skeletally mature until 4.5 years of age, as presented at the Caribou/ ungulates symposium in Anchorage, May 2023.

Younger bulls are rejected by cows who are waiting for large bulls to arrive. If large bulls are not available adult cows may miss breeding, and if breed by younger bulls, poor cohorts are produced due to protracted calving dates. Young bulls expand too much energy with their shallow fat reserves and are subject to higher winter mortalities. Proposal 140 should be adopted until large bull presence is documented by composition data. The Melchatna caribou herd went into reproductive failure in 2007, when the bull: cow ratio fell to 14 bulls per hundred cow with only one large five year old bull and older: per 100 cow. The committee supported proposal 140 due to unknown composition of the large bull component, and the risk of further decline of the population, and recruiting bulls to support sustain yield harvest. Harvesting beyond sustainability of large bulls will put risk to further decline. This is the reason the committee does not support non-resident participation at this time.

Proposal 141 to eliminate the youth hunt and game management, subunits 24, and 25A what is motion to adopt by member Vent, second by member Simon. The Dall sheep population is continuing to decline from the corridor and unit 24A and 25A west. The ewelike population continues to fall, showing not enough recruitment to stabilize the population. The current population is far below carrying capacity for the last 20 years. Legal Rams found in the survey the last three years are very few. Committee members familiar with a Management unit 24B stated that subsistence hunters from Allakaket and Alatna say very few sheep also in the Alatna I am John River drainages. There are no additional Rams to provide for additional harvest opportunity outside of the normal season in the youth hunt. The committee voted to support proposal 141 unanimously



Proposal 142 motion to adopt by member Vent seconded by member Simon. The committee discussed extensively the lack of any legal Rams in the Dalton Highway Corridor since 2018, lack of enforcement in the high number of hunters that access the area on the road. With the decline of the Nelchina Caribou Herd there was a significant increase in resident hunters that bring sheep harvest tickets. They come to hunt, Caribou, sheeps, bears, and for bears. The harvest reporting does not reflect the high number of hunters that attempt to take sheep legally with archery, or illegally with firearms within 2 miles and beyond from the road. The Committee go to oppose proposal 142 because it does not go far enough to reduce the massive volumes of increasing hunter participation. The committee feels that the board of game needs to address the sheep decline with a management strategy that entails a limited, drawing permit, and game management unit 24A and 25A west. Proposal 142 does not go far enough to protect the Dall sheep population associated to the Dalton highway subunits.

Proposal 143 motion to adopt remember Vent second by member Simon. Committee again discussed extensively the need for additional conservation for the Dalton Highway, Corridor management area for Dall sheep. The current extended harvest opportunity without limiting participation for an extended 15 days to October 5 cannot be supported for sustained yield. The committee voted unanimously to adopt proposal 143.

Proposal 144, member, Vent motion to adopt member Simon second. The committee discussed again, the need for conservation and reduced participation for any hunting opportunity. The committee felt that the proposal as written was flawed and that all permits could hunt either game management unit 26B west of the Sagavanirktok or 24A. The committee also felt that 10 draw permits was far too many for the very limited adult ram populations in the described subunits. The committee modify proposal 144 to delineate draw permits or 26B and 24A independently with only two non-resident draw permits in each sub unit. Guided hunters have a very high success rate there are only a few adult Rams available and each of those subunits and overall sheep populations are falling. The committee does feel that a limited, drawing participation, for the described units is the only way forward for bringing the populations back to carrying capacity and sustainability. The committee voted to only support modified proposal 144 as described.

The proposal 145 member Simon motion to adopt Mr. Vent second. Mr. Stout area biologist described the healthy moose population in portions of unit 21D Kaiyuh flats. The moose population can support some antler-less cow harvest. The committee voted to adopt the reauthorization of any moose harvest and a describe unit.

Proposal 146 and 147 were taken up together, member Vent motion to adopt member Simon second. The committee review the intensive management plans for gay management units 24 and 25A. It is recognized at the Porcupine Caribou heard arrives in September with additional wolves. Those wolves leave with the Caribou when they migrate out in March and April. The resident wolves numbers have relatively high harvest rates by local trappers, trappers from the road, people shooting free ranging for bears, including wolves, or the trapping license and game management units 24A and 26B especially. Resident wolf populations have reduced significantly through consistent harvest and cannibalization after the snow shoe hare decline in 2020. The Lands status and game management unit 24A includes significant Doyon Land ownership. Local trappers are opposed to aerial harvest at this time. The committee oppose proposal 146 and 147 unanimously

Proposal 148 motion to adopt member, Vent, and second by member Simon. And the committee opposed proposal 148 due to its inclusion of game management unit 24A. The sustain consistent harvest of wolves by trapping and harvester of free ranging fur-bearers as well as archery hunters, is the main reason this proposal was apposed unanimously.

Proposal 149 motions to adopt member event and second hand by member Simon. The committee deliberated starting wolf trapping on October 1. The Committee discussed the high likelihood of trapping bears. Incidentally, at that time of year bears would have to be euthanized and surrendered to the Alaska Department Fish and



game. Current seasons are best for harvest of wolves. The committee voted to oppose proposal 149 unanimously

Proposal 150 and 151 taken up together, motion to adopt member Vent second member Simon. The committee discussed extensively the value of hunting wolves into June. Wolves are shedding their fur extensively in June, and are virtually valueless. The committee voted unanimously to oppose proposals 150 and 151.

Proposal 152 motion to adopt by member Vent second member Simon. This is a Koyukuk river AC proposal to increase resident brown bear bag limits and gay management units 24C and 24D. Also establishing a fall bearbaiting season and units 21B and 24B the brown bear population is currently not harvested at minimum sustained yield. The committee feels that additional harvest opportunity should be afforded resident hunters in the subunits. Growing brown bear populations are affecting black bear and moose survival, especially with Yukon river salmon, declines as part of the Bears food source. Brown bears are also coming closer to villages to scavenge and becoming nuisance in some areas. The committee feels there is additional harvest opportunity by increasing bag limit and methods of harvest to achieve a sustainable harvest surplus. The committee voted to support the proposal as written unanimously

I proposal 153 motion to adopt by member Vent second by member Simon. The committee discussed the biological parameters of wolverine and the sustainability of harvesting through April 30. The committee commented that females with den under the snow pack, would not be likely to be harvested. Adult male wolverine would be the most likely to be taken by the few trappers continuing to harvest wolves and beaver through April 30. The committee felt the season lengthening would be insignificant and sustainable to the Wolverine population. The committee vote in unanimously to support proposal 153.

The committee took up Northeast Alaska proposals, 154, 155 and 156. These proposals affect the central Arctic Caribou herd that has winter range in game management unit 24

Proposal 154 motion to adopt and amend the proposal by member Vent second by member Simon. The committee had Mark Nelson area biologist present current population status of the central Arctic ever heard in unit 26B.

The committee discussed the history of this herd the conditions that affected this herd and the recovery of this herd since 2010.

The population fell dramatically from 2010 to 2015 with rain on snow events and a late spring in 2013. Harvest of cows with five Caribou bag limit in 2010 contributed lead cows, being taken in the fall migration resulting in deflection, deflection of the Caribou migrations in the fall. Taking lead cows, and many in the front of the migration, by the several hunters using jet boat, air, boat, and other watercraft for access, on the ever Sagavanirktok, Ivashack and Ribdon and rivers. The archived telemetry shows that the herd deflected away from the road corridor to the south east metal for Chandalar, and far out to the Arctic Ocean coast through the closed area and to the west of the road. The herd continues to avoid the road corridor, and they have a shock Sagavanirktok drainage is because of that entrainment. Therefore, the committee opposes cow harvest during migration in August and September.

The committee feels that the central arctic herd can support some cow harvest , but not more than one per hunter after October 1.

The herd grew from 22,500 to 34,500 with no cow harvest, and is now stabilizing not continuing to grow appreciably. Large cow bag limits with high participation will drive this population far below management objectives and sustainability a future harvest.



The committee feels strongly that the Central Arctic herd can easily be maintained at the same population status of the Teshukpuk herd. Suppressing caribou herds, causes them not to migrate into wintering areas that are vast and unused on the south Slope at the Brooks Range. Currently, the central Arctic herd is predominantly in game management units, 24B, 24A, and 25A. Caribou have not been in the central South Slope Brooks Range 24A and 24B to a large degree for 50 years. The winter range will easily support central Arctic, Teshukpuk, and the Porcupine Caribou herds.

The current resident Hunter bag limit for 26B remainder of 4 bulls per hunter is large. There is growing participation of displaced Caribou hunters.

There is a need to maintain a minimum bull:cow ratio of 35 per 100 cow. The committee feels strongly that there needs to be an absolute minimum composition of 6 to 7 large bulls, of age five years old and older, per 100 cows. Without current composition data for the central Arctic Caribou herd, it is unknown if there are enough large bulls to maintain a sustainable breeding structure, and resident subsistence use. Large five-year-old bulls are the breeding component and have the fat reserves to cover cows for breeding during the very short estrous cycle of Caribou, documented in Denali national park for many years. Reindeer herders in Scandinavia and the Seward peninsula select for maintaining large five-year-old bulls for their herd breeding. Bull caribou are not skeletally mature until 4.5 years of age, as presented by Scandinavian research presented at the Caribou/ ungulates symposium in Anchorage, May 2023. Mature, large bulls produce strong, calf cohorts.

Younger bulls are rejected by cows who are waiting for large bulls to arrive. If large bulls are not available adult cows may miss breeding, and if bred by younger bulls, poor cohorts are produced due to protracted calving dates. Bulls younger than five years old expend too much energy with their shallow fat reserves and are subject to higher winter mortalities.

Non-resident bag limit should not be increased until large bull presence is documented by composition data. Maintaining ratios of 6-7 five-year-old breeding bulls post hunt is imperative, and required for sustained yield. Resident harvest of 4 bulls is a priority use. The board needs to have current bull composition, which is not available to make a decision on expanding nonresident bag limit. More than 50% of the harvest and game management unit 26B remainder is by nonresident hunters.

The committee is very concerned about recent harvest performance for other Alaskan herds that violated biological parameters.

The Melchatna caribou herd went into reproductive failure in 2007, when the bull: cow ratio fell to 14 bulls per hundred cow with only one large five year old bull and older: per 100 cow. The herd fell from 200,000 to 22,500 then slid down to the current crisis of 11, 500.

Nelchina Caribou herd had excessive harvest of the large bull component in 2020, then 60% of the harvest of the largest cows in 2021 augmenting or precipitous decline, especially with a hard winter this last year.

The committee feels strongly that the nutritional model used by Managers for Range depletion is incorrect, and has not been quantified with field documentation.

There is a lot misunderstanding regarding the ecology of Caribou, what they eat annually and harvest parameters for herds. Caribou are migratory when they become large in population moving to unused ranges, that Alaska has a lot of. Winter forage on predominantly lichen reserves late August to mid April.

From mid-April through late August Caribou restore, protein reserves, and produce calves by eating annual tussock sedge flowers from April, and May, then moving to wildflowers, including Lousewort, Dryas and other highly productive protein rich blossoms. Willow and other shrub leaves are used in conjunction with high-protein pollen intake from the above annual plants. Willow and other shrub leaves are the last protein sources available after the flowers are pollinated.



The Caribou Range used from April through August is impossible to deplete these annually producing forages. Central Arctic, Teshukpuk, and Porcupine Caribou are nowhere near depleting a winter habitat available in the central south Slope Brooks Range, all the way down to the Yukon, river Hodzana and Ray mountains.

The committee is also very concerned with Caribou population depletion in other areas of Alaska, such as Nelchina, and the 40 Mile herds. There will be thousands of hunters that will now move to hunt Caribou in unit 26B.

In the early 2000s there was documentation of approximately 2000 hunters during August, and September, that were checked through the Yukon River point. The checkpoint was only open on weekends. In the fall of 2023 there were hundreds of hunters weekly traveling the Dalton Highway going to unit 26B. There were easily 3000 hunters or more participating during the long Caribou season. This many hunters come out have large bag limits for a very limited herd size present if the Central Arctic herd is suppressed below 20,000. They will not migrate to the south slope in the game management units, 24 and 25.

Therefore the committee amended and modified proposal 154 to reflect a more sustainable management strategy. The state board of game should seriously consider conservation, and diverge away from excessive bag limits with high participation.

The committee feels strongly that resident bag limit should be no more than five Caribou, 4 bulls July 1, to April 30, no more than one cow with a season for cow harvest October 1, to April 30.

The non-resident season August 1 to September 15 with a bag limit of 1 bull caribou should be maintained in regulation.

Currently, managers have no idea what the bull composition is for the central Arctic herd, especially the large bulls sought by non-residents. These amendments were passed unanimously.

Proposal 155 motion to adopt and amend by member Vent second by member Simon.

The committee modified this proposal to allow resident bag limit of five Caribou, but no more than 1 may be a cow to be taken from October 1 to April 30. The amended proposal passed it unanimously.

I proposal 156 motion to adopt by member Vent second by member Simon.

Committee feels that the growing number of nonresident hunters and unit 26B needs to be regulated through a drawing permit or registration permit. There are a lot of non-residents camped for many days and unit 26B remainder.

Committee supported proposal unanimously.

Proposal 207 motion to adopt member Vent second by member Simon. The committee discussed the need to conserve large fully mature, rams, breeding structure to bring the sheep populations back to carrying capacity. High participation of hunters, unfamiliar with aging annual rings on sheep rams is causing loss of recruiting adult Rams. It is imperative to repeal criteria to count rings in the field previous to harvest. The committee feels strongly that this should've been a state wide repeal proposal 207 was supported unanimously.

The committee received legislative bills, House Bill HB 201 and Senate bill SB1710 Acts changing residency requirements for hunting, trapping and sport, fishing privileges and providing for an effective date.

The committee members feel strongly there is significant abuse by people who claim Alaska residency to obtain privileges of true Alaska residents. The committee supported writing a letter of support to both the house and senate resource committees regarding these bills.



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<p><i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i></p>			
139	Reduce the bag limit for taking caribou in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D and 26A to four caribou per year, only one of which may be a cow		
SUPPORT	5	0	Proposal 139 reduce the bag limit for the Western Arctic Caribou herd. Due to the board of game action to modify and taken on this proposal in Kotzebue to Sepp a bag limit of 15 Caribou but no more than one cow, the committee endorsed that strategy. Member Vent motion to adopt the modification, and member Simon second the proposal was adopted by the committee anonymously.
140	Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A		
SUPPORT	5	0	<p>Proposal 140 to allow non-resident harvest of one bull Caribou bag limit motion to adopt by Mr. Vent, second by Mr. Simon. Advisory committee discussed the new resident bag limit focus of 14 bulls per 100 cows as the majority, of the harvest with only one cow. There is a need to maintain a minimum bull:cow ratio of 35 per 100 cow. The committee feels strongly that there needs to be an absolute minimum composition of 6 to 7 large bulls, of age five years old and older, per 100 cows. Without composition data for the Western Arctic Caribou herd, it is unknown if there are enough large bulls to maintain a sustainable breeding structure, and resident subsistence use. Large five-year-old bulls are the breeding component and have the fat reserves to cover cows for breeding during the very short estrous cycle of Caribou, documented in Denali national park for many years. Reindeer herders in Scandinavia and the Seward peninsula select for maintaining large five-year-old bulls in their herd population. bull caribou are not skeletally mature until 4.5 years of age, as presented at the Caribou/ ungulates symposium in Anchorage, May 2023.</p> <p>Younger bulls are rejected by cows who are waiting for large bulls to arrive. If large bulls are not available adult cows may miss breeding, and if breed by younger bulls, poor cohorts are produced due to protracted calving dates. Young bulls expand too much energy with their shallow fat reserves and are subject to higher winter mortalities. Proposal 140 should be adopted until large bull presence is documented by composition data. The Melchatna caribou herd went into reproductive failure in 2007, when the bull: cow ratio fell to 14 bulls per hundred cow with only one large five year old bull and older: per 100 cow. The</p>



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141	Close the youth sheep hunts in Units 24A and 25A		
SUPPORT	5	0	Proposal 141 to eliminate the youth hunt and game management, subunits 24, and 25A what is motion to adopt by member Vent, second by member Simon. The Dall sheep population is continuing to decline from the corridor and unit 24A and 25A west. The ewelike population continues to fall, showing not enough recruitment to stabilize the population. The current population is far below carrying capacity for the last 20 years. Legal Rams found in the survey the last three years are very few. Committee members familiar with a Management unit 24B stated that subsistence hunters from Allakaket and Alatna say very few sheep also in the Alatna I am John River drainages. There are no additional Rams to provide for additional harvest opportunity outside of the normal season in the youth hunt. The committee voted to support proposal 141 unanimously
142	Change sheep hunting in portions of Units 24A and 25A to archery only		
OPPOSE	0	5	Proposal 142 motion to adopt by member Vent seconded by member Simon. The committee discussed extensively the lack of any legal Rams in the Dalton Highway Corridor since 2018, lack of enforcement in the high number of hunters that access the area on the road. With the decline of the Nelchina Caribou Herd there was a significant increase in resident hunters that bring sheep harvest tickets. They come to hunt, Caribou, sheeps, bears, and for bears. The harvest reporting does not reflect the high number of hunters that attempt to take sheep legally with archery, or illegally with firearms within 2 miles and beyond from the road. The Committee go to oppose proposal 142 because it does not go far enough to reduce the massive volumes of increasing hunter participation. The committee feels that the board of game needs to address the sheep decline with a management strategy that entails a limited, drawing permit, and game management unit 24A and 25A west. Proposal 142 does not go far enough to protect the Dall sheep population associated to the Dalton highway subunits.
143	Eliminate the extended season archery sheep hunts within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		



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SUPPORT	5	0	Proposal 143 motion to adopt remember Vent second by member Simon. Committee again discussed extensively the need for additional conservation for the Dalton Highway, Corridor management area for Dall sheep. The current extended harvest opportunity without limiting participation for an extended 15 days to October 5 cannot be supported for sustained yield. The committee voted unanimously to adopt proposal 143.
144	Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 24A and 26B and reduce the season		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	5	0	Proposal 144, member, Vent motion to adopt member Simon second. The committee discussed again, the need for conservation and reduced participation for any hunting opportunity. The committee felt that the proposal as written was flawed and that all permits could hunt either game management unit 26B west of the Sagavanirktok or 24A. The committee also felt that 10 draw permits was far too many for the very limited adult ram populations in the described subunits. The committee modify proposal 144 to delineate draw permits or 26B and 24A independently with only two non-resident draw permits in each sub unit. Guided hunters have a very high success rate there are only a few adult Rams available and each of those subunits and overall sheep populations are falling. The committee does feel that a limited, drawing participation, for the described units is the only way forward for bringing the populations back to carrying capacity and sustainability. The committee voted to only support modified proposal 144 as described.
145	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
SUPPORT	5	0	The proposal 145 member Simon motion to adopt Mr. Vent second. Mr. Stout area biologist described the healthy moose population in portions of unit 21D Kaiyuh flats. The moose population can support some antler-less cow harvest. The committee voted to adopt the reauthorization of any moose harvest and a describe unit.
146	Adopt an Intensive Management Program and implement wolf control on all state lands in Units 24A and 25A		
OPPOSE	0	5	Proposal 146 and 147 were taken up together, member Vent motion to adopt member Simon second. The committee review the intensive management plans for gay management units 24 and 25A. It is recognized at the Porcupine Caribou heard arrives in September with additional wolves. Those wolves leave with the Caribou when they migrate out in March and April. The resident wolves numbers have relatively high harvest rates by local



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			trappers, trappers from the road, people shooting free ranging for bears, including wolves, or the trapping license and game management units 24A and 26B especially. Resident wolf populations have reduced significantly through consistent harvest and cannibalization after the snow shoe hare decline in 2020. The Lands status and game management unit 24A includes significant Doyon Land ownership. Local trappers are opposed to aerial harvest at this time. The committee oppose proposal 146 and 147 unanimously
147	Allow hunters to take wolves in Units 24 and 25 the same day they have been airborne		
OPPOSE	0	5	See comments on Proposal 146
148	Create a predator control program for wolves in Units 24A and 25A		
OPPOSE	0	5	Proposal 148 motion to adopt member, Vent, and second by member Simon. And the committee opposed proposal 148 due to its inclusion of game management unit 24A. The sustain consistent harvest of wolves by trapping and harvester of free ranging fur-bearers as well as archery hunters, is the main reason this proposal was opposed unanimously.
149	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Units 24 and the remainder of 25 by one month, to open October 1		
OPPOSE	0	5	Proposal 149 motions to adopt member event and second hand by member Simon. The committee deliberated starting wolf trapping on October 1. The Committee discussed the high likelihood of trapping bears. Incidentally, at that time of year bears would have to be euthanized and surrendered to the Alaska Department Fish and game. Current seasons are best for harvest of wolves. The committee voted to oppose proposal 149 unanimously
150	Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 24 and 25		
OPPOSE	0	5	Proposal 150 and 151 taken up together, motion to adopt member Vent second member Simon. The committee discussed extensively the value of hunting wolves into June. Wolves are shedding their fur extensively in June, and are virtually valueless. The committee voted unanimously to oppose proposals 150 and 151.
151	Increase the hunting bag limit for wolves in Units 24 and 25		
OPPOSE	0	5	See comment for Proposal 150
152	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Units 24C and 24D, and open a fall bait season in Units 21B and 24B		
SUPPORT	5	0	Proposal 152 motion to adopt by member Vent second member Simon. This is a Koyukuk river AC proposal to increase resident brown bear bag limits and gay management units 24C and 24D. Also establishing a fall bearbaiting season and units 21B and 24B the brown bear population is



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			currently not harvested at minimum sustained yield. The committee feels that additional harvest opportunity should be afforded resident hunters in the subunits. Growing brown bear populations are affecting black bear and moose survival, especially with Yukon river salmon, declines as part of the Bears food source. Brown bears are also coming closer to villages to scavenge and becoming nuisance in some areas. The committee feels there is additional harvest opportunity by increasing bag limit and methods of harvest to achieve a sustainable harvest surplus. The committee voted to support the proposal as written unanimously
153	Lengthen the wolverine hunting and trapping seasons in Unit 21 by one month to end on April 30		
SUPPORT	5	0	I proposal 153 motion to adopt by member Vent second by member Simon. The committee discussed the biological parameters of wolverine and the sustainability of harvesting through April 30. The committee commented that females with den under the snow pack, would not be likely to be harvested. Adult male wolverine would be the most likely to be taken by the few trappers continuing to harvest wolves and beaver through April 30. The committee felt the season lengthening would be insignificant and sustainable to the Wolverine population. The committee vote in unanimously to support proposal 153.
154	Change the bag limit for caribou in the Remainder of Unit 26B		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	5	0	Proposal 154 motion to adopt and amend the proposal by member Vent second by member Simon. The committee had Mark Nelson area biologist present current population status of the central Arctic ever heard in unit 26B. The committee discussed the history of this herd the conditions that affected this herd and the recovery of this herd since 2010. The population fell dramatically from 2010 to 2015 with rain on snow events and a late spring in 2013. Harvest of cows with five Caribou bag limit in 2010 contributed lead cows, being taken in the fall migration resulting in deflection, deflection of the Caribou migrations in the fall. Taking lead cows, and many in the front of the migration, by the several hunters using jet boat, air, boat, and other watercraft for access, on the ever Sagavanirktok, Ivashack and Ribdon and rivers. The archived telemetry shows that the herd deflected away from the road corridor to the south east metal for Chandalar, and far out to the Arctic Ocean coast through the closed area and to the west of the road. The herd continues to avoid the road corridor, and they have a shock Sagavanirktok



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			<p>drainage is because of that entrainment. Therefore, the committee opposes cow harvest during migration in August and September.</p> <p>The committee feels that the central arctic herd can support some cow harvest , but not more than one per hunter after October 1. The herd grew from 22,500 to 34,500 with no cow harvest, and is now stabilizing not continuing to grow appreciably. Large cow bag limits with high participation will drive this population far below management objectives and sustainability a future harvest.</p> <p>The committee feels strongly that the Central Arctic heard can easily be maintained at the same population status of the Teshukpuk herd. Suppressing caribou herds, causes them not to migrate into wintering areas that are vast and unused on the south Slope at the Brooks Range. Currently, the central Arctic herd is predominantly in game management units, 24B, 24A, and 25A. Caribou have not been in the central South Slope Brooks Range 24A and 24B to a large degree for 50 years. The winter range will easily support central Arctic, Teshukpuk , and the Porcupine Caribou herds. The current resident Hunter bag limit for 26B remainder of 4 bulls per hunter is large. There is growing participation of displaced Caribou hunters.</p> <p>There is a need to maintain a minimum bull:cow ratio of 35 per 100 cow. The committee feels strongly that there needs to be an absolute minimum composition of 6 to 7 large bulls, of age five years old and older, per 100 cows. Without current composition data for the central Arctic Caribou herd, it is unknown if there are enough large bulls to maintain a sustainable breeding structure, and resident subsistence use. Large five-year-old bulls are the breeding component and have the fat reserves to cover cows for breeding during the very short estrous cycle of Caribou, documented in Denali national park for many years. Reindeer herders in Scandinavia and the Seward peninsula select for maintaining large five-year-old bulls for their herd breeding. Bull caribou are not skeletally mature until 4.5 years of age, as presented by Scandinavian research presented at the Caribou/ ungulates symposium in Anchorage, May 2023. Mature, large bulls produce strong, calf cohorts.</p>



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			<p>Younger bulls are rejected by cows who are waiting for large bulls to arrive. If large bulls are not available adult cows may miss breeding, and if bred by younger bulls, poor cohorts are produced due to protracted calving dates. Bulls younger than five years old expend too much energy with their shallow fat reserves and are subject to higher winter mortalities.</p> <p>Non-resident bag limit should not be increased until large bull presence is documented by composition data. Maintaining ratios of 6-7 five-year-old breedings bulls post hunt is imperative, and required for sustained yield. Resident harvest of 4 bulls is a priority use. The board needs to have current bull composition, which is not available to make a decision on expanding nonresident bag limit. More than 50% of the harvest and game management unit 26B remainder is by nonresident hunters.</p> <p>The committee is very concerned about recent harvest performance for other Alaskan herds that violated biological parameters. The Melchatna caribou herd went into reproductive failure in 2007, when the bull: cow ratio fell to 14 bulls per hundred cow with only one large five year old bull and older: per 100 cow. The herd fell from 200,000 to 22,500 then slid down to the current crisis of 11, 500. Nelchina Caribou herd had excessive harvest of the large bull component in 2020, then 60% of the harvest of the largest cows in 2021 augmenting or precipitous decline, especially with a hard winter this last year.</p> <p>The committee feels strongly that the nutritional model used by Managers for Range depletion is incorrect, and has not been quantified with field documentation.</p> <p>There is a lot misunderstanding regarding the ecology of Caribou, what they eat annually and harvest parameters for herds. Caribou are migratory when they become large in population moving to unused ranges, that Alaska has a lot of. Winter forage on predominantly lichen reserves late August to mid April.</p> <p>From mid-April through late August Caribou restore, protein reserves, and produce calves by eating annual tussock sedge flowers from April, and May, then moving to wildflowers, including Lousewort , Dryas and other highly productive protein rich blossoms. Willow and other shrub leaves are used in conjunction with high-protein pollen intake from the</p>



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			<p>above annual plants. Willow and other shrub leaves are the last protein sources available after the flowers are pollinated.</p> <p>The Caribou Range used from April through August is impossible to deplete these annually producing forages. Central Arctic, Teshukpuk, and Porcupine Caribou are nowhere near depleting a winter habitat available in the central south Slope Brooks Range, all the way down to the Yukon, river Hodzana and Ray mountains.</p> <p>The committee is also very concerned with Caribou population depletion in other areas of Alaska, such as Nelchina, and the 40 Mile herds. There will be thousands of hunters that will now move to hunt Caribou in unit 26B.</p> <p>In the early 2000s there was documentation of approximately 2000 hunters during August, and September, that were checked through the Yukon River point. The checkpoint was only open on weekends. In the fall of 2023 there were hundreds of hunters weekly traveling the Dalton Highway going to unit 26B. There were easily 3000 hunters or more participating during the long Caribou season. This many hunters come out have large bag limits for a very limited herd size present If the Central Arctic herd is suppressed below 20,000. They will not migrate to the south slope in the game management units, 24 and 25.</p> <p>Therefore the committee amended and modified proposal 154 to reflect a more sustainable management strategy The state board of game should seriously consider conservation, and diverge away from excessive bag limits with high participation. The committee feels strongly that resident bag limit should be no more than five Caribou, 4 bulls July 1, to April 30, no more than one cow with a season for cow harvest October 1, to April 30.</p> <p>The non-resident season August 1 to September 15 with a bag limit of 1 bull caribou should be maintained in regulation. Currently, managers have no idea what the bull composition is for the central Arctic heard, especially the large bulls sought by non-residents. These amendments were passed unanimously</p>



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155	Increase resident caribou hunting opportunity in Unit 26B Remainder		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	5	0	Proposal 155 motion to adopt and amend by member Vent second by member Simon. The committee modified this proposal to allow resident bag limit of five Caribou, but no more than 1 may be a cow to be taken from October 1 to April 30. The amended proposal passed it unanimously.
156	Change the nonresident caribou hunt in Unit 26B Remainder to a drawing hunt or registration hunt with a limited number of permits available		
SUPPORT	5	0	I proposal 156 motion to adopt by member Vent second by member Simon. Committee feels that the growing number of nonresident hunters and unit 26B needs to be regulated through a drawing permit or registration permit. There are a lot of non-residents camped for many days and unit 26B remainder Committee supported proposal unanimously
207	Repeal the age criteria for full-curl ram horns for Dall sheep hunts in Interior and Eastern Arctic Regions		
SUPPORT	5	0	Proposal 207 motion to adopt member Vent second by member Simon. The committee discussed the need to conserve large fully mature, rams, breeding structure to bring the sheep populations back to carrying capacity. High participation of hunters, unfamiliar with aging annual rings on sheep rams is causing loss of recruiting adult Rams. It is imperative to repeal criteria to count rings in the field previous to harvest. The committee feels strongly that this should've been a state wide repeal. proposal 207 was supported unanimously.

