

**Alaska Board of Game
On-Time Advisory Committee Comment Index
Arctic/Western Region Meeting
January 10-13, 2014**

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**Lower Kobuk AC
12/12/13
Kiana School Library**

- I. Call to Order: Time 11:47 am by Raymond Stoney

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Raymond Stoney-Chairman, Glenn Miller-Secretary, Larry Westlake Sr., Lonnie Tebbits, Leonard Brown, and Clyde Ramoth (telephonic)
Members Absent: Wilbur Howarth Sr. & George Sheldon
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:5

List of User Groups Present:
Subsistence Hunters, Trappers, IRA Council, High School Class, Teachers

- III. Approval of Agenda: Agenda Approved

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2.19.13
Minutes for the Upper Kobuk and Lower Kobuk Joint Meeting reviewed but were unofficial minutes reviewed them for information only
Minutes approved

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carmen Daggett-Boards Support, Brandon Saito-Unit 23 Area Biologist

- VI. Guests Present:
Kathy Scott-Kiana Principal
Dan Douglas
Jack Johnson
Millie Sheldon
Delores Barr
Phillip Anderson
Anne Walker
Kirsten Beecroft
Herman Schaeffer
Lee Barr
Jenny Westlake
Michael Schuerch
Mason Morris
Frank Jackson Jr.
Brandon Sheldon
Christina Westlake
Lindsey Westlake-Reich



Inukuk Gerhardt-Cyrus
Katie Ahkpuk
Elysa Mackenzie
Amber Barr
Daniel Mink

VII. New Business:
Public Comments and Concerns:

Lonnie Tebbits I went through the last meeting's minutes. It looks like you had a good discussion about the musk ox and the bear.

Dan Douglas: What are we going to do with these wolves? We are concerned when they start trying to kill dogs they are really going to be a nuisance. We have kids going to school in the morning in the dark. We have kids playing out with dark spots. We have just started patrolling on the outskirts of town and VPO and VPSO are patrolling in town. They are trying to get the alpha male so that they will scattered. The whole town is concerned about wolves. We need advice from Fish and Game. We got information that you can't chase wolf with a snow machine.

Brandon Saito: Under a regular hunting license you can shoot up to 20 wolves. You just need to seal the hides. The deal with snow machines, says you cannot shoot a wolf from a machine that is running. You are not supposed to shoot from a moving vehicle. There was a member from the Upper Tanana area on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group that held a wolf snaring course and offered to come teach about wolf snaring and trapping.

Larry Westlake: There is city ordinance that you cannot shoot a wolf in town. In case of an emergency can you use a firearm.

Brandon Saito: I would leave that to VPSO to fill you in on the situation of town ordinances. I would imagine that if you are threatened you could deal with that, but you should talk to the VPSO.

Raymond Stoney: The only way to control it you have to be authorized by the city to discharge firearms in town. The city can authorize someone to be designated to discharge weapons in town. Off of city limits it is your choice, otherwise you have to be assigned by the city to shoot within city limits. There is a lot of concern in Noorvik they want to do the same thing in Kiana. The wolf population in Noorvik has grown too and the wolves are not very friendly either.

Thomas Jackson: On an emergency basis can we do aerial hunts with a plane.

Brandon Saito: What sort of emergency are you talking about shooting from a plane. I don't think so, I think in those cases Fish and Game would have to do aerial take for predator control.

Glenn Miller: Are they aware that we have a serious predator problem.



Lonnie Tebbits: There are a lot of wolves close by all over. It is quiet as far as caribou go. In the delta there are pockets here and there.

Raymond Stoney: Inquires if the caribou around Lockheart Point?

Carmen Daggett: Explains people haven't been hunting much because of the weather.

VIII. Department Reports

Carmen Daggett: Explains new meeting minute set up and necessary time frame. Requests a reviewer for meeting minutes that is responsive and timely.

Glenn Miller & Lonnie Tebbits: Contacts for minute review and will help distribute minutes in advance.

Presented findings from the Joint Board pertinent to the region.

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
All motions must be made in the affirmative.			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	18	Extend the wolf hunting season in Unit 22.	
No action			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The time frame is too late in the year. I don't like to hunt when there are pups and the fur won't be good. If they want to hunt till April 1st let them.
BOG	25	Change the Noatak River musk ox hunt area boundary to include the entire Noatak drainage and all areas north and west of the Kobuk River drainage.	
Support	5	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Buckland and Deering there are human made boundaries, like state and federal land, that animals don't abide by. There should be one hunting area that encompasses the population expanse. Concern about musk ox abundance expressed. Musk ox numbers are not really declining their range is just increasing. Lonnie Tebbits: Expresses concern over that the same people keep getting the Tier II musk ox permits. Larry: I don't see any problem in changing the boundaries Glenn Miller: If you were on one side of the river, and they are the other then you wouldn't be able to allow. Glenn Miller: Motion to support.
BOG	26	Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.	
Support	5	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brandon Saito: There are only 10 antlerless moose harvested each year and the department supports an antlerless take from this population. The last meeting people have been see a steady drop in the moose because of increase in the number of predators. At the last meeting people were saying there were high numbers on the Lower Kobuk there



