

Alaska Board of Game

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ALASKA BOARD OF GAME Committee Meeting Topic: Unit 19C Sheep Working Group December 28, 2023 – Web Conference

Meeting Summary

The Board of Game committee assigned to form a working group concerning Dall sheep management for Unit 19C, met via web-conference on Thursday, December 28, 2023, convening at approximately 3:05 p.m. Members Jerry Burnett, Stosh Hoffman, and Jake Fletcher were present. The committee was chaired by Jerry Burnett.

The meeting was open to the public to listen via live audio stream. The meeting audio and all meeting material including public comments and a draft charge statement, are available on the meeting information website at: www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=gameboard.meetinginfo &date=12-28-2023&meeting=webconference.

Following the introductions and opening business, the committee voted unanimously to convene an executive session to discuss the applicants interested in serving on the working group. After the executive session, a motion was made to accept the following list of individuals to serve on the working group, in addition to the board committee members.

Scott Crowther, Anchorage AC. Brett Gibbens or another representative from the McGrath AC. Mike Litzen, Guide with Dall sheep hunting experience in Unit 19C. Michelle Quillen, fall season Dall sheep resident hunter. Chait Borade of CIRI, Unit 19C private landowner. Dave Schirokauer with the Denali National Park & Preserve, non-hunting use of Unit 19C.

The committee discussed scheduling the first working group meeting in January, which will be an organizational meeting and to discuss expectations of the group and information needed from agencies. The meeting will be via Zoom and taking public testimony is not expected since it will be an organizational meeting. Once the working group members are informed and their availability known, Chair Burnett will work with staff to set a date and time.

The committee revisited the charge to make a technical correction about the nonresident sheep bag limit. The committee also clarified the timeline of any recommendations resulting from the Working Group is not likely to occur before the March 2024 Board of Game meeting.

The committee meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m.