Minutes Recorded By: Jack Reakoff (chair)

Minutes Approved By: _____



Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday and Thursday, October 25 & 26th, 2023

Call to order: *Chair, Phillip Peter Sr.*

- I. **Invocation/ Moment of Silence**
- II. **Welcome and Introductions:** *Chair, Phillip Peter Sr.*
- III. Roll Call
 - a. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6; with 10 members; 7 were present to begin with. 6 members were present for the entire duration.
 - b. Present in Person:
 - i. Phillip Peter – Akiachak
 - ii. John Twitchell Sr. – Kasigluk
 - iii. Adolph Lupie – Tuntutuliak
 - c. Present by teleconference:
 - i. Earl Samuelson – Napaskiak
 - ii. Richard Larson – Napaskiak
 - iii. Stella Alexie – Eek
 - iv. Nicholai Stevens – Oscarville
- IV. Others Present
 - a. ADFG – Fisheries: Sean Larson, Dave Runfola, and Chuck Brazil
 - b. ADFG – Wildlife: Pat Jones, Keith Oster
 - c. No other agency staff
 - d. No members of the public introduced themselves
- V. Approval of Agenda: Earl Samuelson made a motion, 2nd by Nicholai Stevens – unanimous approval
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From January 25-26th, 2023
 - a. Earl Samuelson made a motion; 2nd by John Twitchell Sr. – unanimous approval
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report
 - b. ADF&G
 - i. Fisheries Reports – Chuck Brazil gave an overview of the 2023 fisheries assessment projects on the Kuskokwim River and the results as well as harvest numbers. AC members asked questions regarding fishing in the bay and close by commercial fisheries and trawlers.
 - ii. Wildlife Reports – Patrick Jones gave an overview of wildlife in Unit 18 and gave an update on Mulchatna caribou numbers, calf/cow ratios, and composition. Mr. Jones gave a summary of the predator control measures carried out this spring. Questions were asked about bear numbers and the program.
 1. Motion was made by Earl Samuelson for the Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee to support the Predator Control Program to protect the Mulchatna Caribou herd. 2nd by Adolph Lupie. Passed unanimously.
 - a. The AC supports the predator control program that will help bring back animals that were once here; caribou, moose, and others. People are not harvesting bears as much as they used to and the population is not declining. Roll Call vote taken. The AC supports the motion 7-0.
 - iii. Board Support Section Reports



1. Savannah Hollingworth gave updates on community elections in the Lower Kuskokwim area, spoke about alternates, and reminded the group that Joint Board would be meeting this year.

VIII. Public Comment - none

IX. Old Business - none

X. New Business –

Alaska Board of Game Western Arctic/Western Region Meeting Proposals			
January 26-29, 2024 Kotzebue, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
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6	Close the Mulchatna caribou herd to hunting for five to ten years in Unit 18.		
Opposed	2	5	Not is support because the proposal is too vague, and hunting is already closed. A moratorium would add more complication for managers. One AC member suggested better communication and getting the word out about the herd and the closure.
7	Lengthen the resident only registration moose hunt RM617 in Unit 18 by two weeks to end October 15.		
Support	6	0	Amend to include Tuntutuliak There are often weather issues during the season and the moose population is growing. More opportunity and more time will not hurt. *Richard Larson's phone dropped and he did not sign back in to the teleconference.
8	Extend season dates for moose hunting in hunt RM617 in Unit 18.		
NA			
9	Liberalize the bag limit for moose in Unit 18.		
Support	6	0	Amend to lo limit the September 1-30 moose hunt 50 inch or less antlered bull. There is concern about non-resident hunters hunting in traditional hunt areas. Local area people have traditional hunting grounds that they always return to. Now non-locals are hunting those areas.



10	Liberalize the moose bag limit in Unit 18 Kuskokwim hunt area.		
Support	6	0	Earl Samuelson asked if they could have so many permits per village. Phillip Peter said they liked the idea of a winter cow hunt.
11	Reauthorize the resident antlerless moose season in Unit 18.		
Support	6	0	
12	Establish a minimum caliber requirement for hunting moose in Unit 18.		
Oppose	2	4	This proposal would affect a lot of people, especially younger people. Those in support were concerned that animals that are shot and wounded and run away and die without being harvested.
13	Increase the bag and possession limits for ptarmigan in Unit 18.		
Support	6	0	People do not see as many ptarmigan as they used to. Adolph Lupie feels that it is the wrong time and number for this proposal, but it would be good in the spring to stretch food stores.
14	Open a hunt for muskox in a portion of Unit 18, with permits available to residents only, made available in communities closest to the herd.		
Oppose	1	5	There are not enough yet.
15	Allow the subsistence take of muskox in a portion of Unit 18.		
Oppose	1	4	1 Abstention: Member was undecided.
16	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Unit 18 by one month to end on April 30.		
Support	5	1	This proposal would give more opportunity to harvest wolves that are hurting the caribou population. Could help caribou population to come back faster.
17	Increase the brown bear bag limit in Unit 18.		
Support	4	2	This proposal would help reduce bear numbers and increase safety in the region and the caribou, but increasing the bag limit means they would be open to sell the hides. It could end up helping with income but could also bring hunters that shoot a lot of bears for money.



Day 2 – October 26, 2023

Call to order: *Chair, Phillip Peter Sr. at 9:00 AM*

XI. Roll Call

- a. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6; with 10 members; 6 were present
- b. Present in Person:
 - i. Phillip Peter – Akiachak
 - ii. John Twitchell Sr. – Kasigluk
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59	Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier		
Support	6	0	
68	Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online		
Oppose	1	5	Locals already have trouble getting their moose. This proposal would be burdensome to the people up there. Not everybody has online, especially elders. There is unreliable internet and a lack of computers in the area. It is very expensive to participate in this hunt because of gas prices and the long trip to the village to get the permit.
69	Allow hunters that hold registration moose permit RM682 in Unit 19 to be eligible to hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River drainage		
Oppose	0	6	Too many people head up to the Holitna and Unit 19 A&E. Local people should have the opportunity.

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70	Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel		
Support w/ Amendment	6	0	Amend to 5 permits available in Bethel, instead of 15.
71	Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19		
Oppose	0	6	The controlled use Area helps with erosion control. Boats scare the moose. Out of respect for the local people we oppose this proposal.
72	Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season		
Oppose	0	6	Animals are not scared of humans there.

Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting

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5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
Support w/ amendment	6	0	Amended to say that the secretary shall be a state paid position. The secretary should be a paid position or positions that covers all ACs in the state.
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
Oppose	1	5	Earl stated this is an important proposal. Adolph added that the members we keep are the ones we trust to get our voice to and

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			should serve till they can't anymore.
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
Oppose	1	5	It would be complicated to fill this seat. A person who would fit the description would be hard to find.
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
Support	5	1	This would give flexibility.
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
Oppose	0	6	This proposal would be good if we could meet more, but we could only miss one meeting if this passed.
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
Support	6	0	Earl said he like it. We have RCs already, but he sees no harm.
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
			Tabled until next meeting. We would like to hear other board members opinions.

Federal Subsistence Management Program 2024-2026 Wildlife Proposals

Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta

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
WP24-19	Unit 18, Extend moose season to October 15 within the Kanektok and Arolik drainages.		



Support	6	0	This will help local people in that area with a longer season.
WP24-20	Unit 18, Modify moose harvest limit and expand delegated authority for winter season.		
Support	5	0	1 Abstention
WP24-21	Unit 18, Include Kwigillingok, Kongiganack, and Quinhagak in §804 restriction for moose.		
Support	6	0	As natives we support each other.
WP24-22	Unit 18, Establish a customary and traditional use determination for mainland musk ox.		
Oppose	0	6	We did not support on the state side. There are not enough.
WP24-23	Unit 18, Establish a hunt for mainland musk ox		
Oppose	0	6	Because of the action taken on WP-22
WP24-38	Unit 18, (Kuskokwim River hunt area) closed to moose hunting except by residents of Tuntutuliak, Eek, Napakiak, Napaskiak, Kasigluk, Nunapitchuk, Atmautlauk, Oscarville, Bethel, Kwethluk, Akiachak, Akiak, Tuluksak, Lower Kalskag and Kalskag		
Support	6	0	Including other villages.

- XII. Decide which Board meetings to attend and Select representative(s) for board meeting
- Motion was made by Earl and seconded by Stella for the chair to attend the January Board of Game meeting in Kotzebue.
 - Motion was made by Stella and seconded by John Twitchell Sr. to send Earl Samuelson to the March Joint Board meeting in Anchorage.
- XIII. Set next meeting date – In February by the call of the chair.
- XIV. Other - none
- XV. Adjourn

Adjournment:

Minutes Approved By: Verbal Approval of Chair
Phillip Peter Sr.

Date: 1/9/2024



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee
November 8, 2023
Zoom**

I. Call to Order: 7:06pm by Gene Sandone

II. Roll Call

Name	Present
Herb Mansavage - Chair	
Chad Schierman- Sec	X
Chad Lipse	
Gene Sandone - Fish	X
Robert Cassell	
Mike Barnett	X
Birch Yuknis	
Neil DeWitt	X
Dom Nickles	
Dan Montgomery - Game	X
Andy Couch	X
Austin Manelick	
Aaron Bloomquist	
Hunter Hongslo	
Casey Dinkel- ALT	X
Dan Lewis- ALT	X

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Fernandez, Chris Brockman, Mike Booz, Gerrit Van Diest, Manny Eichholz

IV. Guests Present: Gail Vick

V. Approval of Agenda: Amended to move EEZ discussion to later meeting, ADF&G discussion of game proposals earlier on agenda, and moved action on fisheries Proposal 43 to a future Matanuska Advisory Committee meeting on Upper Cook Inlet fishery proposals – Approved as Amended.

VI. Reports

a. Chair’s report: None

b. ADF&G: Chris Brockman

i. Requests AC support to re-authorize Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemptions. Brown Bear population surveys are difficult and expensive. Brown Bear harvest has been consistent. Helps ungulate populations.



- ii. Requests AC support to re-authorize Antlerless Moose Hunts. Effective tool for department to manage moose population. Survey are completed to adjust allotment. 14A was last surveyed in 2020 with population ~600 above upper goal. Twinning surveys completed every year and last survey showed healthy population.

c. Others: None

VII. Public Comment: Gail Vick – Commenting on BOF Proposal 43 put forth by Fairbanks AC. Extensive scientific data regarding too many hatchery chum and pink salmon and threatens wild stock by straying, food, habitat, etc. Egg production in Gulf of Alaska exceeds agreed upon amounts from 2000.

VIII. Approve previous meeting minutes: November 1, 2023

Amend to include change comment on Proposal 13 from “raising SEG’s” to “lowering SEG’s” and clarify that ADF&G (not the Board) sets SEG spawning escapement goals, Approved as Amended.

IX. Proposals

Alaska Board of Fisheries Lower Cook Inlet Meeting Proposals November 28-December 1, 2023 Homer, AK			
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23	Reduce Lower Cook Inlet lingcod sport limits		
Support	8	0	Support: Precautionary approach to help population.
24	Remove limits for spiny dogfish in Cook Inlet waters		
Oppose	0	8	Oppose: Removal of limits is extreme approach.
25	Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport rockfish harvest limits		
Support	8	0	Support: Precautionary approach to help population.
26	Reduce Cook Inlet commercial and sport lingcod harvest		
Support	8	0	Support: Precautionary approach to help population.
27	Open the Cook Inlet commercial sablefish season earlier		



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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
Oppose	0	8	Oppose: Extended season is unnecessary, little participation, such a longer season length could cause too large of an increase in commercial sablefish harvest.
28	Change gear group allocation in the <i>Cook Inlet Pacific Cod Management Plan</i>		
Oppose	3	5	Support: Eliminate waste of cod bycaught. Oppose: Increased harvest of cod, increased commercial cod harvest could be excessive.
29	Prohibit use of helicopters to transport anglers to select Cook Inlet waters		
Support	8	0	Support: Helicopters access may be putting too much stress on small steelhead populations and too much helicopter access may be occurring in the closer areas where most people access the fishery by hiking.
30	Add provisions to allow for subsistence harvest of herring spawn on kelp		
Support	8	0	Support: Housekeeping, clarifies definitions.
31	Extend the China Poot personal use fishery season dates		
Support	8	0	Support: More opportunity, harvest of hatchery produced fishery.
32	Move the China Poot personal use dip net regulations under the Upper Cook Inlet Personal Use Fishery Management Plan		
Oppose	0	8	Oppose: Unnecessary change.
33	Redefine the Kachemak Bay Personal Use Dip Net Fishery area		
No Action	-	-	-
34	Create a Kamishak Bay Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan		
Support	4	3	Support: Concern with wild stock in mixed stock fisheries. (1 Abstain) Not enough information
35	Create a <i>Kachemak Bay Wild Fish Priority Management Plan</i>		
Support	7	1	Support: Scientific information that hatchery stock impact wild stock, hatchery policy that hatchery stock are not intended to replace wild stock.
36	Amend the Tutka Bay Lagoon Salmon Hatchery Management Plan		
Support	7	1	Support: Hatchery shall be held to commitment, hatchery inefficient, hatchery stock impacts wild stock.
37	Modify legal gear in the Trail Lakes salmon hatchery management plan		
Oppose	0	8	Oppose: Unnecessary change, gear change may lower value of cost recovery caught fish.
38	Modify legal gear in Lower Cook Inlet special harvest areas		



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Oppose	0	8	Oppose: Unnecessary change, gear change may lower value of cost recovery caught fish.
39	Amend the list of waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon in Cook Inlet		
Support	8	0	Support: Housekeeping to better define area.
40	Amend waters closed to commercial fishing for salmon		
Oppose	0	8	Oppose: See comments on Proposal 39.
41	Close a portion of Tutka Bay to commercial fishing for salmon		
Support As Amended	8	0	Support As Amended: Amend area/line that Department proposed in Proposal 39.
42	Readopt the <i>Bear Lake Management Plan</i>		
Oppose	4	4	Support: Against fishery managed solely for hatchery cost recovery and not for commercial harvest, sunset clause should be followed, error in public process. Oppose: The plan in place is preferred.
43	Amend Basic Management Plans (This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting)		
No Action	-	-	Will be voted on before UCI meeting.



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189	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
Support	8	0	Support: Moose population declines.
190	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A		
Support	8	0	Support: Moose population declines.
195	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
Support	7	1	Support: Tool to manage moose populations.
196	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
Support	7	1	Support: Tool to manage moose populations.
197	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Oppose	4	4	Support: Tool to manage moose populations. Oppose: Low moose population, recent tough winters.

- X. Select representative(s) for board meeting: Motion to have Gene as representative for LCI Board Meeting (11/28-12/1)
- XI. Set next meeting date: December 6th – Elections, EEZ Discussion/AC Comments
- XII. Others:
 - a. Motion to send letter to commissioner for Department representative to speak at next meeting in regards to EEZ, Motion passed. Gene to send letter.
 - b. Casey works for Department of Agriculture and has been involved with Wood Bison. Request for AC representative on Wood Bison Committee. Danny Lewis will represent AC.

Adjournment: 10:10pm

Minutes Recorded By: Chad Schierman

Date: 11/08/2023

Approved: Gene Sandone 11/13/23



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee
February 14, 2024
VFW Post 9365**

- I. Call to Order: 6:31pm by Herb Mansavage

- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Dom Nickles
Danny Lewis
Bruce Privet
Neil Dewitt
Steve Bartelli
Herb Mansavage
Dan Montgomery
Andy Couch
Colton Connor
Austin Manelick

Members Absent (Excused):
Hunter Hongslo
Bob Cassell
Ed Soto
Birch Yuknis
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Casey Dinkel
Aaron Bloomquist

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: N/A

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: N/A

- IV. Guests Present: Pete Imhoff

- V. Approval of Agenda: Agenda Approved as Amended (Included discussion regarding what is or is not a public meeting and what is appropriate for AC members to discuss over the internet or via text messaging.



VI. Reports

- a. Chair’s report: Commented that it is nice to have a secured location for in person meetings. Location will have ability for zoom and in-person meeting capabilities.
- b. ADF&G: N/A
- c. Others: Andy Couch announced that the Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission would be providing a workshop on participating in the Alaska Board of Fisheries process on Monday Feb. 19 at 6am in the borough assembly chambers in palmer — with an online meeting as well.

VII. Public Comment: N/A

VIII. New Business

- BOG Interior and Eastern Arctic Proposals 43-48, 76-104

IX. Select representative(s) for board meeting

BOG: Fairbanks, AK March 15-22:

X. Set next meeting date

XI. Other

Adjourn

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43	Change all general season sheep harvest tickets in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C to registration permits, and allow hunters to obtain a registration permit once every two years		
Oppose	0	10	Lots of area with little effort — not necessary.
44	Reduce the sheep bag limit for resident hunters in Units 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B and 26C to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		



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Oppose	0	10	
45	Reduce the Unit 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C sheep bag limit for residents to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years		
Oppose	0	10	
46	Change all sheep hunting in Units 12, 19, and 20 to drawing permit only for residents and nonresidents, with a set allocation of permits between user groups		
Oppose	2	8	<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Higher hunt quality -Better success per hunter -Less people in the field -Leaving some legal rams in the field after the season -Without limit on permit amount, hunt quality may not improve -Needed due to three tough winters in a rough, leaving reduced sheep populations -Drawing permit would be limited numbers and could run to the end of the season -Would be used only until population rebounded <p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Do not want to see resident hunters limited to a drawing permit -No resident drawing tag would allow residents to not let area be overrun by non-resident hunters <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Potential for weapons restricted hunt instead of drawing -Some members felt only guided non-resident hunters should be able to hunt, while one member felt 2nd degree kindred should be utilized -Motion failed 1-9, motion to reconsider brought forth (how is the number of non-residents allowed to participate determined if not by permit. -Proposal amended to make draw for non-residents only in these 3 units. <p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Largest guides in these areas would have a reasonable opportunity for clients to get drawn



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			Discussion: -Question was asked how number of permits would be allowed -Number of permits allowed could be related to how many legal rams were available -Amendment failed 3-7
47	Allow proxy hunting for bison in Units 12, 19 and 20		
Oppose	2	8	Pro: Would allow people who were not physically able to draw a tag Con: To prestigious of a hunt to allow proxy
48	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	10	0	
76	Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts		
Oppose	1	9	
77	Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting		
Oppose	1	9	
78	Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
Oppose	1	9	
79	Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters		
Oppose	1	9	
80	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents		
Oppose	1	9	
81	Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
Oppose	1	9	
82	Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	10	
83	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only		
Oppose	1	9	Pro: Allow hunting opportunity with little biological impact Con: Clients deserve better hunting opportunity
84	Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
Oppose	0	10	



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85	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to eight-year-old rams		
Oppose	1	9	Pro: -Increase trophy quality and biological awareness when taking rams Cons: -To complicated
86	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to ten-year-old rams		
Oppose	1	9	Pro: -Increase trophy quality and biological awareness when taking rams Cons: -To complicated
87	Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	10	
88	Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only		
Oppose	0	10	
89	Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C		
Oppose	1	9	Cons: -Subsistence should not be closed or restricted before general hunt is closed or restricted -In times of shortage a general season or limit is restricted and subsistence should be restricted for conservation reasons as well
90	Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C		
Oppose	1	9	Cons: -Subsistence should not be closed or restricted before general hunt is closed or restricted -In times of shortage a general season or limit is restricted and subsistence should be restricted for conservation reasons as well
91	Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan		



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No Action	0	0	Cons: -No management plan to vote on
92	Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19		
Oppose	0	10	Cons: -no data available for remainder of 19 other than 19C -ADF&G has no data available
93	Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19C by opening the season on August 10		
Support	10	0	Pros: -No biological concerns with brown bears in this area Discussion: -Some members would support a no-closed season for brown bear in this area
94	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season by opening the hunt in the fall on the same day as the sheep and caribou seasons and closing the hunt on June 30		
Support	10	0	See proposal 93
95	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C		
Support	10	0	See proposal 93
96	Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear hunting season by changing the start date to August 10 .		
Support	10	0	See proposal 93
97	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season and increase the bag limit in Unit 19C		
Support	10	0	See proposal 93
98	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C by one month to align with Units 19A, 19D, and 19E		
Support	10	0	See proposal 93
99	Open the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and nonresidents on August 10		
Support	10	0	See proposal 93
100	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19E to year-round		
Support	10	0	Amendment to make brown bear season year-round in all of Unit 19 by Dan Montgomery 2nd by Danny Lewis. Amendment passes 10-0-0



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101	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 19C, and to be taken at a bait site the same day a hunter has flown		
Support	10	0	-Amendment to allow black and brown bear baiting April 15- June 30 season in all of Unit 19 by Dan Montgomery. 2nd by Austin. Reason: -Needs to have a longer season to make practical for people to travel this far
102	Open a fall bear bait season in Unit 19E		
Support			See proposal 101
103	Increase the bag limit for black bear in Units 19B and 19C from three to five		
Support	10	0	
104	Remove the requirement for a general season black bear harvest ticket in Unit 19D		
Support	6	4	Cons: -Just removing in one subunit would likely make more confusion

Adjournment: 9:21pm

Minutes Recorded By: Andy Couch
Minutes Approved By: Matsu AC
Date: 2/21/2024



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee
February 21, 2024
VFW Post 9365**

I. Call to Order: [Time] by [name of chair/acting chair]

II. Roll Call

No.	First Name	Last Name	Profile	Present/ Excused/ Unexcused
1	Herb	Mansavage	Chair	present
2	Dan	Montgomery	Vice Chair Game	present
3	Gene	Sandone	Vice Chair Fish/ Secretary	present
4	Birch	Yuknis		present
5	Neil	DeWitt		present
6	Dom	Nickles		unexcused
7	Steve	Bartelli		present
8	Andy	Couch		present
9	Austin	Manelick		excused
10	Aaron	Bloomquist		unexcused
11	Hunter	Hongslo		present
12	Casey	Dinkel		unexcused
13	Danny	Lewis		present
14	Robert (Bob)	Cassell		unexcused
15	Ed	Soto		present
ALT	Colton	Connor	Alternate	unexcused
Alt	Bruce	Privett	Alternate	present

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present:

None

III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
No staff present

IV. Guests Present:
Shay Roster

V. Approval of Agenda
Add prop 127-138 to the agenda. May not discuss these proposals approved as amended.



VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Approval of meeting minutes motion to approve: Andy/Neil

VII. Reports

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

VIII. Public Comment

IX. New Business

BOG Interior and Eastern Arctic Proposals 108, 11-123, 143, 158, 180-186

X. Select representative(s) for board meeting

- a. Herb Mansavage

XI. Set next meeting date

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024

Agenda: Proposals 52-75 AND REVISIT 127-138

XII. Other

- a. Andy and Gene at BOF meeting will not attend next meeting.
- b. Signup for public testimony at the UCI Board of Fisheries deadline, 3 pm on Friday; public testimony Saturday through Monday

Adjourn



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108	Reactivate wolf control in a portion of Units 12, 20D, and 20E to benefit moose		
SUPPORT	10	1	There seems to be a problem with the proposal mixing up same day airborne instead of shooting from air Leave it to the Board? Not land and shoot but shoot from air.
111	Add an archery only, five-day season for residents and nonresidents in Unit 12		
OPPOSE	0	11	AMENDMENT: EXTEND SEASON FROM Sept 8 to Sept 25 for all hunters, not just bow hunters Dan Montgomery, seconded by Bruce Previtt Amendment thought to go beyond the spirit of the proposal AMENDMENT withdrawn. Con: not enough information. Department comments are not available PRO: put 50-inch restriction on it restricts harvest; CON: remainder of Unit 12 any bull CON: Too difficult to say why the season is like it is. Pro: It was shutting down just before it was good. CON: population doesn't seem to be high.
112	Limit nonresident hunting of the Fortymile caribou herd		
SUPPORT	7	4	CON: no data from the department; no staff comments Con: if passed would concentrates hunters Con: may be a safety issue Info: registration hunt for resident and non-resident
113	Close caribou hunting within ¼ mile or 100 yards of the Steese Highway above tree line on Eagle and Twelvemile summits in Unit 20		
OPPOSE	1	10	Info: safety issue needs to be solved but not this way. Too many people hunting.



114	Allow proxy hunting for caribou in Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F, and 24C registration hunts		
OPPOSE	1	10	CON: too many people currently in some of these hunts. PRO: in registration hunts may reduce number of hunters in the field.
115	Require hunters taking Fortymile caribou to gut the animals in the field		
OPPOSE	1	10	Con: not a problem. Pro: don't want to see gut piles near the road or in pullouts.
116	Implement a non-intensive management predator control plan within the Tok Management Area to benefit Dall sheep		
SUPPORT	11	0	PRO: sheep population down; number of tags down; support the department's use of rotorcraft. PRO: no management plan for sheep but should be in intensive management. Question: can you have intensive management on sheep?
117	Allocate Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits		
OPPOSE	4	7	CON: a nonresident is a non-resident, whether PRO: likes the 90/10 percent allocation in all sheep hunts. Info:
118	Allocate a portion of the Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits to archery only, or create a new archery only hunting area		
OPPOSE	2	9	CON: don't need a special hunt for archers; they can use a bow during the regular hunt.
119	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 12 for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested		
OPPOSE	1	10	CON: too complex. Con: very few people kill sheep two years in a row. CON: should not be penalized killing a legal ram. PRO: trophy hunt.
120	Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12		
SUPPORT, AS AMENDED	11	0	AMENDMENT: allow 2 bears unit-wide. Dan Montgomery, seconded by Danny Lewis: Vote :11-0 PRO: includes TOK management area.
121	Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12		
SUPPORT	11	0	See proposal 120.



122	Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 12 and 20E by approximately six weeks to end on June 15		
SUPPORT	6	5	CON: hide is in poor shape. PRO: predator control. CON: killing wolfs in front of tourists; does not look good. PRO: skull value just as much as hide. CON: pups in den; kill the mother and the pups starve.
123	Lengthen the wolf hunting season by approximately six weeks		
NO ACTION			
127	Expand the hunt area and the bag limit for the Unit 20D youth hunt YM792, and eliminate the drawing hunt, DM791		
OPPOSE	3	8	Pro: support youth hunts. CON: Don't need youth hunts.
128	Change the bag limit for the YM792 hunt to one bull		
OPPOSE	3	8	
129	Change the bag limit for the youth moose hunt, YM792		
OPPOSE	1	10	
130	Award up to 10% of the permits for DS 203 and DS 204 to nonresidents, and remove the allocation between guides and nonguided nonresidents.		
SUPPORT	9	2	CON: nonresident is a nonresident. PRO: lack of nonresident applicant causes the nonresident permits defer to resident hunters.
131	Allocate 10% of the Delta Controlled use Area sheep drawing permits to nonresidents.		
OPPOSE	2	9	Pro: allocate the nonresident between the two hunts. Info: locks in 10% for nonresident.
132	Allocate 20% of the resident only late season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS204 to archery only.		
OPPOSE	2	9	Con: against transferring any weapon permit to archery only. PRO: likes the concept.
133	Allocate 20% of the resident only early season Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing hunt DS203 to archery only.		
OPPOSE	2	9	
134	Change the time frame for which a person can be awarded a Mt. Harper sheep drawing permit DS206 in Units 20E and 20D to one permit every four regulatory years or once per lifetime.		
OPPOSE	3	8	Info: tough hunting; sheep move a lot; not really sheep country No guides. Difficult to draw permit. No nonresidents get drawn. Pro: There are Fannin sheep in the area.



135	Close Mt Harper sheep drawing hunt hunt DS206 in Units 20E and 20D to nonresidents		
OPPOSE	3	8	CON: no nonresidents apply. Pro: gives the opportunity to nonresidents.
136	Allow brown bear to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River and require a registration permit		
SUPPORT, AS AMENDED	11	0	AMENDMENT: NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED. ALL OF UNIT 20: SEASON April 15- June 30 (baiting season) VOTE: 11-0 PRO: simplifies regulations
137	Allow brown bear to be taken over bait in all of Unit 20.		
SUPPORT, AS AMENDED	11	0	AMENDMENT: change date of hunt to April 15- June 30. (baiting season). vote 11-0
138	Allow brown bear to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River south of the Tanana River		
SUPPORT, AS AMENDED	11	0	AMENDMENT: April 15- June 30.(baiting season). Include all of Unit 20. Vote: 11-0.
143	Eliminate the extended season archery sheep hunts within the Dalton Highway Corridor Management Area		
<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Con: Very low harvest and flying doesn't affect hunt.</u> PRO: no biological reason to eliminate hunt.
158	Allow nonresident sheep hunting by permit only In portions of Units 25A, 26B, and 26C.		
?	?	?	CON: limited by federal government. CON: non-resident participation is low. PRO : non resident should be a drawn hunt statewide.
180	Change the allocation of permit for Delta caribou hunt DC827 in Unit 20A		
OPPOSE	0	11	INFO: UP TO 10% NON RESIDENT. CON: displaced resident hunters. Con: too many non residents.
181	Allow nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 20A by drawing permit only.		
SUPPORT, AS AMENDED	9	2	Success rate of nonresident and resident hunters is fairly stable. AMENDMENT: change nonresident permits to correspond to 25% of the harvestable surplus to 10% harvestable surplus. Steve Bartelli , seconded by Ed Soto. vote 9-2 Con: surveys are done every 3 years.



182, 183, 184,185	182 , Length the brown/grizzly bear seasons in Units 20A, 20B, and 25C for residents and nonresidents by two weeks to close on June 15. 183 : Length the brown/grizzly bear seasons in Units 20A by two weeks to close on June 15.. 184 Length the brown/grizzly bear seasons in Units 20A by three weeks to open August 10. 185 : Length the brown/grizzly bear seasons in Units 20A and 20B Remainder to close on June 30, to align with the rest of Unit 20.		
SUPPORT, AS AMENDED	10	0	<u>AMENDMENT include all of Unit 20 and 25C and extend the season to June 30. 10-0</u>
186	Close a portion of Unit 20C to wolf hunting and trapping.		
OPPOSE	0	10	CON: Feds want to expand the park.

Adjournment: 9:41PM

Minutes Recorded By: Gene Sandone
Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage
Date: 3/1/24



**Matanuska Valley Advisory Committee
February 28, 2024
VFW and Zoom**

- I. Call to Order: 6:34PM by Herb Mansavage

- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
Herb Mansavage
Dan Montgomery
Danny Lewis
Bruce Privett
Steve Bartelli
Neil DeWitt
Dominic Nickles
Birch Yuknis
Austin Manelick

Members Absent (Excused):
Gene Sandone
Andy Couch
Bob Cassell
Ed Soto
Colton Connor
Members Absent (Unexcused):
Casey Dinkel
Aaron Bloomquist
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: N/A

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present:
 - a. Aidan Hunter, Tok Assistant Area Biologist

- IV. Guests Present:
 - a. Pete Imhoff

- V. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Dan motion, Neil Second. Agenda approved.

- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes



- a. Dan motion, Steve second. Minutes approved.
 - i. Motion was made for Chair to approve minutes for 2-28-24 meeting by 12pm Friday, March 1st for comment deadline by Steve, Neil second. Motion approved.

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's report: That we will discuss Joint board proposals at end of meeting and but will create comment at 3-6-24 meeting with hopefully larger quorum.
- b. ADF&G
 - i. Aidan spoke to moose and sheep conditions in the following summarized points:
 - 1. 36% drop in moose population in 20E with a survey figure of 5000 +/- moose in 2019 and 3300 +/- moose in a 2023 survey. Cow/calves made up the larger majority of the mortality with strong, mature bull survival observation. 32% of the bulls were 52" or larger. This survey was in a general, large area ranging from Canadian border, Mosquito flats, West Tok and the Taylor Hwy corridor. Much of the mortality was associated with harsh winters and not predation. No visible rise in wolf population. Cow moose population took most of the damage.
 - 2. TMA sheep are in large decline. Rams ? were observed 2019: 600, 2022: mid-400 and 2023 mid-300. 75% reduction in legal rams. Permits have gone from 60 to 10 issued. Icing events and harsh winters the suspected factor in population decrease. Predator hardship unsure. Figurative predator stats to use for comparison were that in the central Alaska range (date) ? 53% of lambs were taken by coyotes and only 5% were wolves. For the last two years the numbers for TMA permit success were: 18 permits total, 16 participated and 5 total rams were taken.
- c. Others

VIII. Public Comment N/A

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. Set next meeting date

- a. 3-6-24 @ 7PM via Zoom

Adjourn: 8:21PM



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52	Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers with a trapping license in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
Support as Amended	8	0	Pros: Coyotes and wolves many times are not active until dark. Cons: Resource already has no bag limit/give furbearers a break. Amendment: To include only coyotes and wolves in the proposal. Amendment supported 8-0
53	Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
Oppose	0	8	Cons: Public needs the same opportunity, numbers okay would mean it would remain in Teir II longer. Cons: Non-locals less opportunity
55	Establish a positive Intensive Management finding for moose in Unit 19C		
Oppose	2	6	Pro: Wants to see more predator management Cons: Already been voted, it will go into effect already due to 2023 ACR
56	Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E		
Support	8	0	
57	Modify the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19		
Support	8	0	Pros: Housekeeping
58	Authorize a Unit 19A predation control program		
Support	8	0	Pros: Housekeeping
59	Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier		
Oppose	0	8	Cons No need for extra time/ potential for abuse
60	Allow aerial wolf control in a portion of Unit 19C		
Support	8	0	Cons: Unsure if possible due to Intensive management requirements.
61	Allow the take of wolves in Unit 19C the same day a person has been airborne and create an Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19C		
No Action			



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62	Establish an Intensive Management program for Unit 19C		
No Action			
63	Change the Unit 19C registration permit moose hunt RM653, to a drawing permit for nonresidents, issue up to 20 permits, and shorten the season to September 8-17		
No Action			
64	Change the Unit 19C moose hunts to a drawing hunt for both residents and nonresidents, and specify the number of permits available for residents, guided nonresidents, and nonguided nonresidents		
Oppose	0	8	Cons: No need for draw permits for residents
65	Reauthorize the Unit 19D Intensive Management Plan		
Support	8	0	Pro: Supports departments initiative for predator management
66	Modify the moose hunting season dates and permit requirements in Unit 19D		
Oppose	0	8	Cons: No need for extra 5 days with population that is already on decline.
67	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
Oppose	0	8	Cons: No cow take wanted. No any moose tag wanted.
68	Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online		
Support	9	0	Pros: available to any person, any location.
69	Allow hunters that hold registration moose permit RM682 in Unit 19 to be eligible to hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River drainage		
Oppose	0	9	Cons: Unfair to rest of state regulation regarding multiple permits being held at once.
70	Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel		
Oppose	0	9	Cons: These should be available to all locations and people.
71	Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19		
Oppose	0	9	Cons: Gets too much pressure without motor restriction
72	Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season		
Oppose	0	9	Cons: Gets too much pressure without motor restriction
73	Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years		
Support	9	0	Pros: More tools for the department. Info: unsure why department didn't propose.



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74	Require applicants for Unit 21E moose drawing hunt DM837 to provide a unique verification number when applying for that hunt		
Oppose	0	9	Cons: No need for personal verification code.
75	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
Oppose	0	9	Cons: No support for any moose winter hunts.

Adjournment:

Minutes Approved By: Herb Mansavage
Date: 3/1/24



Meeting Minutes

McGrath Fish & Game Advisory Committee Election Meeting
Friday, January 26th, 2024 at 11:00 am
McGrath City Office

Meeting: McGrath Advisory Committee

Date: Friday, January 26, 2024.

Time: 11:00am to 5:00pm

Location: McGrath City building, conference room, internet, and phone

In Attendance: Lewis Egrass, Brett Gibbons, Josh Peirce, Patrick Simasko, Jason Carter, Brad Sturm, Shane Ransbury, Doug Carney, Ken Deardorff, Jimmy Nikolai, Jesse Grady, Andrew Runkle, Daryl Petruska, Betty Ross, Clinton Goods, David Runfola, Luise Standish, Kyle

Actions taken:

1. Roll Call
2. Motion to approve agenda by Egrass, 2nd by Nikolai.
3. Motion to begin elections by Egrass, 2nd by Gibbons.
4. Motion to nominate Egrass for reelection, 2nd by Nikolai. Egrass accepts. Unanimous approval.
5. Motion to nominate Brad Sturm and Jason Carter by Gibbons, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval.
6. Gibbons opens nominations for Brad Sturm and Jason Carter. Unanimous approval.
7. Marty Runkle requests undesignated seat. Nominations are opened by unanimous vote, and closed by unanimous vote.
8. Officer elections. Egrass nominates Brett Gibbons for Chair, 2nd by Carter. Nominations closed. Unanimous approval.
9. Egrass nominates Jesse Grady for vice chair, 2nd by Gibbons. Nominations closed. Unanimous approval.
10. Egrass nominates Brad Sturm for secretary, 2nd by Gibbons. Nominations closed. Unanimous approval.
11. Reports.
 1. David Runkle gives report on Fish and Game Fisheries.
 2. Gibbons gives chair report. Discusses his involvement with the unit 19C sheep working group.
 - Petruska nominates Gibbons for AC Rep to unit 19C Sheep Working Group, 2nd by Egrass. Egrass comments on Gibbons as best option. Unanimous vote.
 - Josh Peirce gives report on area wildlife. Discuss Moose numbers, Hunting trends, Intensive management, Caribou monitoring, Proposal 66, Sheep data, Bison numbers.
 - Petruska asks Trooper Simasko if troopers are spread too thin in 19C. Simasko answers no.



- Petruska asks Peirce if November is the best time for counting moose. Peirce answer yes due to antlers and snow.
- Petruska comments that we need to be aggressive in protecting Sheep in 19C.
- Proposals.
 - 43-46. Egrass motion to TNA with comment that we wait for Sheep Working Group findings, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval.
 - 48. Gibbons move to support, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval.
 - 49. Egrass move to Support with rivers Main stem Kuskokwim, Takotna, North Fork, East Fork, South Fork, Middle Fork, Nixon, Big River, Salmon, Innoko, Windy, and Pitka Fork, 2nd by Gibbons. Unanimous approval.
 - 50. Egrass move to oppose, 2nd by Grady. Unanimous approval
 - 51. Deardorf move to TNA, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous Approval
 - 52. Carter move to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 53-54. Gibbons move to support, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval
 - 55. Gibbons move to support, 2nd by Grady. Unanimous approval
 - 56. Gibbons move to support with amendment that unit 19a have a positive finding of 4300-5300 and harvest of 175-225, unit 19b have a positive finding of 5900-7200 and harvest of 235-290, and unit 19e have a positive finding of 3300-4000 and a harvest of 130-160, 2nd by Grady. Unanimous approval
 - 57. Grady move to support, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 58. Egrass move to support, 2nd by Carter. Unanimous approval
 - 59. Egrass move to TNA, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval
 - 60. Egrass move to support, 2nd by Andrew Runkle. Unanimous approval
 - 61-62. Gibbons move to TNA with comment that we support the concept of predator control, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 63. Grady move to TNA, 2nd Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 64. Gibbons moves to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 65. Egrass moves to support, 2nd by Deardorf. Unanimous approval
 - 66. Grady moves to support with comment the this is to be implemented and managed at the discretion of the Area Biologist, 2nd by Deardorf. Unanimous approval
 - 67. Deardorf moves to support, 2nd by Andrew Runkle. Unanimous approval
 - 68-72. Gibbons moves to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 73. Grady moves to support, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 74. Grady moves to support, 2nd by Deardorf. Unanimous approval



- 75. No Action
- 76-88. Egrass moves to oppose with comment we will defer to Sheep working group, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval
- 89-90. Gibbons moves to TNA, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
- 91.
 - Gibbons moves to support, 2nd by Carter. Unanimous approval
 - Gibbons move to retract proposal 91 vote, 2nd by Carter. Unanimous approval
 - Gibbons move to TNA with comment we support 19D sheep management group plan development, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval

27. 92. Egrass moves to support, 2nd by Gibbons. Unanimous approval

28. 93-107. Doug Carney gives reasons for support. Grady moves to support with addendum A, 2nd by Sturm. Unanimous approval

1. Addendum A: Following

Black & Brown Bear Regulations for GMU 19 & GMUs 21A & E Standardization of Regulations.

The many proposals for liberalization of bear regulations for these GMUs, (93-107), illustrate the differences in regulation between them & the benefits of regulation standardization, as well as the need for liberalization of bear regulations, increasing deer harvest.

There is unanimous support the villages of 19E for proposals 10, 101, & 103, which are specific to 19E. This includes support for proposals that are for similar regulation change in all 19 and 21 subunits. There are resolutions of support from the Village Councils within 19E, Documents E, for these proposals and for the Bear Plan SHAC is submitting

Building on the content of bear proposals, many of which come from 19 & 21 advisory committees

- SHAC agreed that making 19B & C the same, and also making 19A, D, E & 21 A&E the same seasons & bag limits & conditions will make things better for village safety, hunters, enforcement, & relieve pressure on moose calves.
- Listed below & in the table, are liberalization & standardization of seasons, bag limits, and baiting regulations in 19 and 21A & E. They will be positive changes for village safety, hunters, enforcement, and for prey populations that suffer from the large number of bears in these subunits

Brown bear:

Unit 19B and 19C

Aug 10 - June 30

2 bear bag limit for everyone

Take at bait Apr 15 - June 30 & Aug 1 - Oct. 31

Units 19A, 19D, 19E, 21A and 21E (contain villages)

No closed season

2 bear bag limit for everyone

Take at bait Apr 15 - June 03 & Aug 1 - Oct 31

Black bear:



Unit 19, 21A, 21E

No closed season

5 bear bag limit for everyone

Take at bait Apr 15- June 30 and Aug 1- Oct 31

No harvest ticket required

- Joint Board Proposals
 - 1. Carter moves to oppose, 2nd Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 2. Gibbons moves to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 3. Deardorf moves to oppose, 2nd by Grady. Unanimous approval
 - 4. Gibbons moves to oppose, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval
 - 5. Gibbons moves to oppose, 2nd by Sturm. Unanimous approval
 - 6-7. Egrass moves to TNA, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval
 - 8. Sturm moves to TNA, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval
 - 9. Petruska moves to oppose, 2nd by Deardorf. Unanimous approval
 - 10. Deardorf moves to oppose, 2nd by Carter. Unanimous approval
 - 11. No action
 - 12. Deardorf moves to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 13. Deardorf moves to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 14. Deardorf moves to oppose, 2nd by Nikolai. Unanimous approval
 - 15. Grady moves to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 16. No action
 - 17. Sturm moves to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
 - 18. Deardorf moves to oppose, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval
- No one is assigned to attend the Fairbanks Board of Game meeting, or the Anchorage Joint Board meeting.
- Next meeting date is to be announced.
- Doug Carney expresses gratitude for everyone's involvement
- Nikolai moves to adjourn, 2nd by Egrass. Unanimous approval



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43	Change all general season sheep harvest tickets in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C to registration permits, and allow hunters to obtain a registration permit once every two years		
NO ACTION			Waiting for sheep working group findings
44	Reduce the sheep bag limit for resident hunters in Units 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B and 26C to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
NO ACTION			Waiting for sheep working group findings
45	Reduce the Unit 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C sheep bag limit for residents to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years		
NO ACTION			Waiting for sheep working group findings
46	Change all sheep hunting in Units 12, 19, and 20 to drawing permit only for residents and nonresidents, with a set allocation of permits between user groups		
NO ACTION			Waiting for sheep working group findings
48	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT	10	0	
49	Clarify which rivers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C are major rivers for the purposes of bear baiting		
SUPPORT	10	0	Rivers Main stem Kuskokwim, Takotna, North Fork, East Fork, South Fork, Middle Fork, Nixon, Big River, Salmon, Innoko, Windy, and Pitka Fork
50	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15		
OPPOSE	0	10	
51	Align muskrat trapping seasons with beaver trapping seasons in Units 19, 20 (except 20E), 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
NO ACTION			
52	Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers with a trapping license in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
OPPOSE	0	10	
53	Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
SUPPORT	10	0	
54	Review the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
SUPPORT	10	0	



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55	Establish a positive Intensive Management finding for moose in Unit 19C		
SUPPORT	10	0	
56	Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	0	support with amendment that unit 19a have a positive finding of 4300-5300 and harvest of 175-225, unit 19b have a positive finding of 5900-7200 and harvest of 235-290, and unit 19e have a positive finding of 3300-4000 and a harvest of 130-160,
57	Modify the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19		
SUPPORT	10	0	
58	Authorize a Unit 19A predation control program		
SUPPORT	10	0	
59	Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier		
NO ACTION			
60	Allow aerial wolf control in a portion of Unit 19C		
SUPPORT	10	0	
61	Allow the take of wolves in Unit 19C the same day a person has been airborne and create an Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19C		
NO ACTION			TNA with comment that we support the concept of predator control
62	Establish an Intensive Management program for Unit 19C		
NO ACTION			TNA with comment that we support the concept of predator control
63	Change the Unit 19C registration permit moose hunt RM653, to a drawing permit for nonresidents, issue up to 20 permits, and shorten the season to September 8-17		
NO ACTION			
64	Change the Unit 19C moose hunts to a drawing hunt for both residents and nonresidents, and specify the number of permits available for residents, guided nonresidents, and nonguided nonresidents		
OPPOSE	0	10	
65	Reauthorize the Unit 19D Intensive Management Plan		
SUPPORT	10	0	
66	Modify the moose hunting season dates and permit requirements in Unit 19D		
SUPPORT	10	0	support with comment the this is to be implemented and managed at the discretion of the Area Biologist
67	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
SUPPORT	10	0	
68	Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online		



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OPPOSE	0	10	
69	Allow hunters that hold registration moose permit RM682 in Unit 19 to be eligible to hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River drainage		
OPPOSE	0	10	
70	Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel		
OPPOSE	0	10	
71	Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19		
OPPOSE	0	10	
72	Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season		
OPPOSE	0	10	
73	Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years		
SUPPORT	10	0	
74	Require applicants for Unit 21E moose drawing hunt DM837 to provide a unique verification number when applying for that hunt		
SUPPORT	10	0	
75	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
76	Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts		
OPPOSE	0	10	oppose with comment we will defer to Sheep working group
77	Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting		
OPPOSE	0	10	oppose with comment we will defer to Sheep working group
78	Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE	0	10	oppose with comment we will defer to Sheep working group
79	Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters		
OPPOSE	0	10	oppose with comment we will defer to Sheep working group
80	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents		
OPPOSE	0	10	oppose with comment we will defer to Sheep working group
81	Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE	0	10	oppose with comment we will defer to Sheep working group
82	Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE	0	10	oppose with comment we will defer to Sheep working group
83	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only		
OPPOSE	0	10	oppose with comment we will defer to Sheep working group



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84	Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
OPPOSE	0	10	oppose with comment we will defer to Sheep working group
85	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to eight-year-old rams		
OPPOSE	0	10	oppose with comment we will defer to Sheep working group
86	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to ten-year-old rams		
OPPOSE	0	10	oppose with comment we will defer to Sheep working group
87	Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C		
OPPOSE	0	10	oppose with comment we will defer to Sheep working group
88	Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only		
OPPOSE	0	10	oppose with comment we will defer to Sheep working group
89	Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C		
NO ACTION			
90	Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C		
NO ACTION			
91	Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan		
NO ACTION			TNA with comment we support 19D sheep management group plan development
92	Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19		
SUPPORT	10	0	
93	Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19C by opening the season on August 10		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	0	<p>Support as amended; See addendum A from Stony/Holitna AC:</p> <p>Black & Brown Bear Regulations for GMU 19 & GMUs 21A & E Standardization of Regulations.</p> <p>The many proposals for liberalization of bear regulations for these GMUs, (93-107), illustrate the differences in regulation between them & the benefits of regulation standardization, as well as the need for liberalization of bear regulations, increasing deer harvest.</p> <p>There is unanimous support the villages of 19E for proposals 10, 101, & 103, which are specific to 19E. This includes support for proposals that are for similar regulation change in all 19 and 21 subunits. There are resolutions of support from the Village Councils within 19E, Documents E, for these proposals and for the Bear Plan SHAC is submitting</p>



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
			<p>Building on the content of bear proposals, many of which come from 19 & 21 advisory committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHAC agreed that making 19B & C the same, and also making 19A, D, E & 21 A&E the same seasons & bag limits & conditions will make things better for village safety, hunters, enforcement, & relieve pressure on moose calves. Listed below & in the table, are liberalization & standardization of seasons, bag limits, and baiting regulations in 19 and 21A & E. They will be positive changes for village safety, hunters, enforcement, and for prey populations that suffer from the large number of bears in these subunits <p>Brown bear: <u>Unit 19B and 19C</u> Aug 10 - June 30 2 bear bag limit for everyone Take at bait Apr 15 - June 30 & Aug 1 - Oct. 31</p> <p><u>Units 19A, 19D, 19E, 21A and 21E (contain villages)</u> No closed season 2 bear bag limit for everyone Take at bait Apr 15 - June 03 & Aug 1- Oct 31</p> <p>Black bear: <u>Unit 19, 21A, 21E</u> No closed season 5 bear bag limit for everyone Take at bait Apr 15- June 30 and Aug 1- Oct 31 No harvest ticket required</p>
94	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season by opening the hunt in the fall on the same day as the sheep and caribou seasons and closing the hunt on June 30		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	0	See Comments for Proposal 93
95	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	0	See Comments for Proposal 93
96	Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear hunting season by changing the start date to August 10 .		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	0	See Comments for Proposal 93
97	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season and increase the bag limit in Unit 19C		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	0	See Comments for Proposal 93
98	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C by one month to align with Units 19A, 19D, and 19E		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	0	See Comments for Proposal 93
99	Open the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and nonresidents on August 10		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	0	See Comments for Proposal 93
100	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19E to year-round		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	0	See Comments for Proposal 93
101	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 19C, and to be taken at a bait site the same day a hunter has flown		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	0	See Comments for Proposal 93
102	Open a fall bear bait season in Unit 19E		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	0	See Comments for Proposal 93
103	Increase the bag limit for black bear in Units 19B and 19C from three to five		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	0	See Comments for Proposal 93
104	Remove the requirement for a general season black bear harvest ticket in Unit 19D		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	0	See Comments for Proposal 93
105	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21A		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	0	See Comments for Proposal 93
106	Allow hunting of black and brown bear with the use of bait or scent lures in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	0	See Comments for Proposal 93
107	Open a fall brown/grizzly bear baiting season in Unit 21E		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	10	0	See Comments for Proposal 93



Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting Proposals

March 25-28, 2024 | Anchorage, 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>			
1	Require one-month public notice for advisory committee election meetings and 14 days-notice for regular meetings.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
2	Require all advisory committee meetings be accessible via call-in option.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
3	Reduce the terms for advisory committee officers from two years to one.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
4	Clarify the responsibilities for advisory committee chairs.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
5	Clarify the responsibilities for the officer position of secretary/recorder		
OPPOSE	0	10	
6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
NO ACTION			
7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
NO ACTION			
8	Allow advisory committees the discretion to set membership term dates.		
NO ACTION			
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
10	Designate one seat on each advisory committee for non-consumptive representation.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
11	Designate non-consumptive user seats for the Anchorage, Cooper Landing, Fairbanks, Homer, and Matanuska Valley advisory committees.		
12	Clarify the provision that advisory committees may not reject a nomination for an undesignated seat when membership is less than the number of members authorized.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
13	Clarify the process for declaring vacancies and filling expired seats.		
OPPOSE	0	10	



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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
14	Adopt an absence policy allowing advisory committees to remove members who miss more than 50% of meetings without reasonable justification.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
15	Allow advisory committees to provide additional recommendations.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
16	Dissolve seven advisory committees in the Southeast Region due to inactive status.		
17	Establish a process in regulation for developing board proposals.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
18	Adopt a regulation or a Joint Board policy to limit certain types of amendments.		
OPPOSE	0	10	
19	Redefine the boundaries for the Fairbanks Nonsubsistence Area.		

Minutes Recorded By: Brad Sturm
 Minutes Approved By: _____
 Date: _____



Middle Nenana River Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting

MINUTES

1/23/24 at Andersen School

I. Call to Order: 6:010pm by Allan Mortenson

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Allan Mortenson, Jacob Matilla, John Basile, Leroy Sutton, Andrew LaBar, Matt Nustvold, Alex Buetow, Paul Nyberg, Eric Haugen, Coke Wallace

Members Absent (Excused):

Members Absent (Unexcused): Jeremy Wolf

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present: none

III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle, Tony, Jeff Wells

IV. Guests Present: Olivia Erwin Minto AC, Patt Owen, Ethan Graham

V. Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve-Allan, 2nd-Jacob, nine approved

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve: Allan, 2nd: Matt, nine approved

VII. Reports: Regarding the 19C Sheep Working Group. Pat Owen- Not a whole lot got done. Park issues some guide permits yet asked to be on committee as “non-consumptive user.” Need more data, need more information. Apparently someone has the data but it isn’t available to the whole group yet. Wildlife Conservation is preparing a bulk of data to provide with the group. Pat Owen regarding questions from AC members: Sheep numbers are down in the park as well. Caribou numbers are down as well. Moose numbers are unknown, last park moose survey was 2018 but there is money to do a survey in 2024. Bear numbers unknown without a survey in 10-20 years. Wolf numbers holding steady. Kyle- Meeting was successful as it allowed everyone to introduce themselves. This process likely will not have much to share before the BOG, going to be a long process.

VIII. Public Comment:

IX. Old Business: none

New Business: Elections- Leroy provided a bio for Nate Goodin as a prospective AC member for the Clear seat. Nate works at Clear and was called into work therefore he was unable to attend this meeting.

Motion to vote- Jacob, 2nd-Leroy, all in favor 10-0 to elect Nate Goodin to Clear Seat.

Undesignated seat deferred until the next meeting.



Proposal 43, 44, 45, 46: Motion to discuss - Allan , 2nd- Leroy. Vote: Support 0-10 Opposed

Proposal 210: Motion to discuss - Eric, 2nd- Allan. Vote: 10-0

Proposal 48: Motion to discuss - Allan , 2nd- John . Vote:

Proposal : Motion to discuss – Matt, 2nd – Jacob. Vote 8-0-1

Proposal 71&72 amended to provide preference for residents. Vote: 6-3

Proposal 73: Motion to discuss – Jacob, 2nd – Matt. Vote 0-9

Proposal 180: Motion to discuss- Allen, 2nd- Alex. Vote: 7-2

Proposal 181: Motion to discuss- Matt, 2nd- Alex. Vote: 9-0

Proposal 186: Motion to discuss- Allen, 2nd- Jacob. Vote: 9-0

X. Select representative(s) for board meeting

XI. Set next meeting date: none

XII. Other

Adjournment: 8pm

Minutes Recorded By: Alex Buetow

Minutes Approved By: Full AC

Date: 2/13/24



Middle Nenana River Fish & Game

Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the McKinley Village Community Center

I. Call to Order: At 8:06 by Allan

II. Roll Call: Allan Mortenson, Jacob Matilla, Andrew LaBar, Eric Haugen, Alex Buetow, Paul Nyberg, Coke Wallace, Matt Nustvold

Excused:

Absent: Leroy Sutton, John Basile, Jeremy Wolfe

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

III. Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, Jeff Wells

IV. Introduce Guests Present: Mike Green-McKinley resident, Ethan Graham-Healy resident, Nancy Bale-Former Denali resident, Olivia Erwin-Minto/Nenana AC, Alexis Eyler-Healy resident, Tiffanie

V. Approval of Agenda: Motion to Approve-Allan, 2nd-Coke, 8-0 approval

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 1/23/2024 Motion to Approve-Coke, 2nd-Andrew, 8-0 approval

VII. Reports

a. Chair's Report: Allan-Luke Rodgers with the Bison project would like a representative from our AC to attend the next meeting. Leroy will be representing us. Intent is for a soft release of ~70 Bison in the Minto Flats area.

b. ADFG staff reports: None

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment: Nancy- just listening in

IX. Old Business

a. Continue Elections for expired seats: Jeremy would like to step down from his seat.

i. [1] undesignated seat:

Andrew nominates Ethan Graham to the vacant seat

Coke nominates Mike Green to the vacant seat

Allan nominates Paul Nyberg to the vacant seat upgrading from an alternate to permanent seat

Voting: Paul-5, Mike-2, Ethan-2



Motion to appoint Ethan and Mike to alternate seats made by Allan, 2nd-Coke, 8-0 approval

X. New Business

a. Continue 2023-2024 Board of Game Proposals – Comments due March 1st, 2024

Proposal 180: Motion to discuss – Jacob, 2nd – Alex. Vote 8-2-0

Tony-Population estimate of Delta caribou heard is ~3000 and annual harvest is 50-60 bulls

Proposal 113: Motion to discuss- Allen, 2nd- Alex. Vote: 0-10-0

However, as an AC we all agree that the Steese caribou hunt needs to be addressed.

Proposal 186: Motion to discuss- Coke, 2nd- Allan. Vote: 0-10-0

Federal overreach. Tell the NPS they need to make the park more accessible for visitors instead of trying to regulate the public lands that belong to Alaskans

Proposal 181: Motion to discuss- Alex, 2nd- Alex. Vote: 1-7-2

We would like to see 20A guide pressure reduced but we aren't sure this is the way to do it.

Proposal 183: Motion to discuss- Allan, 2nd- Alex. Vote: 10-0-0

Perhaps meat and hides would be more favorable in early June so the season should be extended on that end opposed to extending the season in the fall.

Proposal 115: Motion to discuss- Andrew, 2nd- Allan. Vote: 2-8-0

However, as an AC we all agree that the Steese caribou hunt needs to be addressed.

Proposal 116: Motion to discuss- Coke, 2nd- Allan. Vote: 9-0-1

Proposal 119: Motion to discuss- Alex, 2nd- Andrew. Vote: 0-8-2

There are "trophy" units present in Alaska established to offer better opportunities at mature rams. Apply for those tags.

b. Review Joint Board Proposals – comments due March 11th, 2024

XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting(s): Allan is more than happy to do it.

XII. Set next meeting date: 2/27/2024

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn: At 19:58

Minutes Recorded By: Alex Buetow

Minutes Approved By: Full AC

Date: 2/27/24



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Middle Nenana River Fish & Game

Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 27th, 2024 at 6:08 pm at the Tri-Valley Chamber of Commerce

I. Call to Order: At 8:06 by Allan

II. Roll Call: Allan Mortenson, Jacob Matilla, Andrew LaBar, Alex Buetow, Paul Nyberg, John Basile, Matt Nustvold, Mike Green, Leroy Sutton, Coke Wallace, Ethan Graham

Excused: Eric Haugan

Absent: Jacob Goodin

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

III. Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Hollis, Jeff Wells, Christy Tibbles-Board Support

IV. Introduce Guests Present: Alexis Eyler-Denali Park resident

V. Approval of Agenda: Motion to Approve-Allan, 2nd-Leroy, 10-0 approval

VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2/27/2024 Motion to Approve-Allan, 2nd-Andrew, 10-0 approval

With the amendment that Leroy Sutton's status is changed from Absent to Excused.

VII. Reports

- a. Chair's Report: Allan-
- b. ADFG staff reports: None
- c. Others: None

VIII. Public Comment: None

IX. Old Business: Leroy discussed his findings from the Minto Flats Bison Project. There was strong opposition from local communities to proceed with the release. Leroy gave us the go-ahead to approach the Bison because they are friendly. Detailed the process of the slow release. They've got 70 animals ready to release this year and another 70 to release next year. But the project is in a holding pattern. Leroy reports that the meeting was very informative and he is looking forward to his first hunt when he is 95.

Minutes Recorded By: Alex Buetow

Minutes Approved By:

Date:



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X. New Business:

a. Continue 2023-2024 Board of Game Proposals – Comments due March 1st, 2024

Proposal 178: Motion to discuss – Coke, 2nd – Allan. Vote 10-0-1

Tony: The 2021 winter saw a 37% reduction in the 20B moose population. Unit 20B does not currently have a harvestable surplus of moose. Fairbanks Management Area is the exception as is the Richardsen Hwy Corridor.

Proposal 187: Motion to discuss- Allen, 2nd- Jacob. Vote: 0-10-1

Kantishna River to the Parks Hwy is heavily trapped. ADF&G is neutral. Harvest from the Toklat River to the Nenana River (averages?) Seven Wolverines per year. DNP has great habitat so repopulation should be available.

Proposal 130: Motion to discuss- Allan, 2nd- Andrew. Vote: 11-0-0

After a brief lesson from Jeff on the recent history of sheep tag allocation in the DCUA we generally supported the proposal. We would like 2DK to have the same opportunity as guided nonresidents.

Proposal 131: Motion to discuss- Allen, 2nd- Leroy. Vote: 1-10-0

No further comment needed.

Proposal 142: Motion to discuss- Andrew, 2nd- Allan. Vote: 0-11-0

Keep it the way it has been. When open, archery hunting is allowed for the entirety of the open season in the whole unit.