			<p>has been a sharp decline in the moose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have seen a 50% decrease in calves in the Lower Kobuk and Lower Noatak. It is possible that people might exchange moose for caribou if caribou populations decline. It is possible that this take might increase and it might affect the population later. • Larry Westlake: It sounds like there is no change in the moose and not a significant take of moose. The cow moose season is a minimal hunt. I would go for no change in this hunt. • Glenn Miller: The moose were a blessing this year with the caribou being late. There were a lot more people hunting moose. Up the Squirrel there were so many big moose that were getting over populated. • Motion to support proposal 26
BOG	27	Modify brown bear harvest in Unit 23 on lands managed by the National Park Service.	
Opposed	0	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brandon Saito: The department opposes this proposal. If anything we have seen increases in brown bears. In 1983 was the first bear census one bear was every 26 sq miles and now there are 2-3 bears per 26 sq miles. People, locals, hunters, and guides, have been saying that they are seeing more bears • We haven't seen more people killing more bears. The non-residents seem to want to hunt more. We only have 68 permits that are being used by non-residents. There are hunts in the spring that aren't getting used. The proposal reinstates the tag fees for residents. Everything is so expensive to go hunting it is meant to encourage resident participation. Right now you can hunt one bear every year and now you have to wait. • Glenn Miller: Who is the National Park Conservation Association? Do they just want a bigger piece of the pie? • Carmen Daggett: This a group that works to fund some National Park activities and research. They are not the national park service. The national park service is neutral on this proposal. • Larry Westlake: I think we are trying to cut down the number of bears that we can take. We can get a bear every year with a permit on federal land we can get a bear without a permit on federal land. It was just last year or a couple years ago we had bear problems here and the population is still around. This group is not here they are from somewhere else and they don't eat bear meat. It is subsistence meat. I would go against this proposal. • Lonnie Tebbits: I would go against this proposal, I have a camp on Kobuk Lake and we never used to see bears at that camp they were more up river and inland and now we see them almost every day. Too much. • Glenn Miller: There are a lot of bears around the Salmon River it is a scary place. This is group just wants a bigger piece of pie. Their data around Red Dog.. • Carmen Daggett: The data about Red Dog was given by Brandon Saito. • The data from the National Park Service hasn't been entirely released and it doesn't agree with the data that Brandon presented. • Glenn Miller: you look at who submits the proposal it tells you a lot. • Raymond Stoney: We could write a proposal ourselves. It doesn't make