Proposal 160 & 161: Motion to discuss- Allan, 2nd- Leroy. Vote: 0-11-0

Archery is already an option for the entirety of the open season.

Proposal 159: Motion to discuss- Allan, 2nd- Andrew. Vote: 0-11-0

Not sure why we all voted against this one but I think we generally just don't jive with the approach to writing sheep hunting proposals that Mr. Paul Forward has taken.

b. Discussion of Allan's trip to the BOG meeting and any comments he should provide.

-Regarding Sheep-Have patience with the sheep population instead of aggressive regulation change. Predator control is also a priority of the AC.

-Wood River boundary proposal

-Yanert muzzleloader moose hunt-alleviate some pressure from the WRCUA muzzleloader hunt and provide an opportunity to hunt in November for the locals that are interested in the opportunity.

-20A/20C boundary along 17-Mile Slough



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XI. Select representative(s) for board meeting(s): Allan is more than happy to do it.

XII. Set next meeting date: Leaving it open for now. After BOG we will make a plan for a wrap up meeting.

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjourn: Motion - Allan, 2nd-Leroy At 19:38



Middle Nenana River Fish & Game Advisory Committee

Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals March 15-22, 2024 Fairbanks, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
43	Change all general season sheep harvest tickets in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C to registration permits, and allow hunters to obtain a registration permit once every two years		
OPPOSE	0	10	
44	Reduce the sheep bag limit for resident hunters in Units 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B and 26C to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
OPPOSE	0	10	
45	Reduce the Unit 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C sheep bag limit for residents to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years		
OPPOSE	0	10	
46	Change all sheep hunting in Units 12, 19, and 20 to drawing permit only for residents and nonresidents, with a set allocation of permits between user groups		
OPPOSE	0	10	
48	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
71	Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	6	3	Provide preference for residents
72	Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	6	3	Provide preference for residents
73	Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years		
OPPOSE	0	9	
113	Close caribou hunting within ¼ mile or 100 yards of the Steese Highway above tree line on Eagle and Twelvemile summits in Unit 20		
OPPOSE	0	10	However, as an AC we all agree that the Steese caribou hunt needs to be addressed.
115	Require hunters taking Fortymile caribou to gut the animals in the field		



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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
OPPOSE	2	8	However, as an AC we all agree that the Steese caribou hunt needs to be addressed.
116	Implement a non-intensive management predator control plan within the Tok Management Area to benefit Dall sheep		
SUPPORT	9		1 abstention
119	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 12 for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested		
OPPOSE	0	8	2 abstentions. There are “trophy” units present in Alaska established to offer better opportunities at mature rams. Apply for those tags.
180	Change the allocation of permits for Delta caribou hunt DC827 in Unit 20A		
SUPPORT	8	2	
181	Allow nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 20A by drawing permit only		
OPPOSE	1	7	2 abstentions. We would like to see 20A guide pressure reduced but we aren’t sure this is the way to do it.
183	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by two weeks to close on June 15		
SUPPORT	10	0	Perhaps meat and hides would be more favorable in early June so the season should be extended on that end opposed to extending the season in the fall.
210	Change the subunit boundary of Units 20A and 20C to the current river channel		
SUPPORT	10	0	

Minutes Recorded By: Alex Buetow

1/23/24 & 2/13/24 Minutes Approved by Full AC

Date: 2/13/24 & 2/27/24



Middle Nenana River Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, February 27th, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the
Denali Chamber of Commerce, Healy, AK**

Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals March 15-22, 2024 Fairbanks, AK			
Proposal Number	Proposal Description		
Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
130	Award up to 10% of permits for DS203 and DS204 to nonresidents, and remove the allocation between guided and nonguided nonresidents		
SUPPORT	11	0	After a brief lesson from Jeff on the recent history of sheep tag allocation in the DCUA we generally supported the proposal. We would like 2DK to have the same opportunity as guided nonresidents.
131	Allocate 10% of the Delta Controlled Use Area sheep drawing permits to nonresidents		
OPPOSE	1	10	
142	Change sheep hunting in portions of Units 24A and 25A to archery only		
OPPOSE	0	11	Keep it the way it has been. When open, archery hunting is allowed for the entirety of the open season in the whole unit.
159	Open a resident only archery only hunt for sheep in the Eastern Brooks Range Management Area with aircraft restrictions, and modify the existing youth hunt in the same area		
OPPOSE	0	11	Not sure why we all voted against this one but I think we generally just don't jive with the approach to writing sheep hunting proposals that Mr. Paul Forward has taken.
160	Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only		
OPPOSE	0	11	Archery is already an option for the entirety of the open season
161	Change sheep hunting in a portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to archery only		
OPPOSE	0	11	Archery is already an option for the entirety of the open season
178	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
SUPPORT	10	0	1 abstention
187	Lengthen the wolverine trapping season in Units 20A, 20B, 20D, and 20F by two weeks to align with 20C		
OPPOSE	0	10	1 abstention. Kantishna River to the Parks Hwy is heavily trapped. ADF&G is neutral. Harvest from the Toklat River to the Nenana River (averages?) Seven Wolverines per year. DNP has great habitat so repopulation should be available.



Middle Yukon River Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 at 9:00 am
JP Jones Community Center located at 2400 Rickert Street in Fairbanks, AK
and by web/teleconference

- I. **Call to Order:** Percy Lolnitz (Chair)
- II. **Roll Call:** Percy Lolnitz (chair), Arnold Demoski (vice chair), Howard Beasley, Fred Huntington, Leo Lolnitz, Tom Kriska, Michael Stickman (alternate)
- III. **Number Needed for Quorum on AC:** 7
- IV. **Introduce Fish and Game Staff Present:** Glenn Stout, Kyle Campbell, Christy Gleason, Deena Jalen, Sam Decker, Angelina (NA)
- V. **Introduce Guests Present:** Jeremy Havener, Marie Cleaver, Betty Ross, Jenny Bryant (Boomer)
- VI. **AC Member Introduction**
- VII. **Approval of Agenda** (Michael motion, Arnold 2nd) (Motion Carries, 7-0)
- VIII. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** N/A
- IX. **Reports**
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. ADFG staff reports (Introduce Cade Kellam, Assistant Galena Area Biologist) (Christy Gleason, Fall Season Manager) (Deena Jalen, Summer Season Manager Updates) (Glenn Stout, Galena Area Biologist Report)
 - c. Others
- X. **Public Comment**
- XI. **Old Business**
- XII. **New Business**
 - a. Discussion on the Ambler Road Environmental Impact Statement (Erin ?, BLM)
 - b. Discuss House Bill 201 / Senate Bill 171 regarding residency requirements for hunting and fishing licenses (REP. Rebecca Himschoot) (Senator Jesse Bjorkman) (Support, 7-0)
 - c. Update and discussion on Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group (Michael Stickman)
 - d. 2023-2024 Board of Game Proposals – comments due March 1st
 - e. 2023-2024 Joint Board Proposals – comments due March 11th
- XIII. **Select representative(s) for board meeting(s):**

BOG Interior and Eastern Arctic March 15-22 in Fairbanks: Tommy Kriska (Percy motion, Fred 2nd) (Motion Carries, 7-0)

Joint Board March 25-28 in Anchorage: Michael Stickman (Arnold motion, Tommy 2nd) (Motion carries, 7-0)
- XIV. **Set next meeting date and location:**
- XV. **Other**
- XVI. **Adjourn** (Michael motion, Arnold 2nd)



Alaska Board of Game Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-22, 2024 | Fairbanks, AK

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48	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT	7	0	(Arnold motion, Michael 2 nd)
50	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15		
OPPOSE	0	3	4 abstained. (Arnold motion, Michael 2 nd)
52	Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers with a trapping license in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
OPPOSE	0	7	There is no need for night vision. They will use night vision for everything if approved. Best to keep new technology off the books, we never needed it to hunt all these years. (Arnold motion, Michael 2 nd)
139	Reduce the bag limit for taking caribou in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D and 26A to four caribou per year, only one of which may be a cow		
OPPOSE	0	7	Reason. We don't want any changes; we want to keep it the same. (Fred motion, Arnold 2 nd)
140	Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A		
SUPPORT	7	0	Reason. Closing nonresident hunting gives more opportunities to residents. Plus, there's not much nonresident harvests. (Howard motion, Arnold 2 nd)
145	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during March in a portion of Unit 21D		
SUPPORT	7	0	The moose population continues to grow; therefore, we support this proposal. (Arnold motion, Tommy 2 nd)
152	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Units 24C and 24D, and open a fall bait season in Units 21B and 24B		
SUPPORT	7	0	(Michael motion, Fred 2 nd)
153	Lengthen the wolverine hunting and trapping seasons in Unit 21 by one month to end on April 30		
SUPPORT	6	0	1 sustained. Aligning the season with the wolf season is reasonable. (Michael motion, Arnold 2 nd)



Joint Board of Fisheries and Game Meeting Proposals

March 25-28, 2024 | Anchorage, 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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7	Clarify the process for appointing advisory committee alternates, allow alternates for communities having more than one designated seat, and establish one year term limits for alternates.		
SUPPORT	7	0	(Arnold motion, Tommy 2 nd)
9	Limit the number of consecutive terms advisory committee members can serve.		
OPPOSE	0	7	(Howard motion, Arnold 2 nd)

Minutes Recorded By: Arnold Demoski (vice chair)

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



2023-2024 Proposed Changes to Regulations
Interior and Eastern Arctic Region

Minto-Nenana Advisory Committee Comments

Minto

Carl Frank, *co-chair*

Charlie Titus

Andrew Jimmie

Louis Silas

Cameron Winfrey

Nenana

Olivia Henaayee Irwin, *co-chair*

Donald Charlie

Victor (Duke) Lord

Larry Ketzler

Kathleen Demientieff

Eva Burk

The Minto-Nenana Advisory Committee held public meetings on February 2nd, February 20th, and February 25th, 2024 to discuss the 2023-2024 Board of Game Proposed Changes to Regulations Interior and Eastern Arctic Region. Actions were taken on proposals on February 2nd and February 25th. Actions taken on Proposal 178 on February 2nd were rescinded on February 25th with unanimous consent of the committee. Actions on proposals can be found in the attached meeting minutes from 2/2/24 and 2/25/24. Comments on proposals are below:

PROPOSAL 171

Change all general season harvest ticket hunts to registration permits for moose in Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F and 25C.

Comments:

Minto-Nenana advisory committee (MNAC) supports Proposal 171 to change all general season harvest tickets to registration permits for moose in Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F, and 25C. We were cautious to support changes to general harvest tickets due to the implications of not reporting.

It is a deep concern of our locals that they will be put on the 'failure to report list', colloquially referred to as the no-hunt list in our communities. However, our area biologist Tony Hollis ensured our advisory committee that there will be a grace period of 1-year for people in these units who fail to report. He also said that the department staff would work to provide educational materials and speak with local communities and Tribes as a way of spreading the word about this regulation change.

With these reassurances, our advisory committee agreed that the harvest data collected through registration permits will help the department make management decisions. We stand in solidarity with



the Tanana/Rampart/Manley AC in supporting this proposal, which would result in more complete harvest data to better inform the department's management decisions and improve moose population estimates.

PROPOSAL 172

Create a muzzleloader only moose hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 20A.

Comments:

MNAC opposes Proposal 172 to create a muzzleloader only hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 20A. The expansion of hunting opportunities should be available to all, especially when it comes to a population that many villages and communities depend on for meeting subsistence needs. Alaska Native peoples have been stewarding and harvesting from these lands for 10,000 years, yet the state continues to deny the ability for Alaska Natives to have a specific hunt or hunting rights. Until the state can provide hunting opportunities that honor the historical, ancestral relationship between Alaska Natives and the environment, no additional hunting opportunities such as these that gives unequal opportunity to a small group of people should be implemented.

PROPOSAL 173

Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A.

Comments:

MNAC opposes Proposal 173 to reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 20A in solidarity with the Tanana/Rampart/Manly advisory committee. See rationale for opposition to antlerless hunts in comments for Proposal 178.

PROPOSAL 174

Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A.

PROPOSAL 175

Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A.

Comments:

MNAC opposes Proposals 174-175 to change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area. We align ourselves with TCC's comments on these proposals:

“The rationale behind both of these proposals is insufficient. Proposing regulatory changes because an influential hunter was cited for violating the controlled use area motorized vehicle prohibitions is insufficient to alter a longstanding regulation. Hunters must exercise due diligence to ensure they remain in compliance with regulations and mindfully navigate motorized vehicles to remain outside prohibited areas. It is the responsibility of motorized hunters to ensure safe and legal travel through the unit, without necessitating alterations to established boundaries.” *Tanana Chiefs Conference, submitted comments*



PROPOSAL 176

Reduce the nonresident moose bag limit in portions of Unit 20B, and eliminate nonresident moose hunting opportunities in portions of Unit 20B.

Comments:

MNAC supports Proposal 176, because Unit 20B provides subsistence needs for many people and communities. The current population estimate is below 8,000 moose with a management objective of 12,000-15,000. The state should prioritize subsistence needs being met and the availability of ceremonial and potlatch moose over nonresident opportunities.

PROPOSAL 177

Extend the current moose season in Unit 20B Remainder by five days for certified bowhunters only.

Comments:

MNAC opposes Proposal 177 to open hunting opportunities in Unit 20B. See comments on 172.

PROPOSAL 178

Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt in Unit 20B.

Comments:

MNAC opposes Proposal 178 in line with the voices and concerns of our communities, particularly those of our Tribal Elders from Minto and Nenana. It is with a profound sense of duty to our heritage, cultural beliefs, and the well-being of our lands that we express our unanimous opposition to the implementation of antlerless moose hunts.

Our peoples' cultural beliefs have always been clear- unless a cow presents herself during a time of need for ceremony we do not take cows. Traditional beliefs are unwavering, grounded in the deep-seated traditions of our Athabascan culture. It is against our beliefs to take a cow moose unless it is explicitly necessary for significant religious and cultural practices, such as for a potlatch. The recent maneuvers to gain support for these hunts disregarded these cultural imperatives and aimed to prioritize the reauthorization of a management tool that doesn't align with our cultural practices no matter our beliefs.

The circumstances leading to the tentative, initial support for the hunt, predicated on concerns over vehicle collisions with moose in specific areas of the Fairbanks Non-Subsistence Area, fail to address the core issues at hand. Initially preoccupied with concern for vehicle collisions and injury to humans as well as moose, our advisory committee supported this proposal seeing it as the only solution available; however, upon further consideration and a remembrance of our traditional beliefs our committee and Elders, now stand in firm opposition to the antlerless moose hunts. This reflection is not a reversal but a *reassertion* of our traditional values and an acknowledgment of the need for solutions that do not compromise our ecological and cultural integrity.



Minto/Nenana AC Comments

The most recent data collected from the department shows a meager 7,000 moose in Unit 20B with a management objective of 12,000-15,000. The current low density moose population in Unit 20B cannot afford any additional hunts and the department must take every effort to ensure the rebound of this population.

5 AAC 99.025 provides a positive customary and traditional use determination for moose in Unit 20B with an amount reasonably necessary for subsistence uses being 75-100 outside the Minto Flats Management Area and 20-40 within the Minto Flats Management Area. This population provides the subsistence needs for many communities within the management unit including Minto and Nenana.

5 AAC 99.019 protects the right for Alaskans to harvest moose for religious ceremony- a statute that aids in ensuring our Alaska Native people (not specified but our Tribal citizens as residents of Alaska) have access to this resource for traditional, ceremonial use. The only caveat to exercising this right is if the population gets so low that the department denies requests for religious and ceremonial take of moose.

For 10,000 years the people of the Interior have relied on moose for both religious ceremony as well as food security. With the ongoing, seemingly everlasting, declines of salmon populations, continued closure of commercial fishing opportunities on the Yukon River and throughout the drainage, restrictions on species-specific salmon fishing that affects our cultural ceremonies, a continued lack of access to affordable groceries within our villages, and the most recent decision by the Commissioner to put a seven-year moratorium on all Chinook salmon fishing on the Yukon River, our people are experiencing extreme food insecurities that without proper resource management could remove our relationship to the animals that we have cultivated relations with for generations.

We urge the Department of Fish and Game to reconsider the use of antlerless moose hunts as a management tool. The rationale provided, centered on mitigating vehicle collisions, overlooks the broader ecological and cultural ramifications of such actions. It is a nearsighted solution to a problem caused by human development. We assert that the moose should not bear the consequences of human infrastructure decisions that have disrupted their natural habitat.

Furthermore, the department's admission of insufficient moose populations to justify the opening of such hunts, even as it proposes them as a solution to vehicular collisions, is contradictory and undermines the sustainability of moose populations. The killing of cow moose is not merely the removal of an individual from the ecosystem but the eradication of potential future generations. Our people honor the animals that continue to provide growth to the population and sustain our peoples' spiritual and physical needs.

In light of these concerns, we propose the following alternatives for moose population management:

1. Incorporation of Indigenous Knowledge
2. Enhanced Aerial Surveys
3. Secured Funding for Moose Surveys
4. Development of Alternative Management Methods

We advocate for a management approach that respects our cultural traditions, conserves moose populations for future generations, and addresses the root causes of human-moose conflicts.



PROPOSAL 179

Shift the moose season dates for Unit 20B to September 15th-30th.

Comments:

MNAC suggests the department takes no action on Proposal 179 to shift the moose hunting season in Unit 20B to September 15th- 30th, but consider the implementation of a statewide regulation that would address issues hunters are not facing with climate change.

Being that Unit 20B already experiences a surge of 3,000 hunters per year, the Unit experiences enormous pressure. Therefore, if this proposal were to pass and make Unit 20B the only unit with a late season, it would encourage hunters to come to Unit 20B to hunt after harvesting in another unit during the earlier season dates.

PROPOSAL 210

Change the boundary of the Nenana River

Comments:

MNAC stands in opposition to Proposal 210, which seeks to alter the boundary of the Nenana River, thereby reclassifying a portion of Unit 20A as 20C. This change, we believe, would undermine the traditional practices and constitutional rights of our communities.

Echoing the concerns raised by the Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC), we find the proposal problematic for several reasons. Primarily, it threatens to prohibit the taking of cow moose for religious ceremonies, including funeral and memorial potlatches. Under the current designation, residents within Unit 20A are granted the flexibility to harvest either a cow or bull moose for these potlatches. The proposed shift to Unit 20C's classification would, however, introduce an unnecessary restriction, infringing upon the constitutionally protected right to take moose out of season for Alaska Native funeral ceremonies as delineated in 5 AAC 92.017 and 5 AAC 92.019.

Moose play an integral role in our ceremonies, marking both moments of mourning and celebration. Their significance transcends the mere act of hunting; they are a cornerstone of our spiritual and cultural identity, representing a bond with nature that is difficult to articulate in scientific or regulatory terms. This bond underscores the importance of moose availability for ceremonial purposes throughout the year.

The decision to hunt a cow moose is never taken lightly. It is embedded in a series of ritualistic activities that honor the life being commemorated. The act of hunting is not merely for subsistence but is a profound gesture of respect and recognition for the individual's role within our community. This tradition is especially poignant in the context of the declining salmon populations, underscoring the urgency to preserve our remaining natural resources for future generations.

Our stance against Proposal 210 is rooted in a deep-seated need to protect our way of life, our religious freedoms, and our relationship with the land and its creatures.



Minto/Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, February 2nd, 2024 at 3:00 pm
Native Movement Building
60 Hall Street, Fairbanks AK
and by web/teleconference

- I. **Call to Order:** 3:00pm (AK)
- II. **Members Present:** Carl Frank (co-chair), Olivia Irwin (co-chair), Kathleen Demientieff (vice chair), Charlie Titus Jr., Andrew Jimmie, Cameron Winfrey, Louis Silas, Victor Lord, Lawrence Ketzler, Eva Burk, Philip Titus (alternate)
Members Absent: Donald Charlie, Alex Hanna (alternate)
- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Tony Hollis, Jeff Wells, Kyle Campbell, Alida Trainor
- IV. **Guests Present:** Jim Simon-TCC, Mark Richards- Vice Chair of FBKS AC and Resident Hunters of Alaska, Rep. Rebecca Himschoot, Sen. Jesse Bjorkman, Joe Felkl - Legislative Liaison for ADFG
- V. **Public Comment**
 - a. Jim Simon- I'm pleased to see our representatives and senators who put forward these bills. I want to provide my support. My father would contact law enforcement, not wanting to give Chitna dip permits to folks they know are not residents.
 - b. Cameron Winfrey- Thank you to everyone for being here
 - c. Victor Duke Lord- Bills to do with the fish coming here from Nome, I appreciate if they will listen to that bill in Nome
- VI. **Approval of Agenda** Approved
- VII. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** January 16th, 2024 -Approved
- VIII. **New Business**
 - a. House Bill 201 / Senate Bill 171 regarding residency requirements for hunting and fishing license
- Rep Himschoot: We appreciate you, you all are volunteering your time for your community
 - i. Problem: People come in from out of state who are considered residents technically due to having a domicile (Could be a boat, a storage unit, etc.)
 - ii. Started in Prince of Whales- Folks taking advantage of resident bag limits

-Will this affect Tribal member's ability to harvest Potlatch moose? No, 5 AAC 92.019 does not protect the right to harvest Ceremonial use to only Tribal members as the regulation exists, and section e specifies resident status must be held to go on the hunt



**Motion Passed by Unanimous Consent for AC to submit Letter of Support to Legislature on
HB 201/ SB 171**

Additional Comments

Duke: We see this problem in Nenana, I think this is an excellent bill to adopt

- b. Moose discussion with Tony Hollis on moose counts, results, department concerns, means and methods, surveys, maps, and questions from AC members

(See attached [Preliminary 2023 Moose Count and Antlerless Harvest](#))

Eva: 20B Harvest Rates? Tony didn't have them with him and couldn't tell us the Harvest rates

Charlie: Lack of Moose- could it have been the antlerless hunts? Tony, no it was that hard winter of 2021

Tony: 2009, Moose in 20B was high 20,000 so we had an opportunity to have an antlerless harvest

Moose survey → 45 minute arial fly, surveying one of those small blocks which represent randomly chosen areas to survey

Carl Frank: Can we have a Minto Flats Moose Management plan?

Eva Burk: Want to survey 20C!

Jim Simon: If our Tribes were able to secure funding, would the department be interested in a collaboration to do a more intensive count?

Tony: The problem is access to planes, we do have limited planes and a lot of people have to share them

Tony: We put 30 radio collars on Bulls to track them in the fall (so we know a better count) in September, exact location data is protected, Tony can share with us the range of where they were. Willing to take Carl and others out in Super Cubs

Carl: How will collaring bulls help the count?

Tony: It won't make the counts more accurate, but since we do surveys in Nov and people hunt in Sept we wanna see where they are when people are out hunting

Olivia: How can we be sure this real-time data isn't used for non-ethical purposes? This means that the department knows exactly where moose are within our Traditional territories at any given time, is there a guarantee that this won't negatively impact our communities?

Tony: I will have access to the data but it is protected by the department

Jim: Cited AAC Statute that ensure the department's protection of data

c. Joint Board Proposal 19- Fairbanks Non-Sub Area

1. Eva: Regulations are currently opening rivers for subsistence, folks up in the FBKS non-sub area would then be opened up to subsistence fishing that normally wouldn't be. Increased area open to subsistence area.
2. Charlie: Years ago Livengood made a proposal to open up an area of their community and it would have made everyone on the south side of the Yukon River subsistence fishermen, this proposal would
3. Jeep: Increasing opportunity for others outside our area?
4. "We can't afford any more nets in our river" Victor Duke Lord

d. 2023-2024 Board of Game Proposals – *comments due March 1st*i. Antlerless Moose Harvest Reauthorization for Unit 20B ([Proposal 178](#))

1. Chair asked for a motion to be made, motion, second, vote: Unanimous Opposition
2. Andy Jimmie made a motion to reconsider, Charlie Titus seconded
3. Discussion
 - a. Charlie- Only supporting because of the small area that's identified in the proposal
 - b. Jim- Tony please clarify, you said you couldn't open up the Minto Flats Management area for antlerless hunts. If the proposal passes, Tony is then permitted to open it up if he wants. Regulation that allows antlerless hunt will remain on the books
 - c. Tony- Will not open the antlerless hunt permits outside of the city
4. Votes:
 - a. Any Jimmie: Support
 - b. Charlie Titus: Support- Our culture doesn't support antlerless/cow harvests, but if people are getting injured or Tony says we need to use them in a small area then yes, I support
 - c. Kathleen Demientieff: Support
 - d. Eva Burk: Support, however I don't support antlerless hunts. I don't feel like we have enough information about numbers, but if Tony says he would only open the hunt in a small area of the Fairbanks Non-Sub Area to avoid road collisions then I support- Hesitant to support
 - e. Louis Silas: Support



- f. Carl Frank: Support, I'm voting with my Elders, but I don't really support cow hunts, it's not what we do in Minto, but if Tony says it's going to save people from moose collisions in that little area then I'll support- hesitant to support
- g. Cameron Whinfrey- Support
- h. Olivia Irwin: Oppose, our AC has historically opposed this hunt, its against our cultural and traditional beliefs, the department needs to find other alternatives to human problems such as road collisions, killing off cow moose that would otherwise be supporting the growth of the population is not a solution

5. [Proposal 210](#) - Unanimous Opposition

- ii. Other Board of Game Proposals as brought forward for consideration by AC members

Charlie Titus: There isn't enough communication between Minto-Nenana, people making decisions without us. It's not like it used to be, we used to meet all the time to talk.

Kyle: I will say the department doesn't have funds to support another in-person meeting of the AC

- e. Board of Fisheries Proposal 43 regarding hatchery production of salmon – *comments due Feb 8th*
(see attached [Board of Fisheries Proposal 43](#) and [RC021 Clarification on Proposal 43](#))
 - i. Gale Vick asking to reduce hatchery production
 - ii. Eva: Motion to support proposal 43
 - 1. Proposal 43, Passes, Unanimous Consent
(see comments in table below)
- f. 2023-2024 Joint Board Proposals – *comments due March 11th*
 - i. Proposal 6, unanimous support (see comments in table below)

IX. **Select representative(s) for board meeting(s):**

BOG Interior and Eastern Arctic March 15-22 in Fairbanks: Eva Dawn Burk & Carl Frank

Joint Board March 25-28 in Anchorage: Carl Frank & Olivia Irwin

X. **Set next meeting date and location:**

XI. **Other**

XII. **Adjourn 5:27PM**



Alaska **Board of Fisheries** Upper Cook Inlet Meeting Proposals

February 23-March 7, 2024 | Anchorage, AK

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43	Amend Basic Management Plans as follows (<i>This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting</i>):		
SUPPORT	10	0	See Fairbanks Advisory Committee comments

Alaska **Board of Game** Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-22, 2024 | Fairbanks, AK

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178	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
SUPPORT	7	1	<i>THIS ACTION WAS RESCINDED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT ON 2/25/24</i>
210	Change the subunit boundary of Units 20A and 20C to the current river channel		
OPPOSE	0	8	



<u>Joint Board</u> of Fisheries and Game Meeting Proposals March 25-28, 2024 Anchorage, AK			
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6	Allow advisory committees with community designated seats to appoint alternates for those communities.		
SUPPORT	8	0	This proposal will allow advisory committees with many villages/communities represented to have designated alternatives per community. It is important that the department recognizes the ACs which maintain the burden of holding space for multiple communities (ex: Koyukuk River represents 6 communities) have as much access to department resources as an AC representing only 1 community. There is no more travel funding for meetings for Koyukuk AC than Fairbanks AC, for example. Hosting in-person meetings for ACs such as Minto-Nenana is difficult and inaccessible. Therefore, without consistent in-person meetings, lack of funding for ACs growth, and difficulties reaching quorum, our communities continue to face inequities in the AC process. Our AC sees adding additional alternatives as a partial solution to ensure when we meet we're able to reach quorum, young people and community members are able to join in the efforts as alternates and learn the process. We see this as an opportunity for AC success, mentorship and expansion of this knowledge and advocacy onto our young people and throughout our communities, and equitable opportunities for all ACs, rural and urban.

Minutes Recorded By: Olivia Henaayee Irwin
 Minutes Approved By: _____
 Date: _____



2/25/24 MEETING MINUTES

Minto/Nenana Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Sunday, February 25th, 2024 at 10:00 am by web/teleconference

- Called meeting to order: 10:06am
- Role Call: Victor (Duke) Lord, Kathleen Demientieff, Larry Ketzler, Eva Burk, Carl Frank, Olivia Henaayee Irwin, Louis Silas, Charlie Titus
- Guests: Tony Hollis, Kyle Campbell, Al Barrett, Janessa Newman, Caroline Ketzler
- Chair Comments: We appreciate all the hard work of our committee this week (i.e. Bison meetings, BOG proposal meetings, council meetings, etc.)
- Public Comments:
- Approval of Agenda-
 - **Bison Debrief** (Eva motion, Carl second)
 - BOG Proposals
 - Other fisheries, wildlife, and committee business as needed

Bison Debrief

- Nenana made it clear that our place in this meeting is not considered consultation and do not want the discussion
- Full Board of Director Resolution to TCC
 - Collective of TCC, Minto Council, Nenana Council,
- Kathleen: We're going to need some long term plan, we have to think long term
 - Henaayee: Al Barrett brought up the May 1st deadline for submission of proposals for the Southeast Board of Game. Will take up statewide issues, could include bison for Ceremonial and Potlatch uses
- Eva: Theme of "Hey what's happening to our traditional foods" popping up as issues throughout the region. We don't have the big agency and staff to respond to mismanagement
 - Concerns for Bison habitat as it is related to moose. When our fish started declining we opened hatcheries and looked at what happened.
- Victor (Duke) Lord: I do really enjoy buffalo meat. I hate commenting here or there about this issue.
- Louis Silas: I'm still in support of the Bison restoration project. This is an experimental population, and they can be taken out if we ever wanted them to.
 - We could do some good at the management plan level
- Eva Burk: I'm in favor of a bison farm - that would be us building a relationship with the animal and making sure it's cared for in times of climate change. In a controlled environment where their impact on the ecosystem as a whole can be studied
- Caroline Ketzler: We don't have a problem with Bison, we have an issue with the State railroading our people into a situation with little time to make decisions in an informed way.
 - I appreciate that we can still disagree but have a solid foundation as a people
- Charlie Titus: I've been thinking about this alot, the history of the state dealing with us goes back before statehood into territorial days. We've always been treated as second-class citizens.
 - Chief Thomas and Judge Wickershom suggested a big reservation. In 1960 (ish) Senator Stevens was Minto's attorney, they put a big square by Old Minto (Halfway to Nenana), then they diminished it to little bitty checkers.
 - "You (the State) kill all our moose"
 - Our elders never said they wanted Bison, when the conversation first came to Minto they all opposed it
 - Why the last minute push? We only have a few months to deal with it.
 - I don't like to see changes, I didn't grow up with Bison, I never ate Bison. I just don't see it helping in any way.



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- Victor (Duke) Lord: I want to thank Janessa Newman for joining from Rampart, because then other ACs can support our resolutions and proposals
- Henaayee: How can the AC support the Full Board Resolution?
 - Chief: The AC can vote to support the Full Board Resolution
- Janessa Newman: I would love to see an ask for TCC to do their own assessment/report on how bison can impact the ecosystem - something we can have in our control to counter the state's EIS
- Al Barrett: Keep resolution consistent, the last sentence asks to address fish, but the budget and resources can't be switched. So, we might want to remove the last sentence.
- Chief Ketzler: Charlie we kept the resolution specific to the Lower Tanana area, Minto has the ability to say yes to Wood Bison if they want just like all of us. We kept it site specific to not step on any Tribal toes.
- Charlie Titus: This area is good for the State but it's good for us. Gwich'in don't want them either.
- Louis Silas: I think we also need to have a plan in place in the case that the state continues to move toward putting bison in the flats. What would we do if they're put there anyway despite the opposition?
 - Example: C&T Finding or write up proposals for Southeast meeting

Steps Moving Forward: There's time to sign on, March 6th we will meet for resolutions.

- We need everyone in the room for the vote so let's wait and vote. Also Minto Council will vote on Tuesday.

Proposal 171: Motion-Carl, Second-Louis

Tony Hollis: 3,000 hunters in Unit 20B- if 10% of hunters don't report then 300 moose would go uncounted

- Carl Frank: I think this is a good plan to get more moose numbers and data to get a better count, as Alaskans we should take on the responsibility
- Victor (Duke) Lord: With how forgetful I am, I'd probably get on the list. What's the difference?
- Tony Hollis: Not much difference. Availability would
- Victor (Duke) Lord: Our villages would need some help to understand this new change
- Tony Hollis: The first year, no one would go on the failure to hunt list
- Victor (Duke) Lord: Hey, we're voting in support one of your proposals
- Eva Burk: Long history of mistrust and it will take a while for that to settle. I do fill out permits for other people like my dad or Charlie Wright. I get phone calls and emails, they do reach out.
- Charlie Titus: I probably will be put on the failure to report list

Vote: Motion- Carl, Second- Louis

SUPPORT (8, 0)

Proposal 172: Motion-Carl, Second-Louis

- Tony Hollis: The area is in the southern portion of 20A, South of Healy
- Henaayee: Seems to provide a second-chance opportunity to hunt
- Carl Frank: When we talk about muzzleloaders people talk about how they take a long time to reload, would they just be wounding animals not killing them. Can they reload fast enough?
- Tony Hollis: They are fairly effective, it's a drawing permit. It would be maybe 20 drawing permits
- Henaayee: Until the State can open hunts for Alaska Natives, we don't want to see the expansion of hunts.
- Kathleen: Muzzle huts with the round ball and steel, unless they have guns that can keep shooting, they only have one chance to shoot, these animals will suffer. Olivia your comments are correct, we shouldn't open up all these other hunts until we have rights
- Carl Frank: I'd personally oppose it. Wounded animals are a concern, our people don't muzzle hunt
- Charlie Titus: It's such a small group of people, we never had muzzle loaders, oppose
- Janessa Newman: Would the amount of permits allowable be subtracted from the total number of moose then can be taken from the larger area?



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- Tony Hollis: Harvestable surplus, bull:cow ratios vary to above objectives sometimes. If this hunt happened, the number of permits would be based on what they are not taking
- Victor (Duke) Lord: Is there any education about muzzleloaders
- Motion-Carl, Second-
 - Victor- Neutral
 - Larry- Oppose
 - Kathleen- Oppose
 - Eva- Oppose
 - Louis- Neutral
 - Carl- Oppose
 - Henaayee- Oppose
 - Charlie- Oppose

OPPOSE (0, 6, 2 abstain)

Proposal 173: Motion-Louis, Second-Victor

- TRM AC: Janessa Newman- Opposed, due to traditional principles. We attribute the antlerless hunts to decline the population more sharply than we would like to see. Based on our customary principles.
- Tony Hollis: We reauthorize antlerless hunts every year even if we don't hold a hunt as a management tool. There has been zero harvest of hunts.
 - Only cow harvest of 20A in the past few years has been for potlatch
 - 2022 count- 11,000 moose in Unit 20A, it's within our objective 10-15,000; however, because of the 2020 winter we had suspended all cow hunts
- Henaayee: I don't support this as a management tool
- Eva Burk : I don't support this either. Tony do you have data on where there are antlerless hunts and where they don't in the State?
- Tony Hollis: There are a lot of other Units that use antlerless hunts. The department has always brought this up each year, the AC gets a say on whether or not they support it.
- Eva Burk: It would be nice to have a list of those Units to know where they support it and where they oppose it/where there are cow hunts. I'm all for precautionary measures.
- Charlie Titus: I remember when we were in support, but I think I was off the AC then. I always opposed it, when I thought about the history of when we voted against cow moose hunts we had very little support. It puts a bad feeling in us. The religious purpose of it- we grew up on this animal, feeding us, supporting us. I have no support for any antlerless moose hunts. When I voted in support, I voted against my own beliefs.
- Tony Hollis: The antlerless reauthorizations make it feel like oh we're going to have antlerless hunts, but we won't open them.
- Carl Frank: I've always opposed it, and I don't support it. We're trying to talk about a unified front and TRM would know best.

Vote: Motion- Larry Ketzler , Second- Louis Silas

OPPOSE

Victor- Oppose

Larry- Oppose

Kathleen-Oppose

Carl-Oppose

Eva- Oppose

Charlie Titus- Oppose

Olivia Irwin- Oppose

OPPOSE (0, 8)



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Proposal 176- Motion-Victor, Second- Carl

- Louis Silas: What's the department's stance on this?
- Tony Hollis: It's allocation, so we're neutral on it. This current regulation is the only Unit where nonresidents are allowed to take an any-bull. This would align regulations with surrounding Units in terms of restrictions on bull harvested. 20 is currently the only unit that has an any-bull moose harvest allowance.
- Carl Frank: I support this, because it limits nonresidents.

Vote: Motion- Louis Silas, Second, Duke

- Victor- Support
- Larry- Support
- Kathleen-S
- Eva- S
- Carl-S
- Charlie- S
- Olivia-S
- Louis-S

SUPPORT (8, 0)

Proposal 177

- Tony Hollis: Department does not support this proposal, concerns for population

Vote: Motion- Kathleen , Second- Louis

Unanimous Opposition

OPPOSE (0, 8)

Proposal 178- Motion-Carl, Second- Louis

- Eva Burk: With the moose collisions, this is important to discuss. There's a time of year and a time of day that moose are getting hit. While there are a lot of collisions, but there are other things to solve the problems like moose lights, etc.
- Carl Frank: We are concerned for safety, and that's what I was thinking in that meeting. I don't believe in the winter cow hunt at all. I'm going to oppose this proposal I
- Charlie Titus: I thought about this after the meeting a long time, I said to myself "geez, I'm voting against my own beliefs", it wasn't the right vote. I'm going to oppose it.
- Tony Hollis: Want to put factors on the record
 - Here in town, the moose come into town, not because there was a lot here before, but because there aren't predators in town.
 - It's not just car collisions. Late in the year, Feb & March, because the moose get antsy and start charging people
 - 120 animals killed/year by cars or a government agency
 - Outside of the FMA we do not have intention of cow huts
- Eva Burk: I appreciate the additional information, but FMA still has low numbers. I don't think antlerless hunts will solve these issues
- Carl Frank: Safety is important to us, but it's still in Unit 20B with low moose numbers and goes against our traditional beliefs of our people. What if Fairbanks was its own small management area?
- Tony Hollis: I like this idea Carl!
- Kathleen: If the state of Alaska can transfer Bison, then why can't they take some of the moose and transport them out?

Vote: Motion- Carl, Second-Louis

- Victor (Duke) Lord: Oppose
- Larry Ketzler: Oppose
- Kathleen: Oppose



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- Carl: Oppose
- Eva: Oppose
- Charlie: Oppose
- Louis: Oppose
- Olivia: Oppose

OPPOSE (0, 8)

Comments: [MN- Antlerless Hunt; Letter of Opposition](#)

Tony Hollis: Can we have discussion, what's the ACs comments on the antlerless harvest of cow harvest?

Carl Frank: Moose have been a big part of our potlatches whether in death or celebration. They are very ceremonial, so whether in the winter/fall it will be used as ceremonial. Anytime of the year, moose have to be available for ceremonial hunt and our religious rights

Eva Burk: We just had to take a cow for my dad's potlatch, it wasn't easy. When we're out there hunting for potlatch, there's a timeline of activities. Spiritual connection with moose, it's hard to put into scientific terms. With salmon decline we have to preserve what we have for future generations

Olivia Irwin: The moose give themselves to us, it allows us the option, we are not going out with the intention of getting a cow moose

Louis Silas: When we have to take a moose for potlatch, it's honoring that person, and everyone in our communities are important and deserve to be honored. It's not an easy decision to take a cow.

Charlie Titus: Tony, I believe that what you're saying and what I'm saying is on record. It's a matter of survival, I don't get what we have to explain again. We just keep bringing these reasons up, religion, relationship with the animals.

Kathleen: It's because of our traditional spiritual culture that we grew up with

Tony: This question will come out, it will be a discussion. I understand the religious portion of potlatch hunts, I've fought to keep those in Unit 20B. More potlatch moose shot in 20B than any other unit. There's abuse of the system, some folks hunt for potlatches who shouldn't.

Carl Frank: Fairbanks is a hub for many Tribes, it's the most accessible and easy to get to

Proposal 179:

- Tony Hollis: Concerns, it would create the only moose season on the road system that goes to September 30th
- Charlie Titus: We do experience climate change out in Minto-Flats, September 25th last day in 20A (but it's not on the road system)
- Olivia Irwin: Would it be worth it to amend to include other Units.
- Tony Hollis: I think this shift needs to be statewide, it's a bigger conversation with more of the state. The statewide meeting might be a good place for this.
- Olivia Irwin: What would a proposal for statewide change look like?
- Tony Hollis: He'd have to consider; better hunting 15-30th, weathers cooler, moose are further into rut, more vocal, easier to get that time of year. I would have to consider if 15 days was the length of moose season, because hunters would be more successful later.
- Eva Burk: Charlie Wright talks about this too. Our people need to be reporting when they aren't successful.
- Carl Frank: These date shifts are so hard to mess with. Native people don't want them too far into the rut. We lose interest in the bulls too late in the season. You can taste the rut in the meat.
- Consider amendment for Will increase hunting pressure

Vote: Motion-Louis, Second-Carl

- TNA- with comments

TNA WITH COMMENTS



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Proposal 210: Already Opposed during February 2nd, 2024 meeting

OPPOSE (0,8)

Proposal 174 & 175 for a vote: Motion- Eva, Second- Olivia

Unanimous Opposition

OPPOSE (0,8)

Staff Comment Letter- Yes

Final Comments

Carl Frank: Thanks Tony for being patient and being here. We appreciate you working with us and building the relationship.

Tony Hollis: I will continue to work with you guys. We might not agree but we will continue to work together.

Louis Silas: These conversations are healthy, we are doing a really good job!

Meeting Adjourned: 1:39pm

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171	Change all general season harvest ticket hunts to registration permits for moose in Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F and 25C		
SUPPORT	8	0	
172	Create a muzzleloader only moose hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 20A		
OPPOSE	0	6	2 abstentions
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
OPPOSE	0	8	
174	Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
OPPOSE	0	8	
175	Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
OPPOSE	0	8	
176	Reduce the nonresident moose bag limit in portions of Unit 20B, and eliminate nonresident moose hunting opportunity in portions of Unit 20B		
SUPPORT	8	0	



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177	Extend the current moose season in Unit 20B Remainder by five days for certified bowhunters only		
OPPOSE	0	8	
178	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
OPPOSE	0	8	
179	Shift the moose season dates in Unit 20B		
NO ACTION			MNAC suggests the department takes no action on Proposal 179 to shift the moose hunting season in Unit 20B to September 15th- 30th, but consider the implementation of a statewide regulation that would address issues hunters are now facing with climate change. Being that Unit 20B already experiences a surge of 3,000 hunters per year, the Unit experiences enormous pressure. Therefore, if this proposal were to pass and make Unit 20B the only unit with a late season, it would encourage hunters to come to Unit 20B to hunt after harvesting in another unit during the earlier season dates.
210	Change the subunit boundary of Units 20A and 20C to the current river channel		
OPPOSE	0	8	

Minutes Recorded By: Olivia Irwin (co-chair)
Minutes Approved By: Olivia Irwin (co-chair)



Seldovia Advisory Committee
February 16, 2024
Seldovia Multipurpose Room and Zoom

- I. Call to Order: 6:12 pm by Michael Opheim

- II. Roll Call
Members Present:
 - Keith Swick
 - Alvin Swick
 - Jevon Chartier
 - Walt S.
 - Brian Chartier
 - Michael Opheim
Members Absent (Excused):
 - Jordan Cameron,
 - Stephan Payton
Members Absent (Unexcused):
 - Chric Pollock
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:6
List of User Groups Present:

- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Fari Fernandez

- IV. Guests Present:

- V. Approval of Agenda

- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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



- VIII. Public Comment
 - IX. Old Business
 - X. New Business:
BOG Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Proposals- Antlerless Moose Reauthorization
197, 198, 199
 - XI. Set next meeting date: March 1, 2045
 - XII. Other
- Adjourn

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197	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Placer hunt area in Units 7 and 14C		
Support	6	0	
198	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season on Kalgin Island in Unit 15B		
Oppose	0	6	
199	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 15C		
Support	6	0	

Adjournment:

Minutes Recorded By: Michael Opheim
Minutes Approved By: Michael Opheim
Date: 2/23/24



Minutes

Stony Holitna Fish & Game Advisory Committee Teleconference Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 at 11P.M.

Wildlife Safeguard – 800 478-3377 (Chair) If meeting attendees want to report a game violation, they should call this number.

SHAC meets to discuss ways and means, habitat and other biological data for hunters and fishers to harvest wild animals, and meeting time is limited.”

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Doug Carney at 11 am

Chair then called attention to the Wildlife Safeguard info on agenda

Roll Call & Quorum

The roll call was done –

Red Devil – Barb Carson & Ruby Egrass present

Sleetmute – Doug Carney and appointed alternate Susan Hubbard present / Frank Egnaty unavailable

Stony River – David Bobby & Tom Willis absent

Lime Village – Rick Breckheimer & Ursula Graham present

A Quorum of 6 was reached.

Others Attending

Boards Support Regional Coordinator Kyle Campbell

ADF&G Area Wildlife Biologist Josh Peirce

Alaska Wildlife Protection Trooper Patrick Simasko

SHAC member additions -

Are there any proposals members want the committee to comment on, other than those listed on this agenda?
No additions were asked for.

Approval of Agenda was given

Chair –

- The proposal indexes I sent out to members should help you with are discussions and approvals.
- There are quite a few proposals for us to go over. Most of them won't take a lot of discussion, since they are easy to spot as being for or against the best interests of the residents & prey populations of 19E, 19, and the Interior Region.
- The Joint Board proposals can be viewed similarly in regard to advisory committees' ability to function & their effectiveness.

Reading of & Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the Nov.14, 2022 SHAC Meeting by Barb - approved
- Minutes of the Oct. 18, 2023 SHAC ACR Meeting by Doug - approved

Vice Chairman Barb – BOF / Fisheries Update

At the Jan, 2023 BOF Meeting, nothing SHAC proposed passed. The lower Kusko was closed quite a bit – Upriver was not. We still have dual management – a lawsuit is still pending.

Salmon escapement & health –

- King –Escapement goals were met, but the Kogrugluk & Kwethluk Weirs were not running, **due to high water.** Data from other sources confirmed escapement was met.



- Red – Had good escapement / Kogruluk was not running. Telequana weir had double the escapement of last year
- Chum – stronger than last year with better #s, but still poor. Kogruluk still not running.
- Silver – Very strong run w/ good escapement, and fish were larger. Both Weirs were running.

Chairman Doug – Introduction

- ***SHAC's Agenda Change Request was approved by BOG on Nov.16. It has become Proposal 208 for the March meeting. The proposal promotes changes to some conditions of the RM682 hunt in 19E. They are - to allow Proxy hunting, to delete the "one permit per household" condition, & to add 5 days to the hunt, (Sept. 1 -10.)***
- There are 21 sheep proposals & 16 bear proposals – mostly brown bear.. A lot of those are duplicates of each other, so it won't take that long to go through them. There are a couple proposals that stand out, & there will probably be more discussion on those.
- The Joint Boards, (BOF & BOF members), proposals deal mostly with advisory committee makeup and regulations. If approved, these proposals will affect SHAC's ability to meet and continue to be an effective committee – either positively or negatively. An index of these proposals is attached to the same email.

ADF&G Area Biologist Josh Peirce Report

Did GSPE surveys of 19A & C. Described BCFA size

- GSPE Survey & Composition Survey results for 19E and McGrath Area were given, with discussion of herd health indicators. Gave data from both surveys. 40 bulls to 100cows / 28 calves to 100 cows
- 2023 Hunter success for RM682 was given 29 permits – 15 hunted, 7 killed.

Chair – SHAC Comments

I hope you all had time to go over the proposals online, as well as to look over the indexes I sent for both the BOG & the Joint Boards meetings.

March 15-22, 2024 BOG Interior proposals

Regional & Multiple Unit Proposals

- Josh helped explain & answer questions on 47, 49, 50,
- Discussion- Bad weather is main reason sheep crashed. Slow recovery rate – about 15 years the last time. Eagle predation is 30%.
- 49 – For purposes of this prop. - SHAC decided that the main rivers are the Kusko, Holitna, Hoholitna, Stony, Swift
- 50 – **Strongly Oppose – singed fur.** Doug will make a comment to the RAC, asking what they were thinking when they

McGrath Area Proposals – Units 19, 21A & 21E

- BOG proposals 53-57 concern ANS & Intensive Management - Josh led discussion & answered questions on those proposals.
- Josh & Doug will come up with our own IM numbers for SHAC to give BOG for proposal 56 – IM harvest and population objectives for 19A, B, & E.
- 57 is to fix an admin. error. Replace 19A with 19E in codified.
- Support 60 - McGrath AC to establish IM in 19C
- 65 is ADF&G IM Plan.
- 66 McGrath AC proposal was made before comp count was done. SHAC will support if McGrath does.
- 67 - SHAC will support it, if McGrath still wants it
- Doug led discussions on proposals 68-72, & gave info on creation of CUA – 40hp in 19E. GMU18. people trying to udo conditions of RM682 hunt. Doug will send 1992 BOG summaries of Actions & Findings to SHAC members.



- The main reason the sheep population plunged is due to severe weather – they can't feed. There was much discussion on the various sheep proposals, where the committee agreed that 19C sheep should stay closed, and allow the BOG Working Group that is being formed to determine what is to be done besides the recent closure.. So SHAC opposed all sheep proposals – 43-46 & 76-90. SHAC then supported 91 & 92. 91 is a APHA proposal of support for the BOG Working Group. 92 will close non-res. sheep hunting in 19B.
- There was discussion on the brown bear proposals. SHAC supports 93 – 107, with a preference for 97, which includes raising the Brn. bear bag limit to 2 bears. There was agreement that standardizing the regs in the subunits of 19 and 21A & E would be a positive thing for hunters and for prey populations that suffer from the large number of bears in those subunits.
- SHAC agreed that Josh & Doug will work on language for a program to suggest to BOG. Making 19B & C the same, and 19A, D, E & 21 A & E the same seasons & bag limits & conditions will make things better for village safety, hunters, enforcement, & relieve pressure on moose calves.
- SHAC has 4 proposals – **54** is asking for an ANS setting for 19E / **100**- no closed season for Brown bear in 19E / **103** – increase Brn bear bag limit in 19B & C to 5 bears. / **208** – Is from our ACR that will change RM682 hunt conditions to allow proxy hunting, delete the one permit per household condition, & add 5 days to the hunt – Sept 1-10.

March 25-28, 2024 Joint Boards Proposals

The main view & statement by SHAC is that **“One size does NOT fit All ACs”**.

Also, SHAC members are disgusted with what they view as micro-managing through regulation telling us how to run our committee. IF the boards want a bunch of ACS that are hamstrung by regs that severely limit or make an AC's existence or function impossible, then that's exactly what they'll get.

- Term limits & regulations that force members off committees, bleeds them of experience & knowledge.
- ACs in rural Alaska represent small communities that meet once or maybe twice a year.
- These committees & exist so these communities can express what they know about fish & game in their areas and what they would like to see regulations say.
- SHAC members don't think more regulation helps a bit with this
- Also, SHAC is **our** committee - we are capable of making decisions about who represents us and how they do it. This includes terms lengths.
- We do not want undesignated seats forced on us.
- We don't need or want “non-consumptive seats” mandated. For SHAC & other rural ACs, that would be bringing an enemy inside the camp.

There was discussion on most of these proposals, which is reported in the comment forms.

Adjourn

SHAC adjourned at 1:22 pm



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<i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i>			
43	Change all general season sheep harvest tickets in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C to registration permits, and allow hunters to obtain a registration permit once every two years		
Oppose	0	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was much discussion on the various sheep proposals, and the committee agreed that 19C sheep should stay closed, and allow the BOG Working Group that is being formed to determine what is to be done, <u>if anything</u>, about the 19C sheep closure. <u>So SHAC opposed sheep proposals 43-46 & 76-90.</u> <u>SHAC then supported 91 & 92.</u> 91 is an APHA proposal of support for the BOG Working Group. 92 will close non-res. sheep hunting in 19B.
44	Reduce the sheep bag limit for resident hunters in Units 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B and 26C to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
45	Reduce the Unit 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C sheep bag limit for residents to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
46	Change all sheep hunting in Units 12, 19, and 20 to drawing permit only for residents and nonresidents, with a set allocation of permits between user groups		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
47	Allow proxy hunting for bison in Units 12, 19 and 20		
Support	6	0	Only a certain # of permits are issued, whether proxy or not.
48	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
Support	6	0	Yes – brown bears are targets of opportunity, and folks can't afford a tag for an animal they have no intention of hunting.
49	Clarify which rivers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C are major rivers for the purposes of bear baiting		
Support	6	0	SHAC identifies the Kuskokwim, Holitna, Hoholitna, Stony, and Swift rivers as the major rivers in GMU 19. It's always a good idea to clarify regulations



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50	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15		
Oppose	0	6	Trapping during those late dates in spring, when there is more sunlight and clear weather, will result in a large number of females being taken and singed fur – and low profit for the trapper.
51	Align muskrat trapping seasons with beaver trapping seasons in Units 19, 20 (except 20E), 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
Support	6	0	SHAC said – Sure, why not?
52	Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers with a trapping license in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
Support	6	0	This will provide more opportunity and allow trappers to take some larger animals with a firearm.
53	Revise the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19E		
Support as Amended	6	0	<p><u>SHAC would support this proposal only if 19E is NOT included in the 19A ANS, as the proposal states. 19E should have a separate ANS</u></p> <p><u>Note –</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>In 2006, the ANS for “old 19A” was set at 175-225 – not 300 at the top end.</u> • A new & separate ANS needs to be set for this new 19A subunit, as well as for 19E. • These subunits contain 2 separate moose stocks that have been managed separately for many years – long before 2006. • Proposals 53 & 54 need to be addressed due to the creation of 2 new subunits in GMU19. • ADF&G proposals 56, 57, & 58 deal with separate IM Plans and separate population & harvest objectives for 19A, 19B, & 19E. • SHAC advocates for separate ANS in 19A and 19E. This will complete the separation of the subunits that started with separate hunts, then splitting the “old CKAC” into SHAC & the “new CKAC”, and finally the “old 19A” subunit split into 19E & the “new 19A.” Although the 2 moose pops have been managed separately for many years, this will improve the Area Biologist’s ability to manage. <p><u>Since –</u></p>



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2006, the Board of Game (BOG) adjusted the moose Amount Necessary for Subsistence,(ANS), for Unit 19A and 19B and nested it – separating it from the rest of Unit 19. This was done in an attempt to lower the ANS enough so that the existing harvestable surplus would not force western Unit 19A into a Tier II hunt. This was unsuccessful, but the ANS has remained lower than it had been before the 2006 meeting. <u>With the “Old 19A” split, the existing ANS of 175-225 fits pretty well for the new, smaller 19A.</u>
54	Review the Amount Necessary for Subsistence (ANS) for moose in Unit 19		
Support	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHAC made this proposal, because it is required and needed with the creation of 19E. ANS is usually not computed when a wildlife population is low and hunting is restricted, as it is in 19E. <p>SHAC wants the 19E ANS to again be part of the total GMU19 ANS, as it, (Old 19A), was before the nested GMU19 subunit numbers were determined in 2006.</p>
55	Establish a positive Intensive Management finding for moose in Unit 19C		
Support	6	0	IM is needed in 19C. SHAC supports this McGrath proposal
56	Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E		
Support w/amend	6	0	<p>(Refer to Attached SHAC Document A)</p> <p>These subunits and their moose populations are managed separately and have different use patterns. Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E.</p>
57	Modify the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19		
Support	6	0	This was a book keeping error & is needed since 19E is newly created and was part of 19A. Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E
58	Authorize a Unit 19A predation control program		



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Support	6	0	There are increasing numbers of both wolves and bears, the same as in the rest of GMU19. Predator control is needed
59	Lengthen the resident only Tier II moose hunt, TM680, in Unit 19A by opening the season five days earlier		
Support	6	0	Support given, because this is what residents of the area want and what CKAC proposes.
60	Allow aerial wolf control in a portion of Unit 19C		
Support	6	0	Increasing wolf numbers, and decreasing moose numbers, demand & require a predator control program.
61	Allow the take of wolves in Unit 19C the same day a person has been airborne and create an Intensive Management Plan for Unit 19C. BY McGrath AC		
No Action			McGrath AC proposal 60 does this
62	Establish an Intensive Management program for Unit 19C		
No Action			McGrath AC proposal 60 does this
63	Change the Unit 19C registration permit moose hunt RM653, to a drawing permit for nonresidents, issue up to 20 permits, and shorten the season to September 8-17		
No Action			
64	Change the Unit 19C moose hunts to a drawing hunt for both residents and nonresidents, and specify the number of permits available for residents, guided nonresidents, and nonguided nonresidents		
No Action			
65	Reauthorize the Unit 19D Intensive Management Plan		
Support	6	0	IM is needed in 19D. An ADF&G proposal
66	Modify the moose hunting season dates and permit requirements in Unit 19D		
Support	6	0	SHAC supports this McGrath AC proposal, which recognizes the area biologist's ability to use his discretion in altering the season in future years.
67	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during February in a portion of Unit 19D		
Support	6	0	SHAC supports this ADF&G proposal, which recognizes the area biologist's ability to use his discretion in altering the season in future years.



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68	Allow moose registration permit RM682 to be obtained online		
Oppose	0	6	<p>(See attached Document B – 2019 Board findings)</p> <p>The 2019 BOG Findings list the conditions for the RM682 hunt. Proposals <u>68</u>, <u>69</u>, & <u>70</u> seek to eliminate 3 of these conditions.</p> <p><i>Every few years an individual or entity <u>from an urban area</u> will make a proposal similar to 68, <u>to require registration hunt availability online.</u></i></p> <p>Permits for the RM682 hunt in 19E are available in 2 villages. BOG hunt opened this hunt as an Experimental hunt, and it continues to be. The hunt conditions exist to ensure a conservative harvest, since there are a limited number of animals. ADF&G has opened limited registration hunts in other areas of the state with low moose populations. In GMU18, there are a total of 4 registration hunts for moose. In each of 3 of those, permits are available in 2 villages, <u>and not online</u>, for the same reasons.</p> <p>comment Some Registration hunts are available online - some are not. Herd health, and local dependency are major factors. To address the 3 GMUS SHAC has jurisdiction in, there are -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 registration hunts in GMU 19 – including 5 for moose - with 1 of those available online • 10 registration hunts in GMU 18 - including 4 for moose - with 1 of those available online • 9 registration hunts in GMU 21 - including 6 for moose - with 4 of those available online <p>Since this hunt began, there are people who have flown out 250 miles from Anchorage or traveled the same distance by boat from Bethel to get the RM682 permits.</p>



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			<p>Having online availability for these permits would give a priority to those -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who can afford to buy a computer & pay for internet service • Who have reliable internet service available • Who have 5g over those with 3g or 4g • Who are fortunate enough to have the time to sit at a computer - waiting to pounce on a permit • Who apparently can afford to pay many hundreds of dollars for RT airfare to these remote areas & to ship back meat at a minimum of a dollar a pound for their “subsistence hunt”. <p>It could be viewed as an Urban priority, & would give the person at the keyboard priority over folks –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who actually are there in person - standing in line - waiting their turn to get a permit, • People who actually live in the hunt area, • People who are the most dependent on these moose as a source of protein • People who have limited or no access to grocery stores
69	Allow hunters that hold registration moose permit RM682 in Unit 19 to be eligible to hold other moose permits in the Kuskokwim River drainage		
Oppose	0	6	<p>(See attached Document B – 2019 Board findings)</p> <p>This proposal says -</p> <p><i>“What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Individuals fortunate enough to obtain an RM682 permit are not allowed to receive any other permit in the Kuskokwim drainage. These harvest opportunities are about filling the freezers for the populations living here. RM682 permit holders are being</i></p>



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			<p><i>punished for having this permit. With the decline of subsistence fishing and economic hardship for people living in this area. People should be afforded more opportunities to feed their families."</i></p> <p>While 19E residents & SHAC appreciate the "concern" for their ability to get moose, we don't feel "punished" by this hunt condition.</p> <p>19E resident moose hunting is traditionally done within 19E, or up into 19B or C. <u>SHAC knows of no 19E resident interest in hunting in any other permit hunt. That includes hunting in permit hunts downriver or upriver, whether in GMU 19 or 18. Lime Villagers have the TM684 hunt, and can make the choice between that hunt and the RM682., or in the general hunt in 19B & C.</u></p>
70	Make fifteen registration moose permits for the Unit 19E moose hunt available in Bethel		
Oppose	0	6	<p>(See attached Document B – 2019 Board findings)</p> <p>Permits for the RM682 hunt in 19E are available in 2 villages. BOG opened this hunt as an Experimental hunt, and it continues to be. The hunt conditions exist to ensure a conservative harvest, since there are a limited number of animals. BOG uses limited registration hunts as a tool in other areas of the state with low moose populations. In GMU18, there are a total of 4 registration hunts for moose. In 3 of those hunts, permits are available in only 2 villages, <u>and not in Bethel, for the same reasons.</u></p>
71	Eliminate the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19		
Oppose	0	6	<p><u>(Please refer to SHAC Document C – for a History of 40hp CUA , 1992 BOG Findings & 1992 Actions (Proposal D), a 1994 ADF&G Memo)</u></p> <p><i>None of the conditions that led to this CUA's formation have changed. Documents provided at this meeting to BOG demonstrate what a beneficial regulation this has been, with better hunter success for all hunters, as well as addressing boat safety concerns and protecting salmon spawning beds.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 1992 BOG created this 40hp CUA to resolve user group conflicts, some of which had surfaced in a lawsuit & court ruling.