			<p>any sense for someone who is 1,000 miles away to write a proposal for here. We need to write a proposal ourselves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carmen Daggett: Refers back to the minutes about proposals and amendments for this proposal.• Raymond Stoney: When should an amendment be submitted.• Carmen Daggett: Explains amendment procedures.• Raymond Stoney: This has been some problems with brown bears with cubs. There was a discussion last time with Jim Dau about dealing with brown bears and cubs and if there is a sow that is causing problems under defense of life and property, what should be done with the cubs. There should be regulations that state that if you kill the sow with young cubs you should kill the young cubs too. Discussion was that if you kill the sow you should kill the two cubs and surrender the hide and the skulls to the state.• Carmen Daggett: Explains that it is not regulation to shoot cubs and situations where a sow is taken under DLP the situation should be discussed with a wildlife trooper and if the cubs are taken the hide and skulls should be surrendered to the state. The troopers need to be talked with about this situation though before anything regarding the cubs is done. Be up front up as possible. The law does not say you should shoot the cubs.• Lonnie Tebbits: I don't know how you could amend this one. It looks all wrong. I would like to see we get more bears for residents or have more guided hunts. What this thing is doing, you wait for a few years to get bear mortality. Let's not go there where there is no morality. There are bears at my camp where we never used to see them and now we see them frequently. I don't see how we can amend this proposal.• Carmen Daggett: Explains how this proposal opens the code for discussion at the board of game meeting and amendments can be made. You can take this proposal and make it be something completely opposite.• Explains Lance Kramer thought two bears every one year would be sufficient to get the job done.• Refers back to discussion in the Upper Kobuk and Lower Kobuk Joint AC meeting that several amendments were offered as possibilities by Jim Dau and Brandon Saito.• Increase non-resident hunting, with a two year sunset. The non-residents would still have to pay the tag fee, they would still need a guide, but they wouldn't have to draw. It would just be a registration hunt. That is the highest demand for bears. Local people are taking a very small number of bears. Jim was saying that is the group of people you want to target to get the numbers down. He was not sure if you wanted to have that many non-residents in this region. Jim was saying that guides were expressing that their clients would have liked to have gone out and gotten a brown bear, but they couldn't because they had to draw for them. They said if they would have been able to guarantee getting a brown bear they would have come back in from the field and
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			<p>gotten a tag and gone back out if they could have, but they couldn't because they had to draw for them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lonnie Tebbits: Would we eliminate all of these three and put what we want in here? • Carmen Daggett: As long as you stay within in this section of code. • Glenn Miller: I think we should oppose on this and I think we should wait to amend the proposal, till we have some time to deal with it. I know Bill is a big bear hunter or people from Selawik that are bear hunters. If there is someone who wants to sit down and write this proposal. • Lonnie Tebbits: Can we just say we reject this proposal and traditional ecological knowledge says there are a lot of bear numbers? Instead of amending it. • Carmen Daggett: Explains procedures to using the RCs as a way to extend time for an amendment to be submitted. Explains the clout of ACs and the time to testify in front of the board. • Larry Westlake: Suggests to have a bear that residents could get one in the spring and one in the fall, every year. Inquires about getting a subsistence bear and a sport bear from the fall and the spring as a possible proposal. We hunt them for meat. • Brandon Saito: Explains current regulations for a bear taken under subsistence regulations versus state regulations. • Carmen Daggett: Explains if you want to make an amendment you could submit it as an RC to the board and have it signed by the AC members. • Larry Westlake: We could still get a permit from the state in the spring and the fall and still get a subsistence bear. • Lonnie Tebbits: Does the subsistence bear have to be in federal land? • Larry Westlake: The subsistence bear has to be on federal land. The Federal would be best in the spring time, where you could travel a long ways inland because of more snow and longer days. The state better one for the fall. I don't know if it works that way or not. This affects all of the other villages. • Lonnie Tebbits: I motion to not support this proposal.
BOG	28	Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 23 to a no closed season and no limit	
Support	5	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raymond Stoney: I think I saw a coyote once. • Lonnie Tebbits: I have seen a lot of coyotes along the pipeline. • Brandon Saito: Department supported this proposal. • Glenn Miller: I know Bill Zibell killed a coyote. There are too many wolves here, they will kill coyotes. Why would we want to introduce another natural born killer for caribou and sheep. I am for opening it up. Motions to adopt proposal 28.
BOG	29	Allow the sale of caribou antlers harvested in Unit 23.	
Opposed	0	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brandon Saito: Gives history, current law, and department comments. What Jim Dau and others have reported in the past is that people were willing caribou to make money off of the antlers. Caribou numbers were high and it was an easy way to get a lot of cash. It created a bad situation for want and waste. Now is a time we need to be more