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2004, the 40hp CUA is listed as one of the 3 key regulations that existed when the Central Kuskokwim Moose Management Plan Committee completed its Plan. In 1994, harvest checkpoints on the Holitna River & harvest ticket reports showed that GMU18 hunters had a higher success rate <u>with</u> the 40hp limit than in previous years. Safety concerns caused by large boats high hp outboards created wakes that had swamped and endangered smaller boats on these narrow & shallow rivers. Salmon spawning beds were affected by water disturbance and turbidity.
72	Change the restrictions of the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area by allowing outboards with greater than 40 horsepower to hunt a portion of the season		
Oppose	0	6	<p style="color: red;">(Please refer to SHAC Document C)</p> <p>Apply Proposal 71 comments to this proposal</p>
73	Reauthorize the Intensive Management Plan for Unit 21E for six years as follow		
Support	6	0	GASH made this proposal & SHAC supports it.
74	Require applicants for Unit 21E moose drawing hunt DM837 to provide a unique verification number when applying for that hunt		
Support	6	0	GASH made this proposal & SHAC supports it.
75	Reauthorize a winter any-moose season during part of February and March in Unit 21E		
Support	6	0	ADF&G would not reauthorize this hunt if moose numbers do not justify it.
76	Reopen all Unit 19C sheep hunts		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
77	Reopen Unit 19C to sheep hunting		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
78	Reauthorize nonresident Dall sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
79	Reopen Unit 19C to nonresident sheep hunters		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
80	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment



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81	Reestablish seasons and bag limits for sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
82	Change nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
83	Reopen sheep hunting in Unit 19C to nonresidents, by bow and arrow only		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
84	Change the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
85	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to eight-year-old rams		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
86	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 19C for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested, for six- to ten-year-old rams		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
87	Shorten the sheep hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and open a season for nonresidents in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
88	Change all sheep hunting in Unit 19C to archery only, and require future nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19C to be by bow and arrow only		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
89	Reopen the subsistence winter sheep hunts in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
90	Reopen the late season resident only subsistence sheep registration hunt RS380 in Unit 19C		
Oppose	0	6	See Proposal 43 comment
91	Modify sheep hunting opportunity in Unit 19C or other subunits in the western Alaska Range by implementing a sheep management plan		
Support	6	0	This proposal supports the BOG working group solutions, as SHAC does.
92	Close all nonresident sheep hunting in Unit 19		
Support	6	0	SHAC supports this proposal, which will close 19B to non-resident hunters. Sheep #s are down, and they should not be hunted
93	Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19C by opening the season on August 10		



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Support	6	0	See Proposal 97 comments
94	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season by opening the hunt in the fall on the same day as the sheep and caribou seasons and closing the hunt on June 30		
Support	6	0	See Proposal 97 comments
95	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C		
Support	6	0	See Proposal 97 comments
96	Lengthen the resident and nonresident brown/grizzly bear hunting season by changing the start date to August 10.		
Support	6	0	See Proposal 97 comments
97	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season and increase the bag limit in Unit 19C		
Support	6	0	<p style="color: red;">(Refer to SHAC Document D - SHAC's recommendation for Bear reg. liberalization & standardization throughout GMU 19 and 21A & E)</p> <p>SHAC supports all these proposals that lengthen Brown Bear hunts or increase the bag limit <u>Proposal 97 does both, so that is SHAC's preferred proposal.</u></p> <p>Also SHAC believes that standardizing /simplifying both brn bear & black bear hunts in GMU19 and 21A & E would be an aid to hunters, biologists and Wildlife Protection, as well as helping keep these expanding bear populations in check. Calf survival is a big issue throughout these areas as well.</p> <p>For those GMUs containing villages - having no closed season would help relieve safety & property concerns. <u>(See proposal 100 comments)</u></p>
98	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C by one month to align with Units 19A, 19D, and 19E		
Support	6	0	See Proposal 97 comments
99	Open the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 19C for residents and nonresidents on August 10		
Support	6	0	See Proposal 97 comments
100	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Unit 19E to year-round		
Support	5	0	<u>The following conditions exist to varying degrees throughout GMU19 & in 21 A & E.</u>



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There have been several wildfires in 19E in recent years, which has destroyed the habitat for some animals that bears feed on. Salmon runs have decreased in recent years, limiting that source of food for bears. <p>Because of this, there has been increased bear activity in and near villages, fish camps, and in dumps. Smoke houses have been damaged, nets dragged out, and fish taken.</p> <p>Some bears are becoming habituated. Villagers are threatened when bears are this close to humans, and unafraid to come near.</p> <p><i>Due to increased Bear activity in and near Lime Village, SHAC made Proposal 106 for the 2020 Interior BOG meeting, which urged the expansion of the 19E Bear Control Focus Area. (BCFA), into the Lime Village Management Area. This proposal was not adopted.</i></p> <p>Bears are targets of opportunity to locals, and are taken incidental to moose hunting or some other subsistence activity, or out of necessity for defense of life and property.</p> <p><u>Presently, brown bear season is closed only 41 days a year.</u></p> <p>Unfortunately, during that time, local residents are busy fishing and smoking fish, which is an activity that attracts bears. Folks are then forced to shoot bears, and to be legal they are required to skin the animal and turn it over to ADF&G. That's a lot of work folks don't need at a time they are subsistence fishing. Along with doing that work, they don't benefit from it.</p> <p>Also, with adoption of this proposal, 19E residents will be able to legally defend themselves and their property, and also keep the animal they have killed. See Documents E.</p>
101	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 19C, and to be taken at a bait site the same day a hunter has flown		
Support	5	0	See Proposal 97 comments
102	Open a fall bear bait season in Unit 19E		



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Support	5	0	There are a large number of brown bears in 19E. Predation on moose and safety concerns in and around the villages reflect the need for an increased harvest of bears. Baiting bears in the fall will be productive for hunters, will benefit the moose population. See Documents E
103	Increase the bag limit for black bear in Units 19B and 19C from three to five		
Support	5	0	A SHAC Proposal -here are large numbers of black bears that justify an increased bag limit. This change will bring 19B & C bag limits in line with those in the other subunits of GMU19. See Documents E.
104	Remove the requirement for a general season black bear harvest ticket in Unit 19D		
Support	5	0	See Proposal 97 comments. This is a McGrath proposal.
105	Allow brown/grizzly bears to be taken over bait in Unit 21A		
Support	5	0	See Proposal 97 comments This is a McGrath AC proposal
106	Allow hunting of black and brown bear with the use of bait or scent lures in Unit 21E		
Support	5	0	See Proposal 97 comments. This is a GASH proposal
107	Open a fall brown/grizzly bear baiting season in Unit 21E		
Support	5	0	See Proposal 97 comments.
208	Make changes in hunt conditions to RM682 in 19E		
Support	5	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After 5 years with the RM682 hunt in 19E, moose numbers have slowly grown in 19E. • At the 2022 Statewide BOG meeting, Proposal 120 passed, allowing proxy hunting in hunts where there is an antlered bull limit, so SHAC would like to see it in this hunt. • The March, 2023 ADF&G GSPE survey showed a decent increase in moose density in the Bear Control Focus Area (BCFA) • The Nov, 2023 comp count shows a 48 bull to 100 cow ratio, and a 28 calf to 100 cow – the cow ratio being a little low but acceptable. <u>Bears!</u> <p>SHAC believes that allowing proxy hunting, allowing more than one permit per household, and adding 5 days to the hunt, will offer more hunting opportunity, while not compromising the growth of the 19E moose population.</p>



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Adjournment: 1:22 pm

Minutes Recorded By: __ Doug Carney

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



A

RE: Proposal 56 –

Create separate Intensive Management (IM) population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E

In 2021 the board passed proposal 171 to split unit 19A into units 19A and 19E. This created several administrative errors including in 5 AAC 92.108. Currently the IM harvest and population objectives are for all of Unit 19A and Unit 19B. This proposal splits out the IM population and harvest objectives for Unit 19A, Unit 19B and Unit 19E.

**Below are what SHAC specifically proposes for 19E, B, and A.
It also suggests #s for 19 C.**

...	Finding	Population	Harvest
GMU 19A	Positive	4,300 – 5,300	175 – 225
GMU 19B	Positive	5,900 – 7,200	235 – 290
[19(A) and 19(B)]	Positive	13,500 - 16,500	750 – 950]
GMU 19(C)	Positive [Negative]	4,400 – 5,000	175 - 200
GMU 19(D)- East	Positive	6,000 - 8,000 3,000 - 3,500	400 – 600
GMU 19(D)-remainder	Positive	4,000 - 6,000	250 – 600
GMU 19E Positive		3,300 – 4,000	130 – 160



B

Findings for the Alaska Board of Game

2019-225-BOG

**Board Recommendation to the Department of Fish and Game on
Subsistence Moose Hunting in Unit 19A Remainder Provided during the
Southcentral Region Regulations Meeting**

The Board of Game finds as follows, based on information provided by Department staff, Advisory Committees, Alaska residents and other wildlife users:

The Board recommended the department take the following actions:

1. Registration permits for moose in the remainder of Unit 19A will be available in person in communities in the hunt area only, during the month of July, and only one permit is allowed per household.
2. A person holding a permit for this hunt may not hold another moose permit in the Kuskokwim River drainage for that regulatory year.
3. 30 permits will be issued the first year. Up to 75 permits may be issued in subsequent years at the department's discretion. In exercising this discretion, the department should consider the harvestable portion of the moose population, the success of hunters in harvesting moose under these permits, and the potential for overhunting that could result in a population decline.
4. If the 2-year average bull:cow ratio decreases below 35:100 the hunt will close until a 2-year average bull:cow ratio is at least 35:100 within the hunt area.
5. If the harvestable portion of the population decreases below the lower range of the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for 19A, the hunt will close until the harvestable portion reaches the minimum ANS for 19A.
6. No proxy hunting will be permitted for this hunt.

Vote: 5-0-2

(Members Hoffman and Burnett Absent)

March 20, 2019

Anchorage, Alaska

TED W. Spraker

Ted Spraker, Chairman

Alaska Board of Game



C

File "C" includes –

- 1 - A Background & History of the Holitna-Hoholitna 40hp Controlled Use Area**
- 2 - 1992 Board of Game Findings on Proposal "D"**
- 3 - 1992 Board of Game Summary of Action on Board generated Proposal "D"**
- 4 - 1994 proposals 111,112, 119, 120, & 121 (There were a total of 11 proposals, 111-121 to eliminate the 40hp CUA.) They were all similar, and originated in GMU18.**
- 5 - An Aug. 26, 1994 memo from former McGrath Area Biologist Jack Whitman to Wildlife Conservation Director Chris Smith. The memo discusses the effectiveness of the CUA during its first 2 years, and the increased success rates of GMU18 hunters.**
- 6 - The ADF&G comment on 1994 Region III BOG Proposal 119. This corroborates the previous memo, saying essentially the same thing.**
- 7 - The 1994 Board Summary of Findings on Proposal 111, taking "No action" on the other similar proposals to eliminate the 40ho CUA.**
- 8 - The 1994 Board Summary of Actions failed Proposal 111, taking "no action" on the other similar proposals for CUA elimination.**



1. Background & History of Holitna-Hoholitna /40hp CUA

In the years since the CUA was formed, (1992), there have been many proposals originating in GMU 18 to get rid of it. In 1994 there were Proposals 111-121, in 1996 Proposals 118-121, in 2004 Proposals 236 & 238, 2008 Proposal 87, and 2017 Proposal 80. Now in 2020, there is Proposal 101 to get rid of the 40 HP CUA.

Nothing much has changed, except for the moose herd populations, which have decreased in 19A & increased in GMU18.

Due to the habitat on & between the two rivers, the Holitna drainage had a remarkable concentration of moose. That changed due to the ban on aerial predator control from the late 80s till 2004.

During the 90s, the Mulchatna caribou herd migration route changed, and for several years the migration turned north at the headwaters of the Holitna, and followed the valley. This also brought in wolves that accompanied the migration, some of which stayed in the Holitna.

The ban, along with the continuing access of many boat accessed hunters, finally took its toll, and the effect was visible by the late 90s.

Prior to 1992, there had been 4 proposals for horsepower limit regulation in the Holitna Drainage

Chronology of events

1986 Subsistence Act/AS 16.05.258 becomes law. Protecting users who rely economically on subsistence resources for basic necessities was a primary purpose of the 1986 Act, (McDowell Decision)

Nov. 21, 1990 – The Native Village of Sleetmute files suit against Alaska Commissioner of Fish & Game Don Collinsworth.

This suit was actually filed at the instigation of the Bethel-based Alaska Village Council Presidents, (AVCP), by one of its employees, who had lived in Bethel most of his life, but was still enrolled in the federally recognized tribe of “The Native Village of Sleetmute.”

This suit blamed guided hunters for wanton waste, and creating an environment that affected / deprived local users of their ability to harvest subsistence moose. The suit claimed that commercial guiding interests were unfair competition for local hunters in moose hunting that they wasted meat, etc.

Nov.8, 1991 - Bethel Superior Court Judge Dale Curda made a “partial summary judgment” in favor of Sleetmute, saying that BOG failed to comply with state subsistence law, (AS 16.05.258), which gives priority to subsistence users over sport users. Curda remanded the issue to the Joint Boards, with the judgment saying, “the board’s action will become effective only after being submitted to & reviewed by this court.”



April 3, 1992 –At the Region 3 BOG Meeting, the board generated its own Proposal “D” - creating The Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area, (40 hp limit).This was in response to a number of proposals, and with Judge Curda’s ruling in mind.

There was much testimony, and what became evident to the board, is that the largest user group hunting moose in the Holitna drainage were boat-accessed GMU 18 hunters. The main problem for Sleetmute hunters was created not by airplane-accessed, guided hunters, but by GMU18 hunters with large boats & large outboards. **The BOG Summary of Findings from that meeting are very clear. See the attachment below**

Fall, 1992 – AVCP meeting in Sleetmute –after the fall hunting season, AVCP found that the people of Sleetmute, including the tribal govt., were unanimously in favor of & satisfied with the new 40hp CUA .

May 7, 1993 After reviewing BOG’s actions, Judge Curda made a final judgment on the case in favor of Sleetmute.

Fall, 1993 – The “Boat Owner’s Association” of Bethel, obtains a court injunction to throw out the 40hp ruling. The injunction was thrown out one week later.

Spring, 1994 - At the Region III BOG meeting, there were proposals 111-121 to get rid of the 40hp CUA. Harvest success records kept by ADF&G again showed that GMU 18 hunters were by far the main competition Sleetmute hunters had for fall moose hunting. ADF&G records also showed that success rates for GMU 18 hunters had increased in the 2 years since the 40hp limit became regulation. **(See Aug, 26,1994 Memo below).**

Summer, 1996 – “Boat Owner’s Association” files suit against state to get rid of the 40hp CUA, which the court throws out.

2002-2004, The Central Kuskokwim Moose Management Planning Committee, (CKMMPC), met. This committee was made up of members from advisory committees- Central Kuskokwim, Lower Kuskokwim, Anchorage, Mat-Su Valley, guides, transporters, Native organizations, & a conservation group.

2004 – **The completed CKMMP, listed the Holitna-Hoholitna CUA as one of the "Key Regulations"** that was in place before the planning project began, along with the Upper Holitna-Hoholitna Management Area, and the Non-resident Closed Areas in GMUs 19A & B, & a few others. The plan recommended & resulted in an aerial predator control program and BOG approving an unlimited Tier I registration hunt.



**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS
UNIT 19 A & B MOOSE**

The Board of Game heard public testimony, staff reports, advisory committee reports, and discussed the issue of management of moose in Units 19A and 19B on April 1 and April 2, 1992. Based upon all the testimony and reports, both oral and written, the Board makes the following observations and conclusions:

Biological Findings:

1. The Board finds that the moose found in the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages in 19A and 19B are a moose "population." AS 16.05.940 (18). The boundary between 19A and 19B was drawn to reflect different use patterns of the population. The Unit 19A and 19B portions of this population have been subjected to discreet management.
2. The moose population within the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages in GMU 19A and 19B is of moderate density, increasing in size, and highly productive. Calf:cow ratios in the lower Holitna and Hoholitna rivers in the fall during the past 10 years have averaged about 50-60 calves per 100 cows. Calf:cow ratios in the upper Hoholitna drainage in Unit 19B over this time have averaged about 25 to 30 calves:100 cows.
3. Bull-cow ratios within the 19A portion declined from 60-70 bulls:100 cows to approximately 30 bulls:100 cows during the 1976-1990 period as a result of high hunting pressure. The current ratio remains biologically adequate for productivity and the population sex and age structure provides for high sustained harvests.
4. Bull-cow ratios within the 19B portion remain higher than 19A, reflecting lower hunting pressure.
5. An estimate of the annual moose harvest during the period 1985-1990 for the Holitna and Hoholitna drainage for all types of uses is approximately 300 bulls and 30 cows, which is well within sustained yield limits. Of this estimated harvest, an average of 40-50 bulls were harvested each year by non-residents during this period, with the remainder by Alaska residents.
6. In general, the harvest of moose in the 19A portions of the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages is predominately by hunters using boats, primarily residents of Units 18 and 19. The harvest of moose in the 19B portions of the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages is primarily by hunters using aircraft access. Wheel-equipped aircraft are used to access upland areas, and float-equipped aircraft are used to access Whitefish Lake and certain landing and takeoff points along the rivers, including the



confluence of the Holitna with the Kuskokwim, the confluence of the Hoholitna with the Holitna, and other locations downriver from the mouth of the South Fork.

Subsistence Use Patterns:

1. The Board of Game found in 1987 that there are subsistence uses of moose in Unit 19, including the Holitna and Hoholitna drainages described above.

2. There are at least three distinct subsistence use patterns for moose in the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages: a Lower Kuskokwim Use Pattern by hunters from Unit 18, a Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern by hunters from Unit 19, and a Floater/Drifter Use Pattern by Alaska residents supported by floatplanes. In the Lower Kuskokwim Use Pattern, hunters tend to access 19A and 19B by boats powered by outboard engines often in excess of 70 horsepower, which is part of the means and methods of harvest. In the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern, including Sleetmute residents, hunters tend to access the areas by boats with horsepower engines less than 70 horsepower. In the Floater/Drifter Use Pattern, hunters typically access the area by airplanes of transporters combined with float craft.

3. In addition, there is some non-Alaska resident guided hunting in 19A and 19B. Guided hunters typically access the area by airplane, and harvest is predominately large bulls. The number of moose taken by guided hunters in 19A is small; harvest information indicates 7 moose taken by guided hunters for all of Subunit 19A in 1991.

4. The success rate during the fall in 19A and 19B for hunters who are part of the Lower Kuskokwim Use Pattern is about 50%. The success rate during the fall in 19A and 19B for hunters who are part of the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern is in the 70% range. The success rate for hunters who are part of the Floater/Drifter Use Pattern is estimated to be about 50%, although there is no detailed information on this group.

5. Hunters from Sleetmute hunt as part of the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern. The Department estimated an annual subsistence harvest to be somewhat more than 1 moose per multiperson household during the 1980s. A high estimate of the traditional use level by Sleetmute residents for the 1980s was between 1 to 2 moose per multiperson household, or about 48 moose for the community; however, actual harvest levels fluctuate according to a number of factors including weather and competition from other hunters. The reported harvest during the September season was approximately 12 with an additional 7 taken in the November and February seasons during the 1982-83 season, or about .86 moose per multiperson household. There



probably also were moose taken outside the open moose hunting seasons, but there is no estimate of numbers for Sleetmute. Sleetmute residents have indicated increasing difficulties in hunting moose along the river corridor during the September season.

Moose Required for Subsistence Uses:

The Board concludes that there is not a Tier II situation for moose hunting in the Holitna and Hoholitna drainages, as there is a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses for the Lower Kuskokwim Use Pattern, the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern, and the Drifter/Floater Use Pattern. The number of harvested moose necessary to provide for subsistence uses of this moose population for all subsistence uses is within a range that may fluctuate from year to year, and is estimated to be about 300 in the period 1985-90. This is also a reasonable estimate for 1992 based on available information.

Subsistence Use Concerns:

There is evidence that the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern, particularly for Sleetmute, is being impacted by an increased number of hunters and increased noise and disturbance by hunters in the river corridor of the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages of 19A and 19B. Most of the increase is by Unit 18 residents who hunt as part of the Lower Kuskokwim Use Pattern. There also may be an increase in hunters who hunt as part of the Floater/Drifter Use Pattern based on reports of local hunters, although the Department has no firm estimate of trends in numbers for this user group. The board received testimony from local residents who perceived that the use of aircraft in Units 19 A and B contributed to disturbance of moose and competition from urban hunters. The board found that the disturbance exists primarily along the river corridor from boat traffic, and that the use of aircraft for access to this population for hunting is not a significant disturbance factor. The major impact on the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern has been that there are fewer bull moose available along the Holitna and Hoholitna river corridor. Hunters of the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern report having to spend more days afield and spend more money hunting in the fall to obtain moose. A shortfall of fall moose takes are made up to some extent by harvests in the November and February seasons.

Board-Regulatory Action:

The board adopted the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area (5 AAC 92.540 (e) (2)) at the Spring 1992 board meeting. The board finds that this regulation, combined with the moose hunting seasons for Unit 19 A and B, provide a reasonable opportunity to satisfy the subsistence uses of this moose population. The moose seasons for Units 19 A and B (outside the Lime Village Management area) are as follows:

Unit 19 A (except the Lime Village Management Area):



Resident hunters: Sept. 1 - Sept. 20; Nov. 20 - Nov. 30; Feb. 1 - Feb 10: 1 moose; however, antlerless moose may be taken only during the Nov. 20 - Nov. 30 and Feb. 1 - Feb. 10 seasons.

Nonresident hunters: Sept. 1 - Sept. 20: 1 bull with 50 inch antlers.

Unit 19 B:

Resident hunters: Sept. 1 - Sept. 25: 1 bull.


Nonresident hunters: Sept. 1 - Sept 25: 1 bull with 50 inch antlers.

The purpose of the controlled use area is to minimize disturbance along the Holitna - Hoholitna River corridor which has tended to displace moose, especially bull moose, making moose less accessible to subsistence users who rely on river access. The horsepower restriction is intended to limit noise disturbance while still allowing reasonable access by the method primarily used by subsistence users of this moose population. The board is also recommending that the department establish a check station at Whitefish Lake to further document the use pattern for Floater/Drifter hunters and better assess the extent of this use.

Based upon the best available information presented to it, the board believes that the regulations now established for moose hunting of this population will provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence users of this population to satisfy their subsistence needs.

Dated: April 3, 1992

Location: Anchorage, Alaska


Richard Burley, Chairman
Board of Game



SUMMARY OF ACTIONS BOARD OF GAME ANCHORAGE, MARCH 20 - APRIL 8, 1992

DESIGNATED REPORTER: Ida Alexie, Vince Mathews, Ann Wilkinson and Janice Hotch.

This summary of actions is for information purposes only and is not intended to detail, reflect or fully interpret the reasons for the Board's actions.

WOLVES:

~~Area Specific Management Plans.~~

~~See Attachment 1 - Report of the Board of Game.~~

~~PROPOSAL NO. 66~~

~~ACTION: No Action~~

~~DESCRIPTION: Wolf harvesting by the land and shoot method shall be allowed in GMU 11, 12, 13, 20E under the Zone 7 method.~~

~~DISCUSSION: No action was taken due to action on area specific management plans.~~

~~PROPOSAL NO. 67~~

~~ACTION: No Action~~

~~DESCRIPTION: Unit 13 taking of wolves, and land shoot August 10 through March 31.~~

~~DISCUSSION: No action was taken due to action on area specific management plans.~~

~~PROPOSAL NO. 68~~

~~ACTION: No Action~~

~~DESCRIPTION: Units 13 and 20A be zoned as Zone 7.~~

~~DISCUSSION: No action was taken due to action on area specific management plans.~~

~~PROPOSAL NO. 71~~

~~ACTION: Failed~~

~~DESCRIPTION: Reduce from 30 to 5 the number of days in which a wolf hide must be sealed.~~

~~DISCUSSION: The Board felt this proposal would not necessarily solve the perceived problem and was both impractical and imposed an undue hardship on trappers and subsistence users.~~



not be allowed. When this issue came up three years ago there was extensive debate and what the Board came up with then is fair to both sides. Feel the hunters have the right to this practice.

INTERIOR PROPOSALS:

PROPOSAL NO. A

ACTION: No action

DESCRIPTION: Close GMU 19A and 19B to guided or outfitted hunters.

DISCUSSION: No action was taken by the Board because of its action proposal D.

PROPOSAL NO. D

ACTION: Adopted

→ DESCRIPTION: Create the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use area: (A) the area consists of the waters of the Holitna River downstream from Kashegelok the Titnuk River downstream from Fuller Mountain and the Hoholitna downstream from the confluence of the South Fork and main Hoholitna River; (B) the area is closed to the use of any boat equipped with inboard or outboard motor(s) with an aggregate horsepower in excess of manufacturer's rating of 40 horsepower for the purpose of taking big game, including transportation of big game hunters or parts of the big game during the period August 1 to November 1.

DISCUSSION: The Department of Law summarized the legal case associated with the proposal and the judge's decision. Law Department explained how the Board should handle subsistence proposals according to existing law. The legal discussion included biological factors, subsistence need, and reasonable opportunity. The Board questioned Law about other user groups in the area and how they would relate to the subsistence users. Discussion continued on the relationship between commercial activities and subsistence uses where commercial supplies the resources (gas, oil, boats, etc.) to live a subsistence lifestyle. The Board discussed alternatives available to the deal with subsistence requirements. The Department provided information to assist the board to determine the moose population for the area including the fact that there was a healthy and increasing population. Hunter residency and success for GMU 19A and 19B over time was provided by the Department. The Department provided data on the antler size by hunter residency showing non-local residents harvesting moose with larger antler size than local residents. The Department explained how the lower river hunting pressure harvests mainly yearling bulls resulting in a low bull-cow ratio. The bull-cow ratio reflects the management strategy for producing moose for meat instead of for trophy moose. Moose densities for the Holitna drainage area were provided with an average of 1 - 1.2 moose per square mile and



compared to statewide moose densities.

Subsistence use patterns for the Holitna drainage were provided by the Subsistence Division. Subsistence use patterns discussed were the lower Kuskokwim subsistence users (GMU 18), transporter - outfitter - floaters users, and middle Kuskokwim subsistence users (GMU 19A). The middle Kuskokwim group includes the communities of Sleetmute, Red Devil, Stony River, Crooked Creek, Chuathbaluk, Aniak, and Upper Kalskag. The middle Kuskokwim pattern has both a fall and winter hunt components. Sleetmute's main traditional hunting area is the Hoholitna and Holitna drainages for pre and post snowmachine use. The Department estimates that 48 moose are needed to meet the subsistence needs for residents of Sleetmute. Access means for the fall hunts were discussed and compared to winter hunts. The Board discussed the subsistence success rates for Sleetmute overtime. The Department summarized the management tools available for this situation (Tier II hunt, mean & methods, seasons & bag limits).

The Board established a subcommittee to draft a summary finding for Unit 19A & B moose based on public testimony, staff reports, advisory committee reports, and discussion by the Board.

Discussion centered around defining the controlled use area and access to and from the area. The management strategies for 19A and 19B were discussed and how the controlled use area should recognize the strategies. The Board discussed the advantages of a controlled use area how it addresses the concerns of boat traffic, noise, disturbance, and allowing for recreational hunters on the up river portions of the Holitna and Hoholitna. Discussion continued on the need for check stations on the lower portions and near the junction of Hoholitna and the South Fork of the Hoholitna Rivers. The Board action was based on public testimony and department hunter and subsistence use information. See Attachment 5 for the Board Finding.

PROPOSAL E

ACTION: Adopted

DESCRIPTION: Amend 5 AAC 85.020(23) Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Brown Bear so that hunters may take only one bear every four regulatory years and increasing number of permits issued for each hunt. 5 AAC 85.020 (23) is amended to read:

5 AAC 85.020. HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR BROWN BEAR.

Units and Bag Limits

Resident
Open Season
(Subsistence and
General Hunts)

Nonresident
Open Season

(23)

Unit 25 (A), Sheeryek, Coleen,

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1994 Proposals

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PROPOSAL 111 - 5 AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS. Change the Upper Kuskokwim and Holitna-Hoholtna Controlled Use Area as follows:

Delete aircraft and outboard motor restrictions in these controlled use areas.

PROBLEM: Non-biologically justified restriction on access for hunting in the Upper Kuskokwim Controlled Use Area and the Holitna-Hoholtna Controlled Use Area. These two areas have the highest moose density and healthiest populations in the state. The current access restrictions (aircraft and outboard motor restrictions) are racially and/or residency based and cannot withstand legal scrutiny.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? The board should manage the State's wildlife and not our human population.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? Persons who believe in equality and equal access.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? User groups who live inside the limited access areas.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED?

PROPOSED BY: Lynn Lavengood (HQ-94-G-92)
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PROPOSAL 112 - 5 AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS. Change the Holitna-Hoholtna Controlled Use Area as follows:

Erase the horsepower limitation on boat motors as there is no need for it.

PROBLEM: The limit of only 40 horse engines on the Holitna River during the fall hunting season.