			<p>concerned about them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clyde Ramoth: We had people from Anchorage and the valley came into Selawik to purchase antlers, and we had people that left the meat behind and took the antlers. Antlers were stolen from people's yards.• Raymond Stoney: 20 years ago this got out control. There was a lot of want and waste of caribou, when extra caribou were shot for their antlers. You can't buy or sell antlers that are not naturally shed or made into a handicraft.• There have been discussion about the use of money instead of getting used for gas coming back the money was being used for drugs and alcohol not gas. It is up to you now to decide if these should be sold. They are saying that is going to be uncontrolled.• There should be a big penalty if you get caught selling antlers. Otherwise you will see dead caribou all over the place without any antlers.• Lonnie Tebbits: I think this is a proposal is in the wrong time, the herd is in decline and referring back to the minutes, I see it as stressor to decline. I would wait a few years to see the herd to come back. I think when that happens we can thing about this.• I see the minutes from the Upper Kobuk Lower Kobuk Joint meeting and I like the idea of having students or an organization use the money from the antlers.• Have a tab at the store for gas.• I am opposed to this right now; I don't think we should allow this right now while the herd is in decline.• Clyde Ramoth: I agree with Raymond Stoney and Lonnie Tebbits because of what I saw in Selawik.• Brandon Saito refers to old minutes where Jim Dau said enforcement is a problem and people were stealing antlers and there is only one Wildlife Trooper for this entire region.• Brandon Saito: It is really quick to kill and take the antlers and be gone and it takes too long for troopers to get to the site before people are gone.• Raymond Stoney: Previously they were marketed as handicraft.• Larry Westlake: I agree with Lonnie and the law what it is right now. My problem is that they are still selling the antlers. We need more enforcement to make the law. What I don't like is something that doesn't work. We have this law that it is illegal to sell antlers that are raw and it is still happening.• Brandon: Explains it is legal to sell antlers that are naturally shed. There haven't been any busts to catching people who have been selling antlers. People need to call the trooper.• Larry Westlake: Would it be possible to get something in the trespass program?• Brandon: I am familiar with program; I am not sure how that would work.• Clyde Ramoth: There were people buying them and selling them in
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			<p>Selawik at night. This time of year elders like to keep their antlers for memory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raymond Stoney: It is our decision to approve or disapprove of this proposal. We don't want to see it happen like it did 20 years ago. It got way out of control. When you harvest a caribou and leave the meat the fine is \$6000 and you lose your hunting license. • Glenn Miller: I already had someone steal a moose rack out of my yard in order to sell it from the middle of the night, sawed it up and sold it to the buyer illegally. My philosophy I want the meat, you can't eat antlers. I agree with my Noorvik and Kiana colleagues. I would like to go to opposing this proposal. • Lonnie Tebbits: The bulls are rutted by the time they get here and who wants a rutted caribou or moose? • Lindsay- I agree that I do not want to allow the sale of antlers because I don't want to see caribou go to waste, I don't want to see meat wasted. • Raymond Stoney: There would be a lot of buyers and we won't know where they come from on where the antlers go and there will be a big mark up on them and the profit won't stay local. They charter a C130 to come get antlers and sell them for five times what we will get paid for them. • Jack from Elder Council: We shouldn't be selling all of the antlers. We use them at the high school. • Lonnie Tebbits: I don't agree with what will happen with nothing is done. Antlers won't go to waste. They go back to the Earth and people can use them to make things. • All opposed this proposal
BOG	30	Open resident sheep seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in Region V.	
No action			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenn Miller: With the weather events that we had, because the sheep are taking a beating. We talked with Umericks about doing a survey about doing surveys. I wouldn't want to bend them if you want. It would be good to know that first before we start to decide that on any proposals. Has Jim mentioned if he has been flying? • Carmen Daggett: Jim hasn't been flying. • Larry Westlake: We got a lot of rain and it went all the way to the North Slope, so there animals higher up are going to experience a pounding with the rain. There should be a survey before making this decision because of rainfall. • Lonnie Tebbits: Inquires when the subsistence hunt dates are? • Raymond Stoney: It takes about 7 years to get a full curl and there are not that many full curl sheep. • Glenn Miller: Inquires if Kotzebue Sound voted on this? • Carmen Daggett: They did not vote on these. • Glenn Miller: I am all for taking no action on this one till we get more information.



BOG	31	Open resident sheep seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in Region V	
Support	5	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would rather have 10 days over 7 days, you can run over time. Until we have more data we are just going to be spinning our wheels. You can get socked in up there. I have seen sheep coming down in the spring time. I have seen them in Cleary Creek. There are a few guides out of Kotzebue. I think they want to spread people and guide outfits out. Lonnie Tebbits: It is quite a hunt and an experience to climb 4-5,000 feet and have that experience. Glenn Miller: I think we should have an advantage of residents over the non-residents. Raymond Stoney: There are a few sheep around. I have seen some sheep in Timber Creek, but man that is a dangerous place. Glenn Miller: I think we should have an advantage over people who have a lot of money.
BOG	32	Create a bowhunting only season for Dall sheep in Region V.	
Opposed	0	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I wouldn't support the bow hunting. This is more for the guide people. You are going to go up on top of the mountain slip and kill yourself. Are there any people in this area that hunt with a bow? There are few people that hunt with bows in this area, not sure if they hunt sheep. There are some sheep that get stuck with an arrow in it. It takes one tough person to get an animal with a bow. There should be a survey done before we do this. We should have a crack at sheep not non-locals.
BOG	33	Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing hunts and limit permit distribution to ten percent of the annual ten year average in Region V	
No action			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenn Miller: We bigger fish to fry. Don't they have committee for this? I am not a biologist and we don't have enough information. We are flying wide. I would like the numbers front of me. They haven't flown the sheep herd lately. They don't know what is going on today. You need a lot of data to start to change this sort of thing. We don't know where we are at. Lonnie Tebbits: If there has been a significant drop in numbers of sheep and if we average that over ten years that is a scary decision to make. Larry Westlake: We don't have an open season on Dall Sheep? Raymond Stoney: There have been emergency closures for sheep for non-residents. There were a lot of people in Wisconsin and New York, same day they arrive there is always an emergency closure, they pay all of that money to get here and then don't get to hunt. We need to have a biologist here to answer this question. There was a guy from a non-resident took a full curl sheep took the head



			and didn't salvage the sheep.
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I don't like the 10 year average part of this proposal. It is unreliable.
BOG	35	Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region V.	
Support	5	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenn Miller: I am not a big guy on snares; this is not a good way to get bears. You would get incidental catch. You would have to run that thing every day. You don't want to deal a bear caught in a snare. We don't bait bears. Who put this proposal in? Alaska Wildlife Alliance I don't agree with running traps, snares or baiting bears. We don't do that here.
BOG	36	Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents in Region V.	
Support	5	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These make it easier for residents to have an advantage over non-residents which is a good thing. Support proposals 36 and 37
BOG	37	Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents in Region V.	
Support	5	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These make it easier for residents to have an advantage over non-residents which is a good thing. Support proposals 36 and 37
BOG	38	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
Support	5	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I don't like being nickel and dimed by the state.

Old Business:

Adjournment: 3:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By: _Carmen Daggett & Glenn Miller
 Minutes Approved By: *glenn a miller*
 Date: 12/19/2013

Anchorage Fish & Game Advisory Committee Comments for the
Arctic/Western Region BOG meeting



Anchorage Advisory Committee met and discussed the proposals December 3, 2013.

Members Present: Bruce Morgan,(Chairman) Jim Stubbs,(Vice Chair) Kevin Sparrowgrove,(Secretary), George Jacoby, Grant Klotz, Joel Donner, Kevin Taylor, Mark Campbell, Vince Baldauf, Robert Caywood, Frank Neumann, Robert Peck

Region V Comments

Discussed, and voted on proposal's #27 through #37.

Kotzebue Area – Unit 23

Proposal 27

AC Vote: 0 Support, 12 Oppose

Description: Modify brown bear harvest in Unit 23 on lands managed by the National Park Service.

Discussion: We support the current Regulation, and see No reason for change. The Department studies show no evidence of over Harvest of Bears, or a decreasing Bear population

Proposal 28

AC Vote: 12 Support, 0 Oppose

Description: Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 23 to a no closed season and no limit

Discussion: Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal, would like to see this as a State wide Proposal

Proposal 29

AC Vote: 12 Support, 0 Oppose

Description: Allow the sale of caribou antlers harvested in Unit 23.

Discussion: Supported for reasons stated in the Proposal. Once you legally harvest your Game it becomes your property, and you should be able to do what you want with your antlers. However enforcement would be difficult if this is not a State Wide Regulation.

Regional and Multiple Units

Proposal 30

AC Vote: 0 Support, 12 Oppose

Description: Open resident sheep seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in Region V.

Discussion: We do not favor a Head-Start program for Resident Hunters. Adding more hunting days to the season could result in more stress on the Sheep, and increased Harvest, which could then lead to over harvest concerns.

Proposal 31

AC Vote: 0 Support, 12 Oppose

Description: Open resident sheep seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in Region V

Discussion: Same Discussion as Proposal #30.

Proposal 32

AC Vote: 0 Support, 12 Oppose

Description: Create a bowhunting only season for Dall sheep in Region V.

Discussion: We are Opposed to adding a special season, by lengthening the season with an early opener for Bow Hunters. That would create a 51 day season. Again we have concerns for the sheep population, the additional pressure, and long season adding stress to the population.

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Proposal 33

AC Vote: 11 Support, 1 Oppose

Description: Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing hunts and limit permit distribution to ten percent of the annual ten year average in Region V

Discussion: Supported for reason stated in the Proposal, Most hunts outside of Alaska that have draws limit the Nonresidents to 10% of the draw. The majority felt it would be best to limit nonresident first, before we have to limit Resident Hunters. The one opposed felt it was wrong to limit nonresident if there wasn't a population concern, and if there was, then the hunt would have to be a draw for both Residents, and Nonresidents.

Proposal 34

AC Vote: Take no action

Description: Allocate a small percent of game harvest for nonresidents in Unit 26.

Discussion: TNA See comments on Proposals # 33, 36, and 37.

Proposal 35

AC Vote: 0 Support, 12 Oppose

Description: Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region V.

Discussion: Currently there is no Legal Bear Snaring in Region v. Snaring is only permitted under Predator Control Programs, which currently there are none in Region V. We also don't favor limiting the Department by taking this tool out of their tool box

Proposal 36

AC Vote: 12 Support, 0 Oppose

Description: Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents in Region V.

Discussion: We support the idea that if a resource is being limited by a draw, then there should be cap, not to exceed 10% for Nonresidents.

Proposal 37

AC Vote: 12 Support, 0 Oppose

Description: Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents in Region V.

Discussion: Supported for reasons stated in Proposal , Same comments as Proposal #36.