PROPOSAL 119 - 5 AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS. Change the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area as follows:

That the motor horsepower limit be removed to accomodate the boat that is being driven on state navigable waters.

PROBLEM: 40 horsepower limit on Holitna River.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? The people of the Lower Kuskokwim will not be able to buy a 40 h.p. outboard and pay a \$400 hunting fee and pay a \$150 storage fee at Red Devil. We will not get into state owned country to hunt.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? The people that don't have money to buy a 40 h.p. and people who hunt on the Holitna for moose and caribou.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? Nobody.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED?

PROPOSED BY: Jerry Demientieff (HQ-94-G-28)

PROPOSAL 120 - 5 AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS. Change the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area as follows:

All outboard motor restriction would be removed. If hunter number needs to be controlled by state law restrict non-residents first. No float planes on Holitna.

PROBLEM: Remove 40 HP limitation from Holitna River for moose hunting.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF NOTHING IS DONE? Hunters from down river use larger motors. This rule prevents down river hunters from using Holitna River while allowing non-resident hunters to sport hunt using airplanes. There isn't any biological reason to limit access to the Holitna. Down river hunters will be banned from area.

WHO IS LIKELY TO BENEFIT? All hunters on Kuskokwim River with motor larger than 40 H.P. This is almost all of the hunters from Anlak down river.

WHO IS LIKELY TO SUFFER? A couple of guides or outfitters who want the Holitna River as their private hunting area.

OTHER SOLUTIONS CONSIDERED?

PROPOSED BY: Eric Shrum (W-94-G-1)

PROPOSAL 121 - 5 AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS. Change the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area as follows:



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FISH & GAME-McGRATH

FAX NO. 9075243323

P. 03

Date: 26 August 1994
To: Chris Smith
From: Jack Whitman
Re: Notes on Holtma CUA

Figure 7 displays reported hunter success rates in Subunit 19A of hunters from GMU 18, as well as depicting success rates by all hunters combined (including GMU 18 hunters). This clearly indicates that GMU 18 hunters have enjoyed higher moose hunting success rates than other segments of the hunting population during 4 of the last 6 years. Most notably, the success rates increased substantially during the 1992 and 1993 seasons, during which time the horsepower restrictions have been in effect. I hesitate to get too froggy, but Figure 7 kinda smacks of good management.

Figure 8 shows reported hunter success rates in GMU 19B by hunters from GMU 18 and hunters from all residences. It too, indicates that GMU 18 residents have enjoyed higher success rates during 5 of the last 6 years than the general hunting populace in GMU 19B. I really don't understand the lawsuit. Please explain.

Figure 9. It's obvious from the mandatory hunter reports that success rates throughout GMU 19 by GMU 18 residents has increased substantially during the 2 years that the horsepower restrictions have been in place. Further, during 1992 (the first year of the horsepower restriction), GMU 18 hunters harvested more moose than at any time during the previous 6 years in GMU 19.

Further, I would bet that if the GMU 18 hunters would quit poaching the Unit 18 moose and let them build to reasonable population levels, they wouldn't have to travel to GMU 19 to hunt; they would have plenty to go around if they'd allow them to become established.

It should be noted, that if subsistence harvest of moose is the real issue, the total reported take in the Holtma and Hoholtma River drainages (where local hunters, both Unit 18 and Unit 19 residents, make up the vast majority of users) was higher during the 2 years of the horsepower restrictions than during any of the 3 preceding years.

If safety of boaters is the issue, the bigger the boat, the bigger the wake. It could be argued that the big boats (generally from GMU 18) are a hazard to the local (GMU 19) residents. The GMU 18 hunters should learn how to pack a boat reasonably and not overload.

There are myriad variables in regards to the question of number of river miles available to hunters, making it very difficult to obtain a pat answer. Annual (or daily) water levels, whether the boat is equipped with a lift, short shaft, jet unit, etc., as well as knowledge/skill level of the pilot all make a tremendous difference in whether a stream is "navigable". Nevertheless, I've made a stab at estimating the miles of navigable waterways in GMU 19.

When the entire Kuskokwim upstream of Kalskag (including the tributaries) is considered, I estimate there are about 650 river miles navigable by "large" boat, of which about 200 miles are on the Holtma/Hoholtma (31%). When smaller and/or shallower streams are considered, about 1,900 miles of waterways are available, of which the Holtma/Hoholtma Rivers make up less than 14% (about 260 miles).

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STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION DIVISION

PROPOSAL 119. 5AAC 92.540. CONTROLLED USE AREAS.

This proposal would delete the Holitna/Hoholtna Controlled Use Area.

Moose populations, as reflected by composition/trend surveys in the lower Holitna and Hoholtna Rivers, are doing well. No surveys were conducted during fall 1995 because of the lack of adequate snow cover, but until that time, populations appeared to be increasing (Figures 1, 2). With the increases in moose populations, there were limits imposed on motor size, but the reported harvest remained high (Figure 3). Throughout 19A, hunters from Unit 18 had very high reported success rates immediately following the instigation of the 40-hp limit, as did hunters from other areas (Figure 4). According to hunter harvest reports, the 40-hp restriction has resulted in marginally fewer Unit 18 hunters using 19A, but those that chose to hunt there had higher success rates. With the increases in the moose population, the increased harvest, and the increases in reported hunter success rates, the regulation prohibiting boats with motors in excess of 40-hp has apparently worked well.

Figure 1. Moose per hour figures from Holitna/Hoholtna Trend Area during the period 1976-1994.

Figure 2. Number of bull moose observed in the Holitna/Hoholtna Trend Area during 1976-94.

Figure 3. Total reported harvest of moose from 19A from 1983-1994.

Figure 4. Comparison of hunter success rates in 19A during the period 1983-94.



**SUMMARY OF FINDINGS
UNIT 19 A & B MOOSE**

The Board of Game heard public testimony, staff reports, advisory committee reports, and discussed the issue of management of moose in Units 19A and 19B on April 1 and April 2, 1992. Based upon all the testimony and reports, both oral and written, the Board makes the following observations and conclusions:

Biological Findings:

1. The Board finds that the moose found in the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages in 19A and 19B are a moose "population." AS 16.05.940 (18). The boundary between 19A and 19B was drawn to reflect different use patterns of the population. The Unit 19A and 19B portions of this population have been subjected to discreet management.

2. The moose population within the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages in GMU 19A and 19B is of moderate density, increasing in size, and highly productive. Calf:cow ratios in the lower Holitna and Hoholitna rivers in the fall during the past 10 years have averaged about 50-60 calves per 100 cows. Calf:cow ratios in the upper Hoholitna drainage in Unit 19B over this time have averaged about 25 to 30 calves:100 cows.

3. Bull-cow ratios within the 19A portion declined from 60-70 bulls:100 cows to approximately 30 bulls:100 cows during the 1976-1990 period as a result of high hunting pressure. The current ratio remains biologically adequate for productivity and the population sex and age structure provides for high sustained harvests.

4. Bull-cow ratios within the 19B portion remain higher than 19A, reflecting lower hunting pressure.

5. An estimate of the annual moose harvest during the period 1985-1990 for the Holitna and Hoholitna drainage for all types of uses is approximately 300 bulls and 30 cows, which is well within sustained yield limits. Of this estimated harvest, an average of 40-50 bulls were harvested each year by non-residents during this period, with the remainder by Alaska residents.

6. In general, the harvest of moose in the 19A portions of the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages is predominately by hunters using boats, primarily residents of Units 18 and 19. The harvest of moose in the 19B portions of the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages is primarily by hunters using aircraft access. Wheel-equipped aircraft are used to access upland areas, and float-equipped aircraft are used to access Whitefish Lake and certain landing and takeoff points along the rivers, including the



confluence of the Holitna with the Kuskokwim, the confluence of the Hoholitna with the Holitna, and other locations downriver from the mouth of the South Fork.

Subsistence Use Patterns:

1. The Board of Game found in 1987 that there are subsistence uses of moose in Unit 19, including the Holitna and Hoholitna drainages described above.

2. There are at least three distinct subsistence use patterns for moose in the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages: a Lower Kuskokwim Use Pattern by hunters from Unit 18, a Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern by hunters from Unit 19, and a Floater/Drifter Use Pattern by Alaska residents supported by floatplanes. In the Lower Kuskokwim Use Pattern, hunters tend to access 19A and 19B by boats powered by outboard engines often in excess of 70 horsepower, which is part of the means and methods of harvest. In the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern, including Sleetmute residents, hunters tend to access the areas by boats with horsepower engines less than 70 horsepower. In the Floater/Drifter Use Pattern, hunters typically access the area by airplanes or transporters combined with float craft.

3. In addition, there is some non-Alaska resident guided hunting in 19A and 19B. Guided hunters typically access the area by airplane, and harvest is predominately large bulls. The number of moose taken by guided hunters in 19A is small; harvest information indicates 7 moose taken by guided hunters for all of Subunit 19A in 1991.

4. The success rate during the fall in 19A and 19B for hunters who are part of the Lower Kuskokwim Use Pattern is about 50%. The success rate during the fall in 19A and 19B for hunters who are part of the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern is in the 70% range. The success rate for hunters who are part of the Floater/Drifter Use Pattern is estimated to be about 50%, although there is no detailed information on this group.

5. ~~Hunters from Sleetmute hunt as part of the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern.~~ The Department estimated an annual subsistence harvest to be somewhat more than 1 moose per multiperson household during the 1980s. A high estimate of the traditional use level by Sleetmute residents for the 1980s was between 1 to 2 moose per multiperson household, or about 48 moose for the community; however, actual harvest levels fluctuate according to a number of factors including weather and competition from other hunters. The reported harvest during the September season was approximately 12 with an additional 7 taken in the November and February seasons during the 1982-83 season, or about .86 moose per multiperson household. There



probably also were moose taken outside the open moose hunting seasons, but there is no estimate of numbers for Sleetmute. Sleetmute residents have indicated increasing difficulties in hunting moose along the river corridor during the September season.

Moose Required for Subsistence Uses:

The Board concludes that there is not a Tier II situation for moose hunting in the Holitna and Hoholitna drainages, as there is a reasonable opportunity for subsistence uses for the Lower Kuskokwim Use Pattern, the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern, and the Drifter/Floater Use Pattern. The number of harvested moose necessary to provide for subsistence uses of this moose population for all subsistence uses is within a range that may fluctuate from year to year, and is estimated to be about 300 in the period 1985-90. This is also a reasonable estimate for 1992 based on available information.

Subsistence Use Concerns:

There is evidence that the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern, particularly for Sleetmute, is being impacted by an increased number of hunters and increased noise and disturbance by hunters in the river corridor of the Holitna and Hoholitna river drainages of 19A and 19B. Most of the increase is by Unit 18 residents who hunt as part of the Lower Kuskokwim Use Pattern. There also may be an increase in hunters who hunt as part of the Floater/Drifter Use Pattern based on reports of local hunters, although the Department has no firm estimate of trends in numbers for this user group. The board received testimony from local residents who perceived that the use of aircraft in Units 19 A and B contributed to disturbance of moose and competition from urban hunters. The board found that the disturbance exists primarily along the river corridor from boat traffic, and that the use of aircraft for access to this population for hunting is not a significant disturbance factor. The major impact on the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern has been that there are fewer bull moose available along the Holitna and Hoholitna river corridor. Hunters of the Middle Kuskokwim Use Pattern report having to spend more days afield and spend more money hunting in the fall to obtain moose. A shortfall of fall moose takes are made up to some extent by harvests in the November and February seasons.

Board-Regulatory Action:

The board adopted the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area (5 AAC 92.540 (e) (2)) at the Spring 1992 board meeting. The board finds that this regulation, combined with the moose hunting seasons for Unit 19 A and B, provide a reasonable opportunity to satisfy the subsistence uses of this moose population. The moose seasons for Units 19 A and B (outside the Lime Village Management area) are as follows:

Unit 19 A (except the Lime Village Management Area):



Resident hunters: Sept. 1 - Sept. 20; Nov. 20 - Nov. 30; Feb. 1 - Feb 10: 1 moose; however, antlerless moose may be taken only during the Nov. 20 - Nov. 30 and Feb. 1 - Feb. 10 seasons.

Nonresident hunters: Sept. 1 - Sept. 20: 1 bull with 50 inch antlers.

Unit 19 B:

Resident hunters: Sept. 1 - Sept. 25: 1 bull.

Nonresident hunters: Sept. 1 - Sept 25: 1 bull with 50 inch antlers.

The purpose of the controlled use area is to minimize disturbance along the Holitna - Hoholitna River corridor which has tended to displace moose, especially bull moose, making moose less accessible to subsistence users who rely on river access. The horsepower restriction is intended to limit noise disturbance while still allowing reasonable access by the method primarily used by subsistence users of this moose population. The board is also recommending that the department establish a check station at Whitefish Lake to further document the use pattern for Floater/Drifter hunters and better assess the extent of this use.

Based upon the best available information presented to it, the board believes that the regulations now established for moose hunting of this population will provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence users of this population to satisfy their subsistence needs.

Dated: April 3, 1992

Location: Anchorage, Alaska

Richard Burley, Chairman
Board of Game



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SUMMARY OF ACTIONS BOARD OF GAME

MARCH 26 - APRIL 5, 1994 ANCHORAGE WESTCOAST INTERNATIONAL INN

DESIGNATED REPORTER: Nancylee S. Babbitt

This summary of actions is for information purposes only and is not intended to detail, reflect or fully interpret the reasons for the Board's actions.

SOUTHEAST REGION PROPOSALS

~~PROPOSAL NO. 1 ACTION: Failed~~
~~DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 85.015. Reduce Unit 1C black bear bag limit to one bear.~~
~~DISCUSSION: There is no problem with bear population in this area.~~

~~PROPOSAL NO. 2 ACTION: Failed~~
~~DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 85.015. Reduce Unit 3 black bear bag limit by one bear.~~
~~DISCUSSION: Bear in this area remain constant, only 13 second bears have been taken.~~

~~PROPOSAL NO. 3 ACTION: Failed~~
~~DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 85.020. Change Unit 1B brown bear season to September 1 - December 31.~~
~~DISCUSSION: There is not an over abundance of bears in this area only one bear killed in the time period when the season was opened this early.~~



PROPOSAL NO. 107

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Add aircraft to motorized vehicle restrictions in the Manart Controlled Use Area.

DISCUSSION: Proposal is probably in response to tourist air traffic east of Denali Park which causes disturbance to horseback hunters. Most hunting access is by horseback. Adoption of this proposal would reallocate the harvest among different user groups. The problem is tourist flights and the board cannot create a CUA that eliminates people from flying in for non-hunting purposes.

PROPOSAL NO. 111

ACTION: Failed

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. The Upper Kuskokwim and Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete aircraft and outboard motor restrictions.

DISCUSSION: People from 19A generally use small river boats with 40 h.p. or less. Down river residents were using commercial fishing boats with 100/200 h.p. motors. Down river residents generally felt the problem was aircraft into upper portions of watershed. A check station established in the late 1980's and harvest tickets showed increasing resident use, but little impact from aircraft. Moose and caribou are at moderate density in the area. Effects of the CUA has been to displace hunting effort upstream in the Kuskokwim. Other hunters have found a way around regs by towing a small boat behind big boat till they get to the Holitna than towing their big boat with a small boat. Also some have taken larger boats up the Holitna and indicated they are not hunting while in their larger boats. 19A residents are happy with and support current regs. Lower Kuskokwim residents opposed. One board member noted that he had heard no compelling reason to change the 40 h.p. restriction. Another board member noted testimony from one Bethel resident who was initially opposed to the restriction and now is satisfied with the reg.

PROPOSAL NO. 112

ACTION: No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 113

ACTION: No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.



DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 114 **ACTION:** No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 115 **ACTION:** No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 116 **ACTION:** No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 117 **ACTION:** No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 118 **ACTION:** No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.

PROPOSAL NO. 119 **ACTION:** No action

DESCRIPTION: 5 AAC 92.540. Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area. Delete the horsepower limitation on boat motors.

DISCUSSION: No action due to action on Proposal No. 111.



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Black & Brown Bear Regulations for GMU 19 & GMUs 21A & E **Standardization of Regulations.**

The many proposals for liberalization of bear regulations for these GMUs, (93-107), illustrate the differences in regulation between them & the benefits of regulation standardization, as well as the need for liberalization of bear regulations, increasing bear harvest.

There is unanimous support the villages of 19E for proposals 100, 101, & 103, which are specific to 19E. This includes support for proposals that are for similar regulation change in all 19 and 21 subunits. There are resolutions of support from the Village Councils within 19E, **Documents E**, for these proposals and for the Bear Plan SHAC is submitting.

Building on the content of bear proposals, many of which come from 19 & 21 advisory committees

- SHAC agreed that making 19B & C the same, and also making 19A, D, E & 21 A & E the same seasons & bag limits & conditions will make things better for village safety, hunters, enforcement, & relieve pressure on moose calves.
- Listed below & in the table, are liberalization & standardization of seasons, bag limits, and baiting regulations in 19 and 21A & E. They will be positive changes for village safety, hunters, enforcement, and for prey populations that suffer from the large number of bears in these subunits.

Brown bear:

Unit 19B and 19C

Aug 10 – June 30

2 bear bag limit for everyone

Take at bait Apr 15 – June 30 & Aug 1 – Oct. 31

Units 19A, 19D, 19E, 21A and 21E (contain villages)

No closed season

2 bear bag limit for everyone

Take at bait Apr 15 – June 30 & Aug 1 – Oct 31

Black bear:

Unit 19, 21A, 21E

No closed season

5 bear bag limit for everyone

Take at bait Apr 15 – June 30 and Aug 1 – Oct 31

No harvest ticket required

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Resolution of Support for 2024 Board of Game Proposals 93-107 &

Stony Holitna GMU19 & GMU 21A & E Bear Season Plan

To The Alaska Board of Game –

In recent years, there have been several large wildfires in GMU19, which have destroyed habitat for bears and the animals bears feed on. At the same time, salmon runs have decreased to a large degree, limiting this food source as well. Because of this, bear activity and damage done in and near the villages and fish camps has increased noticeably.

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There have been increasing incidents of bears entering this village and the other villages of 19E. Smokehouses and nets have been cleaned out and damaged, and bears have been hanging around dumps and walking around villages, endangering the residents.

In 2020, SHAC made proposal 106 - To expand the predation control area in 19A, (now 19E), into the Stony River and Lime Village Management Area. The proposal was not adopted, but the problems caused by bears has remained.

The Native Village of Sleetmute **strongly supports** proposals, 93-107 due to safety and property concerns for the people of our village and the other villages in GMUs 19 and 21A & E. Proposals 100 and 102 are specific to GMU19E, while the others proposals listed deal with the same issues in the subunits of GMU19 and GMUs 21A & 21E.

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The following 19E & SHAC proposals fit into this plan well.

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Proposal 102 is from a local guide. This proposal expands the **19E** spring bear baiting season by adding a fall season. This should increase bear harvest, making a difference in bear & moose populations and the safety of our village residents.

SHAC Proposal 103 is also a SHAC proposal that increases the Black Bear bag limit to 5 in **GMUs 19B & C.**

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Signed,

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Frank Egnaty, Sleetmute Tribal Administrator



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 12/22/2023

Mary Willis, Stony River Tribal Administrator



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Ursula Graham, Lime Village Tribal Administrator



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2020 BOG Proposals attacking RM682 Hunt Conditions

(BOG created the RM682 hunt in 2019)

There were several other 2020 proposals originating in GMU18 that dealt with management of the 19A TH680 hunt. They were 97, 98, & 102.

Those proposals and those addressing RM682 hunt conditions printed below – 100, 101, 103 - failed unanimously, except 103, which got one yes vote.

2024 proposals 68-72 are also from GMU18 individuals, again attacking RM682 hunt conditions. Three of these are from the same individual that authored all 3 of those in 2020.

PROPOSAL 100

5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.

Extend the resident season dates for moose hunting in Unit 19A Remainder as follows:

For Unit 19A Remainder moose hunt area:

Registration permit season dates: September 1 - 30.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Extend the moose hunting season on the Unit 19A Eastern hunt area in and around the Holitna River from September 1 - 5 to September 1 - 30.

It is a limited registration hunt with only 30 permits given out so having a short season is not necessary. There are a lot of other restrictions on this permit making it hard to use and this might be the only chance at getting a moose if people are not allowed to have any other Kuskokwim moose permits for the year.

1) One per household; 2) no proxy hunting; 3) only moose permit for Kuskokwim; 4) Holitna control use are with 40hp restrictions, 5) very short season, and 6) permit is first come, first serve in the hunt area in July only.

Collectively these six restrictions make it difficult and stressful for hunters to put meat in the freezer. Especially if the Department of Fish and Game is only issuing a limited number of registration permits every year within the hunt area. I think some of these restrictions can be reduced and the actual hunting season can be extended because the department is in no danger of



overharvesting. Another bonus to this is that hunters would not have to hunt early September when it can be very hot and buggy.

Other considerations would be to allow people to get other Kuskokwim permits after they turn in this permit (if unsuccessful) and to allow proxy hunting. Being able to put a moose in the freezer is really important for a lot of families along the Kuskokwim River and life happens so being able to have a proxy or hunt a different moose permit later if unsuccessful would really help people.

PROPOSED BY: Sam Hancock (EG-F19-057)

PROPOSAL 101

5 AAC 92.540. Controlled use areas.

Remove the horsepower restriction in the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area in Unit 19A as follows:

The Unit 19A registration hunt gives the Department of Fish and Game many tools to limit the number of hunters and/or keep harvest at sustainable levels without the 40-horsepower restriction on big game hunters. Because the 40-horsepower economically discriminates against hunters and serves no other purpose, I recommend it be removed. If the department has concerns about the number of hunters on the Holitna and Hoholitna Rivers they can limit the number of registration permits issued.

CURRENT LANGUAGE:

5AAC 92.540(7)(B)

[(B) the Holitna-Hoholitna Controlled Use Area

(i) the area consists of water of the Holitna River downstream from Kashegelok, the Titnuk River downstream from Fuller Mountain and the Hoholitna River downstream

from the confluence of the South Fork and main Hohlitna River.

(ii) the area is closed to the use of any boat equipped with an inboard or outboard motor with an aggregate horsepower in excess of the manufacturer's rating of 40 horsepower for hunting big game, including the transportation of big game hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of big game, from August 1 through November 1; however this provision



does not prohibit the transportation into the area of game meat that has been processed for human consumption;]

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? I would like to remove the 40-horsepower restriction on big game hunters in Unit 19A.

PROPOSED BY: Sam Hancock (EG-F19-044)

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PROPOSAL 103

5 AAC 85.045. Hunting seasons and bag limits for moose.

Establish a Tier II permit hunt for moose in Unit 19A Remainder as follows:

For the Unit 19A Remainder moose hunt area, have a Tier II hunt if the harvestable portion drops below the lower range of the ANS.

What is the issue you would like the board to address and why? Unit 19A Remainder (Eastern hunt area in and around the Holitna River). If the harvestable portion drops below the lower range of the ANS (amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence) the hunt should transition into a Tier II hunt.

Moose meat is an incredible valuable commodity for people on the Kuskokwim River. Most people along the river self-identify as a substance user. When bull moose are available for harvest, we should harvest them not leave them on the landscape to die of old age. By not allowing a Tier II hunt in this area the state is wasting meat people could really use. We cannot save bulls for later, that's just not how that would work. Use them or lose them. I understand that some people in the area don't like Tier II hunts but if we are in a situation where we drop below the lower range of the ANS again we should have a Tier II hunt. It's the only way to make the best of a bad situation. If people only harvest bull moose it will not negatively affect the population. I don't like that a regulation was passed that would remove this subsistence option in the future just for this hunt area where subsistence is a way of life for most people.

PROPOSED BY: Sam Hancock (EG-F19-056)



Meeting Minutes

**Susitna Valley Advisory Committee
December 14, 2023
Talkeetna Library, Talkeetna, AK (5:00 pm)**

- I. Call to Order: 5:03
- II. Roll Call (Need 4 members for a quorum)
Members Present: Steve Harrison, Bryan Kirby, Mark Burcar, Robert Gerlach, Eli Hoffman
Members Absent (Excused): Todd Kingery, Tim Buechle
Members Absent (Unexcused): Dave Fish
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Via Zoom Sam Oslund, Oliver Quevin
- IV. Guests Present: Mike Wood
- V. Approval of Agenda Eli...Steve
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Steve....Mark
- VII. Elections:
 - a. 3 Seats
 - i. Robert & Mark unanimously reelected. Mark Keeping his seat and Robert moving from advisory seat to Mike Woods vacant seat. Still have 1 Alternate seat open
- VIII. Appointment of officers:
 - a. Bryan Kirby Chair...Steve Harrison Vice Chair...Sec. Bryan Kirby
- IX. Reports
 - a. No reports
- X. Public Comment
None
- XI. Old Business
None
- XII. New Business
 - a. Current board of [Game Proposals](#)
 - i. Proposal 189 (Brown Bear Tag Fee Exemption.) Support 4-0
 - ii. Proposal 192 (Moose Antlerless Unit 13A) Support 4-0
 - iii. Proposal 193 (Moose Antlerless Unit 13C) Support 4-0
 - iv. Proposal 194 (Moose Antlerless Unit 13E) Support 4-0
 - v. Proposal 195 (Moose Antlerless Unit 14A & B) Support 4-0
 - vi. Proposal 196 (Moose Antlerless Unit 14C) Support 4-0



Meeting Minutes

- b. Current board of [Fish Proposals](#)
 - i. Proposal 131 Support 4-0
 - ii. Proposal 134 Unsupported 0-5
 - iii. Proposal 137 Unsupported 0-5
 - iv. Proposal 143 Unsupported 0-5
 - v. Proposals 204 Unsupported 0-4-1
 - vi. Proposals 205 Unsupported 0-4-1
 - vii. Proposals 206 Unsupported 0-5
 - viii. Proposals 207 Unsupported 0-5
 - ix. Proposals 208 Support 4-0-1

- XIII. Select representative(s) for board meeting
 - Tabled till next meeting
- XIV. Set next meeting date
 - Tuesday January 23rd with a back up day of Tuesday January 30
- XV. Other
- XVI. Adjourn at 7:00 pm



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Proposal Description

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189	Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemptions for the Central/Southwest Region		
	4	0	AC feel that this is a great opportunity to help keep predation of moose down
192	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13A		
	4	0	AC feels that the the department of Game has use this tool very effectively and endorses it continued use when needed
193	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13C .		
	4	0	AC feels that the the department of Game has use this tool very effectively and endorses it continued use when needed
194	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 13E		
	4	0	AC feels that the the department of Game has use this tool very effectively and endorses it continued use when needed
195	Reauthorize the antlerless moose draw permits in Units 14A and 14B		
	4	0	AC feels that the the department of Game has use this tool very effectively and endorses it continued use when needed
196	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 14C		
	4	0	AC feels that the the department of Game has use this tool very effectively and endorses it continued use when needed

Minutes Recorded By: Bryan Kirby
Minutes Approved By: Steve Harrison
Date: 12/15/23



Tanana/Rampart/Manley Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, February 15th, 2024 at 10:00 am

The Tanana Rampart Manley Advisory Committee discussed and voted on Board of Game proposals on February 15-16, and again on February 26, 2024. All of our votes on proposals are included in the comments below.

- I. **Call to Order:** 10:04 by Chair Charlie Wright
- II. **Roll Call:**
Members Present: Charlie Wright, Janessa Newman, Samantha Zuray, Ray Woods, Robert Erhart, Curtis Sommer, Cliff Wiehl
- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Kyle Campbell, Tony Hollis, Jeff Wells, Deena Jallen, Christy Gleason, Sam Decker, Lisa Steary, Chuck Brazil
- IV. **Guests Present:** Olivia Irwin, Serena Fitka, Brooke Woods, Diloola Erickson
- V. **Adjourn**
February 16, 2014 11:25

Monday, February 26, 2024 at 1:00pm

- I. **Call to Order:** 13:20 by Chair Charlie Wright
- II. **Roll Call:**
Members Present: Charlie Wright, Janessa Newman, Samantha Zuray, Robert Erhart, Millena Jordan
- III. **Fish and Game Staff Present:** Kyle Campbell, Tony Hollis, Jeff Wells, Deena Jallen, Christy Gleason, Sam Decker, Lisa Steary, Chuck Brazil
- IV. **Guests Present:** Allen Barrette
- V. **Adjourn:** 14:10



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
<p><i>Note: Effective September 2019, when abstentions occur, the action or decision of a majority of the remaining members at a meeting at which a quorum is present is an act of the committee. For example, a vote tally of 7-6-2 means the motion carries. Members abstaining from voting must provide an explanation that is included in the committee record.</i></p>			
171	Change all general season harvest ticket hunts to registration permits for moose in Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F and 25C		
Support	6	1	The committee agreed the department would benefit from more accurate data via permit reports, but opposition felt the 100% change in 20F and 25C from harvest tickets to registration permits would inevitably result in the loss of hunting privileges for local people. While online permit reporting has made reporting significantly easier, barriers to reporting in rural communities include broadband inaccessibility, no postmaster to send/receive/sort mail, and department inaccessibility. Permit reporting compliance (and likely regulation compliance) would increase significantly with a department-paid community member to issue permits, collect reports, and possibly help address any regulatory uncertainty.
172	Create a muzzleloader only moose hunt for residents and nonresidents in Unit 20A		
Oppose		5	The committee unanimously opposed proposal 172 as the passage of this proposal would create additional opportunity for a limited group of hunters who are already eligible to hunt in the general moose hunting season. The committee believes additional hunting opportunities should be accessible to everyone impartially.
174	Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
Oppose		5	The committee unanimously opposed proposals to alter the boundaries of the Wood River Controlled Use Area. Our committee recognizes the negative impact boundary lines pose on hunters; one such example is the division of 20F at Hess Creek. To reiterate the department's reminder on page 7 of the 2023-2024 Alaska Hunting Regulation book, "Remember, ignorance is no excuse; YOU MUST KNOW THE LAW! Read and understand the hunt regulations BEFORE YOU HUNT. If you violate a game law, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS."