**North Slope Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
September 10-11, 2013
Barrow & Point Lay, Alaska**

- I. Call to Order: @ 9:05 am by Vice-Chair Eli Nukapgiak
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Esther Hugo (Anaktuvuk Pass); Ben Itta (Barrow); Ronald Oviok Sr. (Point Hope); Herman Kignak Sr. (Atqasuk – Secretary); Eli Nukapigak (Nuiqsut – Vice-Chair); Charlie Nageak (Kaktovik); Warren Lampe (Point Lay); William Hopson (Member-At-Large); Raymond Aguvluk (Wainwright – Alternate)

Members Absent: Enoch Oktollik (Wainwright – Chair)

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 6

List of User Groups Present: Subsistence users from the North Slope
- III. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Ronald Oviok Sr. 2nd by William Hopson. All in favor, Motion carried.
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Herman Kignak Sr. to approve the meeting minutes of October 3-4, 2012. 2nd by Ronald Oviok Sr. All in favor, Motion carried. Motion made by Herman Kignak Sr. to approve the meeting minutes of April 9-10, 2013. 2nd by Charlie Nageak. All in favor, Motion carried.
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carmen Daggett (via Teleconference); Nicole Braem, Division of Subsistence (Fairbanks); Geoff Carroll, Div. of Wildlife Conservation
- VI. Guests Present: Jim Lovvorn; Eric Taylor; Jeannie Brower; Andy Von Duyke; Jeff Neubauer; Nicole Kanayurak; Billy Adams; Marie Berger; Charles Brower; Todd Sformo; Cyd Hanns; Craig George; Roy Varner; Dawn Winalski
- VII. New Business: Items included: Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council; Sustainability of Critical Areas for Eiders and Subsistence Hunters in an Industrializing Nearshore Zone; NSB Dept. of Wildlife Management (update on research activities); Alaska Federation of Natives Subsistence Committee.



Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form

All motions must be made in the affirmative.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	20	Extend the bull moose hunting season in Unit 26A.	
	9	0	This was done on behalf of Nuiqsut residents.
BOG	21	Allow moose hunting in the Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area, modify the bag limit, and change the moose permit allocation for nonresidents	
	0	9	There is no business opportunities under subsistence. Moose hunters will affect the migration of the caribou for Anaktuvuk Pass subsistence users. We get several phone calls each Fall on guides and sport hunters restricting the opportunity for caribou harvest by local residents
BOG	22	Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 26A.	
	9	0	Every year we have to reauthorize this regulation.
BOG	23	Review the customary and traditional use worksheet for the Teshekpuk Lake caribou herd; establish amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence.	
	0	9	Our feeling that if passed, this proposal would mean more regulations for our subsistence hunters. There may be opportunities for outsiders to come in to hunt if there is an over surplus of animals if passed.
BOG	24	Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 26A to a no closed season and no bag limit.	
	9	0	Coyotes are expanding their range due to climate change. Expand the hunting opportunity because if this is a successful predator, it will have impacts on our subsistence resources that are already here. This animal is not affecting us now. This is a way to control an invasive species.
BOG	29	Allow Advisory Committee chairs to participate during board deliberations concerning regulations for their jurisdictional game management units.	
	0	9	The current process works for this AC.
BOG	37	Proposal would create a definition of “noncommercial” as it applies to the barter of fish and game taking in subsistence fishing, hunting and trapping activities.	
	0	9	Are there any current traditional practices or relationships that would be prohibited or not within the proposed definition of “noncommercial”? We are concerned with the requirement that the exchange must be of approximately equal value at the time of exchange. There could be issues with making a distinction between an “exchange” and traditional sharing with no particular expectation that food be received at the time food is



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			<p>given. People share. They share with family. They share with those who cannot provide for themselves. They share with those who have shared with them. They share certain foods with others who particularly enjoy or relish them. Sharing or giving outright, seems clearly to be noncommercial. There are issues associated with trading between villages and hub communities. Value is subjective on each side and different products and materials that can be traded may be available in different seasons. Patterns of giving and receiving between large extended families and between hunting partners or crews are not always of products equal in value and are not always contemporaneous.</p>

Old Business: Village Concerns; Ice Seal Committee Update; Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission Update; Polar Bear Issues; Shelf Habitat and Ecology of Fish & Zooplankton.

Adjournment: Motion made by Ronald Oviok Sr. to adjourn at 4:52 pm. 2nd by Charlie Nageak. All in favor, Motion carried.

Minutes Recorded By: Mike Pederson, Executive Manager
Minutes Approved By: Will be approved at February 2014 Quarterly Meeting
Date: December 26, 2013



Matanuska Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee Minutes - December 18th 2013

Members Present: Jehnifer Ehmann (Chair), Steve Bartelli, Eric Beckman, Mike Buirge, Gerrit Dykstra, Bill Folsom, Israel Payton, David Young.

Members Absent or Excused: Dan Montgomery (Absent), Mel Grove (Absent), Andy Couch (Excused), Stephen Darilek (Excused), Tony Jones (Excused), Max Sager (Absent), Jeff Tuttle (Excused), Keith Westfall (Resigned 12/4/13), Dane Crowley (Absent).

Call to Order: 7:10pm

Roll Call / Pledge of Allegiance

Guest and Department Staff Present: Pat O’Conner, Terry Nininger, Neil DeWitt, Peter Zazilenski, Rod Arno, Tim Peltier ADF&G

Persons to be heard:

Pat O’Conner: Stated there needs to be proposal for antler-less moose hunt that separates out season from antlered season. Problem: Hunters kill cows - bears come to kill calves and there is no enforcement. AC asked Pat to write up a proposal for consideration.