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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
175	Change the boundary of the Wood River Controlled Use Area in Unit 20A		
Oppose		5	Refer to comment for proposal 174
173	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A		
Oppose		8	<p>The committee unanimously opposed antlerless hunts, with the exception of ceremonial cow moose harvests. With the environment changing rapidly, the committee did not feel that the department had sufficient and recent enough data to utilize this tool (antlerless hunts) without posing biological concerns. Without an empirical understanding of recent (no more than 6 years old - 2 BOG cycles) departmental data highlighting moose mortality due to predation, disease, and accidents, the committee must rely on their observation of increased wolf and bear presence, sign of moose mortality due to predation, as well as the increase prevalence of disease in the moose harvested.</p> <p>The committee discerns the take of cow moose in ceremonial hunts from antlerless hunts due to the additional steps and effort our local hunters take (and are taught/passed on) to search for a bull moose before taking a cow, and taking ample time to assess whether the cow has calves or is pregnant. In essence, the taking of a cow moose is not done simply because it is permitted under law, but because it has gone through a filter of multiple cultural considerations that suggest the population can be sustained without risk.</p>
178	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B		
Oppose		8	refer to comment on proposal 173
179	Shift the moose season dates in Unit 20B		
Oppose		8	Ideally, the committee would like moose hunting dates statewide to be shifted later as the weather is becoming increasingly warmer and unpredictable during the current season. Ultimately, the committee would not support this proposal without moose hunting seasons being reconsidered statewide for fear it would increase hunter pressure and pose biological concerns.
182	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear season in Units 20A, 20B, and 25C for residents and nonresidents by two weeks to close on June 15		
Support	8		The committee cites increased local observation and presence of brown bears, posing risk to their communities and moose populations. The committee unanimously supports this proposal
183	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by two weeks to close on June 15		



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Support	8		Refer to comment on proposal 183
184	Lengthen the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A by three weeks to open August 10		
Support	8		Refer to comment on proposal 183
185	Extend the brown/grizzly bear hunting season in Unit 20A and Unit 20B Remainder to close on June 30, to align with the rest of Unit 20		
Support	8		Refer to comment on proposal 183
186	Close a portion of Unit 20C to wolf hunting and trapping		
Support	8		The committee unanimously supports this proposal as we would like all non-consumptive users who visit Alaska to experience something largely non-existent in much of the continental US.
210	Change the subunit boundary of Units 20A and 20C to the current river channel		
Oppose		8	The committee unanimously opposed the changing of the subunit boundary as they recognize frequent channel changes are and have been the inevitable nature of these water systems for thousands of years. The committee believes the passage of this proposal would set a precedent for continual and repetitive boundary changes, thus creating perpetual uncertainty and confusion for hunters.

Minutes Recorded By: Samantha Zuray and Janessa Newman
Minutes Approved By: _____



Togiak Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 8, 2024
Togiak Traditional Council Chambers

- I. Call to Order: [11:04am] by Chairman Peter Lockuk Sr. Natalie Romo introduced, grew up in Aleknagik, she is the new SW region coordinator.
- II. Roll Call
Members Present: Peter Lockuk Sr., Ken Nukwak, Thomas Dock, Jimmy Coopchiak, Frank Logusak, Moses Kritz, Joe Alexie, Roger Wassillie, Mickey Sharp, Norman Gloko, Walter Kanulie
- III. Fish and Game Staff Present: Natalie Romo(New SW region coordinator), Tim Sands, Andy Aderman(FWS), Todd Rinaldi, Lee Borden, Manny Eicholz, Joe Wittkop(AWT), Cody Larson(BBNA)
- IV. Guests Present: Richard Echuck, Sidney Pavian, Clara Ann Martin, Elizabeth Wassillie
- V. Approval of Agenda: Jimmy C motion to approve, 2nd by Joe Alexie, question, motion carried. Moses Kritz wanted to add requesting ADF&G and other parties to be present when AC meetings are being held.(was approved, carried by motion)
- VI. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes Jimmy C motion to approve, 2nd Frank Logusak, question, motion carried.
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair's report: Peter Lockuk reported the fact that AC has not met during Covid. There were two meetings November 2022 and January 24, 2023. Meeting was encouraged by Natalie R by email to elect new members and to address BOG proposals 189 and 200.
 - b. ADF&G: Tim Sands (ADF&G) Addressed Moses K comments and appreciates comments on having ADF&G, NFWS, AWT and others to attend meetings in person. Reported on Togiak side sockeye numbers-268218 escapement, 442861 catch, said season went well biologically. Lot less King Salmon, statewide trend with King Salmon being less and not returning to rivers. Stated ocean conditions are the culprit not local ecosystems or management. 2024 season for Togiak forecast is about 700000 on sockeye, no forecast on other species. Use normal schedule starting on June 3 at Monday 9:00am. Noted Togiak will wait for later to start. He noted that last year 24 drift permits registered compared to 2017 same time of date 43 drift permits were registered. New regulation for Togiak Bay waiver period will depend on (regulation looked up and typed for clarification-"(1) Togiak District may not take salmon or be used to take salmon



in the Nushagak, Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, or Ugashik district from 9:00 a.m. June 1 until the midpoint of escapement goal range is achieved in the Togiak District as specified by commissioner's announcement; if the midpoint of the escapement goal is achieved before 9:00 a.m. July 17, the provisions set out in (b) of this section are in effect; (2) Nushagak, Naknek-Kvichak, Egegik, or Ugashik District may not take salmon or be used to take salmon in the Togiak District from 9:00 a.m. June 1 until the midpoint or the escapement goal range is achieved in the Togiak District as specified by commissioner's announcement; if the midpoint of the escapement goal is achieved before 9:00 a.m. July 17, the provision set out in (b) of this section are in effect.")

Clara Ann Martin asked why there is a decline in drift permits for Togiak (selling permits?) Also big mega boats come when Togiak Bay is opened, no place to park in the slough when the beach side is rough. Tim S. did not know specific reasons of permit holders. Discussion on when other boats can come, clarification on dates. It was mentioned that Pearl Bay Seafood's won't come to Togiak(2024) it was the one buying fish past few years, so maybe the other boats that delivered to it might not show.

Roger Wassillie told his concern of very few or not returning King Salmon to Togiak bay and river and should be not just discussed at meetings because the subsistence need for King Salmon is not being met. He mentioned the "line" (3) from June 1 through July 15, those waters of the Togiak district inside a line from 59° 03.19' N. lat., 160° 20.18' W. long. To 59° 01.76' N. lat., 160° 28.17' W. long. Are closed to commercial fishing for salmon with a drift gillnet." is not working and it has been there for many years. Discussion on line that if it is not working it should be removed, discussion to partner with sportfishing companies (from outside companies or from other states) to address on how to get more King salmon for both Togiak residents and sportfishing people. Also if the line is not working should it be removed, Tim S said it should be kept in place because it does allow King salmon to go up river without being caught by drift gillnet boats. Also if the line should be removed it has to be handled by Togiak area AC members and be submitted as a proposal form. Elizabeth Wassillie expanded on R. W comment, saying one year they didn't get any King Salmon, wondered on survival rate on catch & release sportfishing, on how a tired fish after fighting with angler would survive, she also mentioned on her setnet site on waiting for the forecasted sockeye returns and how some setnetters aren't catching, wondered about interception in other bays for Togiak salmon that are coming. Jimmy C mentioned of proposal submitted for new regulations on Togiak River sportfishing on using no-barbed lures and what salmon should be kept and when it is effective. Lee Borden (ADF&G sportfishing) told his report of the multi-study on catch & release of salmon conclusion that there was 93% survival rate and 7% may not survive. Lee B. said the salmon were treated rough intentionally to see the results of strength of salmon to survive. Questions also were asked of



bycatch of salmon from trawlers and such, but the AC or some entity from villages must approach NPFMC (North Pacific Fisheries Management Council) on ocean fishing bycatch companies. Area M fisheries was told that there was an 8300 king salmon caught? Moses Kritz wanted to work with angler companies along with villages to see what to do about getting more King salmon returns.

Moose reports – Todd Rinaldi said 6 reported of 24 registered. 2023 moose catch was 23 of 87 registered? Moose population is good in Togiak river drainage. Winter moose survey is hard to tell on sexes because of no antlers, good survey for sex of moose during November. Wolves and bears were actively being removed from calving areas in 2021? This was for moose and caribou calves?

Caribou herds in Mulchatna, Nushagak and Cape Pierce area discussion. Mulchatna has about 12000, Nushagak has about 500+, and Cape Pierce has about 600+. Some caribous don't migrate and move around same area looking for lichen. Some locals have reported seeing some caribou in east Kulukak bay, some at Anchor point area. Questions were asked if any of these can be hunted. AC and authorities can look into expanding Cape Constantine hunting area to go west toward Kulukak bay area and further west maybe. Harvest numbers for Nushagak herd allocations of 120, 50 for Dillingham, 10 for Aleknagik, 20 for Togiak, 20 for Manokotak, 5 each for Twin Hills and Clarks Point.

c. Others

VIII. Public Comment

IX. New Business

- a. Election for expired seats/vacant seats 3-year terms
2-Togiak designated seats (expiring June 30th 2026) Roger Wassillie and Walter Kanulie picked
2-Undesignated seats (expiring June 30th 2026) Moses Kritz and Peter Lockuk were picked.
2-(1 year) alternate seats, Richard Echuck and Sidney Pavian were picked(expiring June 30th 2024)
- b. Election for Advisory Committee as necessary: Motion by Walter K to make Jimmy Coopchiak chairman, 2nd by Moses Kritz, question, discussion, and motion carried. Motion by Jimmy C. to make Joe Alexie Vice Chairman, 2nd by Moses Kritz, question, discussion, and motion carried. Motion by Jimmy C. to make Walter Kanulie secretary, 2nd by Moses Kritz, question, discussion, and motion carried.



- c. Board of Game proposal 189 to reauthorize the Resident Brown Bear Tag free exemption in the Central/Southwest region. Motion by Jimmy C., 2nd by Joe Alexie, question, discussion, and motion carried.
 - d. Board of Game Proposal 200 to reauthorize the Antlerless Moose Season in GMU 17A. Motion by Jimmy C, 2nd by Moses Kritz, question, discussion, and motion carried.
 - e. Other miscellaneous business: Request ADF&G, AWT, FWS employees to attend in person.
- X. Discussion of Approval of Minutes for Submission: will be done by secretary
- XI. Next Meeting Date and Agenda: call of the chair.
- XII. Adjourn 2:05pm

Minutes Recorded By: __Walter Kanulie_____
Minutes Approved By: __Jimmy Coopchiak_____
Date: _February 16, 2024_____



Upper Tanana/Fortymile Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 9th, 2024

- I. Call to Order 7:23
- II. Roll Call: Nikolas Fremin, Frank Entsminger, Peter Talus (secretary), Matt Snyder, Leif Wilson (chair)
- III. Number needed for Quorum 5
- IV. Introduction of Guests: Olivia Irvin Minto Nenana AC, Bruce Ervin, Deena Djallen ADF&G
- V. Approval Motion by Peter, 2nd Frank
- VI. Approval of previous minutes: April 20th 2023 motion by Frank , Matt motion passes
- VII. Reports and updates:
 - A. Chair report: next meeting in Feb. try to get thru interior proposals tonight
 - B. Staff report: New staff Aiden Hunter, and Marie Jamison
20E Moose Survey 2023 2019 5070 2023 3260 west and central 40% reduction
Guess the winter is the biggest factor in bull reductions
Twining rates are still good which is an indicator of quality habitat
MP for Chisana Caribou draft (the comment period is now open) vote on the plan next meeting
- XI. New Business
 - A. Discuss House bill 201 give time for members to digest this and revisit next meeting.
 - B. Board of Game proposals 23-24
On proposal 43 Frank motion Peter second, all in favor 5 yea, 0 no
On proposal 44 Matt motion Frank second, all in favor 0 yea, 5 no comments not to support due to not addressing over crowded hunting in liu of 43
On proposal 45 Frank motioned, Matt second same comments as above all in favor yea 0, no 5
On 46 Frank motioned, Matt second in favor 0 yea, 5 no
On proposal 47 Allow proxy hunting Frank motioned, Matt second all in favor yea 0, no 5
On proposal 48 Frank motion, Matt second been in place for a lot of years yea 5, no 0
On proposal 49 Frank motion Matt second all in favor yea 5 no 0
On proposal 50 Frank motion Matt second all in favor yea 5 no 0
On proposal 52 Frank motion Matt second all in favor yea 5 no 0
On proposal 108 Peter motion Matt second all in favor yea 5 no 0
On proposal 110 Peter motion Matt second all in favor yea 5 no 0
On proposal 111 Matt motion Frank second all in favor yea 0 no 5
On proposal 112 Frank motion Matt second all in favor yea 1 no 2 and 2 abstain
comment for non res hunting but in this case can see the resident point of view, take it back to tribe to talk about it.
On proposal 113 Frank motion Matt second all in favor yea 5 no 0
On proposal 114 Frank motion Matt second all in favor yea 0 no 5
On proposal 115 Frank motion Matt second motion and second retracted
On proposal 116 Frank motion Matt second all in favor yea 5 no 0 (department neutral)
On proposal 118 Matt motion Frank second all in favor yea 0 no 5
On proposal 119 Frank motion Matt second all in favor yea 0 no 5
On proposals 120/121 Frank motion Matt second all in favor yea 5 no 0
On proposal 122 Frank motion Matt second all in favor yea 5 no 0
On proposal 124 Frank motion Matt second all in favor yea 5 no 0
On proposal 130 Matt motion Peter second all in favor yea 5 no 0



Proposal 134 Frank motioned died on the table
On proposal 135 Frank motion Matt second all in favor yea 0 no 5
On proposal 138 Matt motion Frank second all in favor yea 5 no 0

D.
XII. Set meeting for the Feb 6th
Adjourn 10:16



Upper Tanana 40Mile Fish and Game Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes Tuesday Feb 6, 2024

7:02 Meeting called to order

Members present: Matt Snyder, Thor Jorgensen, Carrie Fremin, Leif Wilson, Jake Combs, Alexander Joe, Patricia MacDonald, Peter Talus

F&G Staff: Jeff Gross, Aiden Hunter

Guest:

Joe Felkl Legislative liaison for F&G

Himschoot, House District 2

Barbra Celariuos NPS

Al Barrette BOG member but as member of public

Bruce Ervin

Discussion about Caribou Plan added to agenda

Motion by Matt Second by Patricia to approve minutes motion passed all in favor

Reports

Chair

F&G Staff

House Bill 201: Seeks to align residency standards with PFD dividend exemptions apply. This gives AST defined definition of residency. Just previous 12 months count as time. SB 171 identical. You don't have to apply to the dividend.

Discussions and questions regarding the bill.

Motion by Peter to Support HB201 and SB171 Second by Jake 7 yes 0 no

Leg Update: HB272 BOG provides authority to create hunts for disabled (same def as hunter method and means 70% disability). Angler access surcharge (Dingle Johnson dollars). Bill to allow hatchery to sell fish to stock lakes not on state stocking plan. A bill that would establish authority to have electronic monitoring in fisheries.

Chisana Caribou herd Plan

Discussions on plan

Motion to support draft proposal by Jake second by Thor 7 yes 0 no

Proposals discussions and support

208,207

Joint Board Proposals

108

Matt support 207 second by Frank with addition to amend for the reg to be statewide. Vote 6 yes 0 no

BOG meeting on 3/15 to 3/22 (Is there someone who wants to go) propose A/C's to have the ability to join remotely

Kyle can schedule

No need to schedule another meeting

Adjourn 10:14



Upper Tanana/Fortymile Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 9th, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Tok ADF&G
Conference Room and by web/teleconference

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43	Change all general season sheep harvest tickets in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C to registration permits, and allow hunters to obtain a registration permit once every two years		
SUPPORT	5	0	
44	Reduce the sheep bag limit for resident hunters in Units 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B and 26C to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every two regulatory years		
OPPOSE	0	5	comments not to support due to not addressing over crowded hunting in lieu of 43
45	Reduce the Unit 12, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C sheep bag limit for residents to one ram with full-curl horn or larger every four regulatory years		
OPPOSE	0	5	comments not to support due to not addressing over crowded hunting in lieu of 43
46	Change all sheep hunting in Units 12, 19, and 20 to drawing permit only for residents and nonresidents, with a set allocation of permits between user groups		
OPPOSE	0	5	
47	Allow proxy hunting for bison in Units 12, 19 and 20		
OPPOSE	0	5	
48	Reauthorize resident grizzly/brown bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and Northeast Alaska		
SUPPORT	5	0	
49	Clarify which rivers in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C are major rivers for the purposes of bear baiting		
SUPPORT	5	0	
50	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15		
SUPPORT	5	0	
52	Allow the use of night vision goggles and forward-looking infrared devices for taking furbearers with a trapping license in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C		
SUPPORT	5	0	
108	Reactivate wolf control in a portion of Units 12, 20D, and 20E to benefit moose		



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
SUPPORT	5	0	
110	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20E		
SUPPORT	5	0	
111	Add an archery only, five-day season for residents and nonresidents in Unit 12		
OPPOSE	0	5	
112	Limit nonresident hunting of the Fortymile caribou herd		
OPPOSE	1	2	2 abstentions. Comment: for non res hunting but in this case can see the resident point of view, take it back to tribe to talk about it.
113	Close caribou hunting within ¼ mile or 100 yards of the Steese Highway above tree line on Eagle and Twelvemile summits in Unit 20		
SUPPORT	5	0	
114	Allow proxy hunting for caribou in Units 20B, 20D, 20E, 20F, and 24C registration hunts		
OPPOSE	0	5	
115	Require hunters taking Fortymile caribou to gut the animals in the field		
NO ACTION			
116	Implement a non-intensive management predator control plan within the Tok Management Area to benefit Dall sheep		
SUPPORT	5	0	
118	Allocate a portion of the Tok Management Area sheep drawing permits to archery only, or create a new archery only hunting area		
OPPOSE	0	5	
119	Set the sheep bag limit in Unit 12 for resident hunters based on the age of the ram harvested		
OPPOSE	0	5	
120	Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12		
SUPPORT	5	0	
121	Increase the brown/grizzly bear bag limit for residents in a portion of Unit 12		
SUPPORT	5	0	
122	Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 12 and 20E by approximately six weeks to end on June 15		
SUPPORT	5	0	
124	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 20E and 25B by two weeks, to close March 15		
SUPPORT	5	0	
130	Award up to 10% of permits for DS203 and DS204 to nonresidents, and remove the allocation between guided and nonguided nonresidents		
SUPPORT	5	0	



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
134	Change the time frame for which a person can be awarded Mt. Harper sheep drawing permit DS206 in Units 20E and 20D, to one permit every four regulatory years or once per lifetime		
NO ACTION			
135	Close Mount Harper sheep drawing hunt DS206 in Units 20D and 20E, to nonresidents		
OPPOSE	0	5	
138	Allow brown bears to be taken over bait in Unit 20D south of the Tanana River		
SUPPORT	5	0	

Minutes Recorded By: Peter Talus

Minutes Approved By: FULL AC

Date: 2/6/2024

**Upper Tanana/Fortymile Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting
 Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Tok ADF&G
 Conference Room and by web/teleconference**

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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
207	Repeal the age criteria for full-curl horn rams for Dall sheep hunts in Interior and Eastern Arctic Region		
SUPPORT AS AMENDED	6	0	Amend to apply statewide.

Minutes Recorded By: Peter Talus

Minutes Approved By: Leif Wilson (Chair)

Date: 2/28/2024



Yukon Flats Fish & Game Advisory Committee Meeting

Saturday, February 10th, 2024 at 10am
ADFG Conference Room
Fairbanks, AK and by web/teleconference

- I. **Call to Order:**
- II. **Members Present:** Walter Peter (chair), Michael Peter, Amanda Pope, Lonnie Buresch, Peter Hjelm, Clayton Tacket, Rhonda Pitka, Bruce Thomas (alternate), Ronald Yatlin (alternate)
Members Absent: Gary Simple Jr., Charles John, Sly Blackbird
- III. **Introductions**
 - a. **Members:**
 - b. **Fish and Game Staff:** Mark Nelson, Jordan Pruszenski, Brian LeMay (AWT)
 - c. **Guests:** Mark Richards (FAC), Olivia Henaayee Irwin (MNAC), Bruce Thomas, Ronny Yatlin, Gale Vick (FAC)
- IV. **Public Comment**
 - a. Motion to appoint Ronny Yatlin to the Yukon Flats AC from Beaver as an alternate
 - i. Vote took place, Motion carries, unanimous consent
 - b. AC Concerns and Comments
 - i. Amanda Pope stepped down as Vice Chair (prior to this meeting)
 - ii. Secretary Position- Olivia Henaayee Irwin
 1. Rhonda Pitka made a motion, seconded, approved
- V. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Add in Board of Fish Proposal 43- Comment deadline Monday, Feb 12
 - b. Motion, seconded, approved
- VI. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** (Page 17-18)
- VII. **Old Business**
- VIII. **New Business**
 - a. ADF&G Staff Updates
Moose Management & Counts
 - i. Gearing up for BOG meetings, we as staff are done with comments, as soon as Juneau releases them they'll be available



- ii. Jordan: Yukon Flats Survey Fall 2024, Survey didn't get done this year, department asking for more funding to do a survey that hasn't been done since 2015.
 1. Ron Yatlin: Can you give us an update from the most recent moose count?
 - a. Jordan: 2015 last moose count conducted
 - b. Rhonda: So we're using 2015 data to make management decisions?
 - c. Jordan: Yes because of weather, the snow hasn't provided enough visibility to count correctly. The fall surveys weren't working so they shifted to spring which makes it hard to view bull:cow ratios. Jordan wants to keep bull:cow ratios, so we're holding off the survey
 - i. Spring survey isn't equivalent to fall surveys, we get different data i.e. bull:cow vs cow:calf, etc.
 2. 2015 25D East Moose Count (2015)
 - a. Density remained the same through the past 20 years roughly
 - b. 600-700 moose western portion, 4,000 in the rest of the unit
 3. Ronny: Late 80s early 90s there were a lot more moose
 4. What's the timeframe for surveys? November
 5. Rhonda: We need this data!
 6. What's the harvest data?
 - a. Western Portion
 - i. About 12-15 Moose, issues with reporting, we're assuming 20-25
 - ii. Ceremonial Harvest- a few moose
 - iii. Harvestable surplus- 30-35, we're close to the harvestable surplus
 - b. Eastern
 - i. Harvest tickets- 30-40, some Ceremonial Moose taken as well
- iii. Department Staff: We're still managing using 2015 data
- iv. Mike: Seems like there's more people coming on the river, don't know if people are driving and getting in at the bridge, but we've seen people drive by with 5 moose horns, if they took out all the meat from all those animals that boat would have sunk!
 1. We need to quantify this impact!
 2. The department has been hearing about this, we encourage you to take photos, report it!
- v. Trooper LaMay: GMU 25A, North of Yukon River (his jurisdiction)



- vi. Rhonda: Problem is that submissions are all online, it's an accessibility issue in the permit system. Harvest permits available online.
 - 1. TM940- anyone can get this permit, issues with outsiders coming in to hunt
- vii. High water marks- main channel, state land
- b. 2023-2024 Board of Game Proposals
 - i. Amanda Popes Proposals: 163, 164, 166

AC Comments

- Proposal 163: Require the salvage of meat (on the bone)
 - "I think it's a good idea, supporting this would be following our traditional way. We're trying to show these people how we live our lives, following our traditional ways is bringing it back to making them do how we do" (AC Members)
 - Motion to support 163, seconded, unanimous support
- Proposal 164: Salvage of organs
 - "Only problem I have is, liver starts to go bad after September 10"
 - Rhonda: What about just the head?
 - Motion to support, seconded, unanimous consent
- Proposal 166: Black bear, brown bears taken by bucket snares
 - Checking time and how to deal with catching an animal out of season
 - Black bears are considered furbearers, Grizzly are not considered furbearers, black bears you can take everything, grizzly's you can't take sows or cows
 - So should we separate the black bear and brown bear? In order for it to pass for brown bears, they would have to be considered a furbearer not a big game animal
 - Support with comments of checking time and placement of the bucket snares
 - Unanimous consent

Chair asked Amanda if she'd go to BOG to speak on behalf of her proposals- Amanda wanted to excuse herself thinking there was a conflict with her being the author of the proposal and testifying as a representative of the AC, Kyle and Rhonda don't think that's the case



- c. 2023-2024 Joint Board Proposals
- d. Other fisheries, wildlife, and committee business if needed
 - i. Proposal 43: Hatchery Reduction
 1. Where is the hatchery located? Tutka Bay, Cook Inlet, Pink Salmon
 2. We are trying to get out information about the impact of hatcheries on wild stocks in Alaska -Gale Vick
 3. AC Comments; I support 43 because it's an ongoing problem and we know we have issues with fish and part of those problems is the hatchery. This is a very good proposal.
 4. Rhonda: What would 25% of the reduction be Gale?
 5. Gale: RC 021- Explanation of this proposal
 - a. Tatku Bay permitted at 125 million eggs, we are asking for a 75% reduction in that amount
 6. Clayton: Do these hatcheries have set limits that they go by? Are they allowed to go over the population that they produce?
 7. Gale: Each hatchery has a set egg of stock, this hatchery has gone over in the past, some go under because of water and power, but they all have permits that cap their egg
 8. Clayton: If we do approve this, what resources will be there that they aren't going to use? Trying to understand the impacts we're getting when we're trying to reduce the number. The reduction in the amount of fish will benefit our population, what was the main reason for the fisheries to be started? Venetie would support having a lower output in hatcheries
 9. This proposal makes sense to me, our ocean is overpopulated, in order for our wild salmon to rebound this is part of the process that has to take place. We're always competing against commercials and this is a big commercial industry. They catch millions of fish per day, and we can't even go out once. It's sad for the fish.
 10. Rhonda Pitka: Motion to support
 - a. Seconded, unanimous consent



Alaska **Board of Fisheries** Upper Cook Inlet Meeting Proposals

February 23-March 7, 2024 | Anchorage, 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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43	Amend Basic Management Plans as follows (<i>This proposal will be heard and public testimony will be taken at both the LCI and UCI meetings and deliberated at the UCI meeting</i>):		
SUPPORT	9	0	This proposal makes sense to me, our ocean is overpopulated, in order for our wild salmon to rebound this is part of the process that has to take place. We're always competing against commercials and this is a big commercial industry. They catch millions of fish per day, and we can't even go out once. It's sad for the fish.

Alaska **Board of Game** Interior and Eastern Arctic Region Meeting Proposals

March 15-22, 2024 | Fairbanks, AK

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50	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24 and 25 by two weeks to end March 15		
OPPOSE	0	8	We used to live in prime Marten country, but they got over harvested We'd like to give our marten more time to reproduce and build up the populations our locals have seen decline. There is little to no market for the fur at this point in the season.



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Support, Support as Amended, Oppose, No Action	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments, Discussion (list Pros and Cons), Amendments to Proposal, Voting Notes
112	Limit nonresident hunting of the Fortymile caribou herd		
Support	8	0	This proposal aims to address the declining caribou herd populations. Hunting pressures would be reduced if this proposal were to pass. It increases opportunity for residents and local hunters who rely on the herd for subsistence needs. IM Objective is 50,000-100,000, the herd population estimate is currently 38,000, for conservation concerns and concerns for meeting subsistence needs the Yukon Flats AC supports this proposal to restrict nonresident hunters.
113	Close caribou hunting within ¼ mile or 100 yards of the Steese Highway above tree line on Eagle and Twelvemile summits in Unit 20		
SUPPORT	8	0	Reduces waste, and reduces the likelihood of a public safety disaster.
124	Lengthen the marten trapping season in Units 20E and 25B by two weeks, to close March 15		
OPPOSE	0	8	Best trapping in November and December, the fur gets bad late in the spring once the sun comes out.
139	Reduce the bag limit for taking caribou in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D and 26A to four caribou per year, only one of which may be a cow		
SUPPORT	8	0	The Western Arctic Caribou herd has dropped dramatically in the last few years so this reduction in harvest makes sense.
140	Close nonresident caribou hunting in Units 21D Remainder, 22, 23, 24B Remainder, 24C, 24D, and 26A		
SUPPORT	8	0	Due to conservation concerns and declines in the caribou herd population, Yukon Flats supports
141	Close the youth sheep hunts in Units 24A and 25A		
OPPOSE	0	8	The participation and harvest of these hunts is low. We do not want to take away from the intent of this hunt or opportunity for the youth
142	Change sheep hunting in portions of Units 24A and 25A to archery only		
OPPOSE	0	8	Very limited hunting opportunities.
146	Adopt an Intensive Management Program and implement wolf control on all state lands in Units 24A and 25A		
SUPPORT	8	0	Support for proposals 146-151. We've noticed in recent years the high numbers of wolves in our area and make their way into our villages. It's become a public safety concern.
147	Allow hunters to take wolves in Units 24 and 25 the same day they have been airborne		
SUPPORT	8	0	
148	Create a predator control program for wolves in Units 24A and 25A		
SUPPORT	8	0	
149	Lengthen the wolf trapping season in Units 24 and the remainder of 25 by one month, to open October 1		
SUPPORT	8	0	



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150	Lengthen the wolf hunting season in Units 24 and 25		
SUPPORT	8	0	
151	Increase the hunting bag limit for wolves in Units 24 and 25		
SUPPORT	8	0	
152	Increase the resident bag limit for brown bear in Units 24C and 24D, and open a fall bait season in Units 21B and 24B		
SUPPORT	8	0	Our members have heard of larger bears showing up in this area. Concern for moose populations in this area.
158	Allow nonresident sheep hunting by drawing permit only in portions of Units 25A, 26B, and 26C		
TAKE NO ACTION			Take no action- This proposal would limit guides. The guides are flying in and shooting all our animals. For this area where the population is low, we need to place some limits.
163	Align salvage requirements for caribou in Units 25B, 25C, and 25D with Unit 25A to require meat of caribou remain on the bone when harvested prior to October 1		
SUPPORT	8	0	I think it's a good idea, supporting this would be following our traditional way. We're trying to show these people how we live our lives, following our traditional ways is bringing it back to making them do how we do
164	Require the liver, heart, and tongue of moose and caribou harvested in Units 25 to be salvaged		
SUPPORT	8	0	
165	Create an intensive management plan for reducing wolves in Unit 25D		
SUPPORT	8	0	This proposal would create an intensive management plans and create a population reduction plan. See rational in original proposal submitted by our AC.
166	Establish trapping seasons for black and brown/grizzly bears and allow black and brown/grizzly bears to be taken by bucket snares in Unit 25D		
SUPPORT	8	0	Support with comments of checking time and placement of the bucket snares

Minutes Recorded By: Olivia Irwin

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____