Terry Nininger: Gave handout from Mat Valley Frontiersman Newspaper titled “UCIDA launches attack on personal use and sport fishing”.

Rod Arno: Proposal 6 Arctic/Western authored by the Department on Nelson Island Musk Ox. Above Quota increase hunt opportunity in village registration. Proposal 30-37 Would allocate 90% to residents - Asking for AC comments.

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting:
11/20/13 meeting minutes approved unanimously.

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Motion to accept agenda: Agenda approved unanimously.

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Arctic/Western Board of Game Proposals:

Proposal 6: amendment passed 8-0-0 / proposal as amended passed 8-0-0

AC members are concerned with the process of registration permit pickup. Gives rural preference and is costly for Alaskans to travel to remote areas to sign up. The AC recommends that registration process change to online registration and/or in person at ADF&G office. Similar to Goat RG890/891. Steve Bartelli made a motion to amend proposal 6 to allow registration online. 2nd B.F.

AC Letter - Israel Payton:

AC reviewed letter regarding AC process. Letter makes suggestions as to how AC process could be improved. Such as AC member training, AC rep attendance of legislative session in Juneau. Jehn recommends supporting the letter itself but not including a budget as line items and budget would need to be verified. AC members support this letter and contents. Israel will craft final draft of letter for AC to review.

(Meeting Break - Called back to order 8:25-8:38)

Meeting continued with discussion of Board of Fisheries Upper Cook Inlet Proposals and adjourned at 10 pm.



**Northern Norton Sound AC
12/17/13
Nome, Kawerak
DRAFT MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order: Time by Roy Ashenfelter
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Roy Ashenfelter-Chair, Charlie Lean-Vice Chair, Adem Boeckman-At Large, Kevin Knowlton, Dan Stang, Nate Perkins, Charlie Saccheus, Clifford Seetook, Peter Buck, Jack Fagerstrom, Paul Kosto, Tom Gray
Members Absent: Chuck Okboak, Stanley Tocktoo, and Vernon Rock
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8
List of User Groups Present: Crab Fisherman, hunters, subsistence hunters
- III. Approval of Agenda: Agenda Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 9/16/13
**Make changes for Charlie Leans requests.
Needs to be page numbers
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Tony Gorn, Letty Hughes, Scott Kent, Carmen Daggett, Jim Menard
- VI. Guests Present:
Tom Sparks,
- VII. New Business:
Elections:
All those in favor of having Paul Kosto, Adem Boeckman, and Charlie Lean to re-seating the listed individuals (the At Large seat is vacant)

Chair : Charlie Lean
Vice Chariman: Paul Kosto
Nome Seat: Adem Boeckman
Secretary: Kevin Knowlton

Public Comments:

Staff Reports:
Tom Gray: Request a report on 22D.
The numbers at the last meeting were real low.
Peter Buck: I am concerned about the 22B moose too.
Tony Gorn: explains the procedures for counting moose.
Explains counting moose for the timber. Last year we did in 22B we tested the moose count in the trees. We had interior moose counters from the Interior where we added sight ability. We also estimated the



participants in the survey to see what the sight ability of we were only see 75% of moose. Other parts of Alaska sight ability is as high as two. We had 1.24 as our correction factor. Within the boxes that were flown. The boxes were double counted. The boxes were flown in a very short time period. Explains the estimate procedures. Explains the sight ability correction addition in 2013. It confirms from 1992, the unit 22B population estimate is stable. The consistent low recruitment rates is true. It is hard to get a population to recover if you have single digit recruitment.

Charlie Saccheus: Are east and west of Darby mountains counted at the same time or different times?

Tony Gorn: The department has never estimated moose east of the Darby Mountains. In Unit 22B East the survey the highest issues have been to get better data by time and money.

Charlie Saccheus: The White Mountain and Teller residents have a hard time compete with the Nome residents for moose.

Nate Perkins: This number is not including East of the Darby Mountains?

Tony Gorn: Explains there are no harvest quota management East of the Darby's. I can talk about the 22D moose. 22B is stable. Explains confidence intervals and reading point estimates to really detect change.

When we count moose in 22B we count moose in 22C. In 22C we saw a significant decline in 22C. This should not be surprising. We have antlerless moose hunt in 22C. I have talked about why that is necessary. In 2013 we took 6% of antlerless moose in 22C. When we counted moose in 2013 we saw this change. This is a much healthier moose density for 22C, 400-500 moose. We have the lowest bull cow ratios in this area around Nome. That is why this year was 9 moose. I am hoping of having a lower harvest quota to increase the bull cow ratio. The future of antlerless moose hunts in 22C we are done. There are no further plans for having antlerless moose hunts in 22C.

Kevin Knowlton: Do you think the correlation between predation and the number of yearlings being low?

Tony Gorn: Explains bull cow ratios in respect to short yearlings. Brown bears predate on moose calves in the spring time.

Charlie Lean: Inquires about

Tony Gorn: We don't have age class information about mortality and a bunch of other data on age class related data on Unit 22.

Tony Gorn: There are two spots for 22C and 22D remainder for an antlerless moose hunts. The one in 22D remainder, I would ask the AC to support that hunt; there isn't any biological data to suggest that that population isn't a problem. They take less than one antlerless moose a year. If you talk about moose seasons and take back in the 1980s.

Adem Boeckman: How many cows are taken in 22D?

Tony Gorn: Less than one a year.

When we count moose in 22D we do two estimates because of two different management techniques. For the Krusitern and the Aguiupuk. The moose in the Akrusitrern shift back and forth. In the early 2000s that population has been relatively stable. I don't see a biological consequence to taking away a moose hunt.



Roy Ashenfelter: Inquires about December, if you moved the hunt date to January it would better the opportunity because December is the most dangerous for travel.

Tom Gray: I have always voted against moose. I think there should be a female cow quota if there is a large population to sustain an antlerless moose hunt.

Nate Perkins: In 22D and 22C how do you feel about 22D and 22C population?

Tony Gorn: I think if we stacked up a couple of surveys at 9%, the pucker factor would go up. I would be nice to get some higher bull cow ratios. We have seen bull cow ratios increased in 22D. You really want as least 30 bulls:cows. This time of year the weakest moose is a bull. We want it to be as high as we can make it. In 22B we have always been at the high twenties to low 30s.

Tom Gray: Last meeting we talked about management numbers for 22B. We had the wrong numbers for 22B. What is your population objective?

Tony Gorn: I can't recite that number right now. I can get it over lunch.

Tom Gray: You are comfortable with 1500 that sounds high, we need to restructure management.

Tony Gorn: I think that number is about 2,000 I think. Several years ago we changed our data collection for musk ox. We count musk ox every two years. It is one of the largest wildlife surveys in the state. It is a big area it is 10,000-11,000 it is over 300 hours of flight time and then we go back and classify musk ox. That project is supposed to happen this spring. The last time we did in 2012. We saw 13% annual declines, with really low bull cow ratios. Harvest rates are low. I am hoping that we can get bull cow ratios up.

Tom Gray: I think we need to reduce predation.

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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	13		Change the winter moose season in Unit 22E from January to March.
Support as amended See in bold	11	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed by Wales. Tom Gray: The way that I am reading it I am seeing it January 1st to March 1st. Tony Gorn: We do know from flying surveys that bulls do retain their antlers through the end of February. So they are going to be out there. I think what they are asking for better travel conditions and more daylight to get out there. Letty Hughes: The winter season is Jan 1st-31st. Inquires about a hunt from March 1st-March 31st. The animals going to have antlers? Tom Gray: We are talking about 22E Shismaref and other groups that are going to be indicated. I am thinking that instead of having this be in March have it go from January to March.



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clifford Seetook: A lot has to do with weather. We really need the hunt season to be later because the weather is really bad. • Tom Gray: What I am concerned is if you put the hunt too late in the year you are going to have too many bulls without antlers. • Paul Kosto: I have concerns because the gentleman Shismaref said that there were lots of interest in getting antlerless moose up there. It is tempting to take an antlerless moose, when you really shouldn't take an antlerless moose. I am concerned that if all they see is an antlerless moose, and they really shouldn't take them. • Tony Gorn: My concern is that we retain an antlered bull bag limit moose hunt. I am not sure if there how many antlered bulls there are, but they kept the antlered bull bag limit. • Paul Kosto: I completely understand the weather conditions, I completely understand wanting the hunters having them out at a safer time of year. • Roy Ashenfelter: What about having this take place in February without getting into March getting better weather and longer daylight. My thinking is that you would have a greater opportunity to shoot an antlered moose. I am thinking about amending this to February. • Clifford Seetook: That might be a good idea. We need to get good weather to get out to get our moose. We really good weather to get out and get our moose. In August we see them come out, but all we see is two moose all summer. • Tom Gray: is there a reason for it just being a one month hunt? The hunt is not restrictive.. because there are so many animals. I don't see why we can't amend this to be February through March. I am concerned you are not going to find antlered moose. Then you are going to have more damage than good. • Charlie Lean: My view is by the end of January you are really are not seeing many antlered moose. You can go hunt all you want because there aren't any. I hate to set people up to fail. Do you believe that there are a lot of moose with antlers in the spring? • Tony Gorn: There have been years where I could generate a bull to cow ratio at the last week in February. There is no doubt there will be some out there. I can't say how many moose are there? • Charlie Lean: The first nubbins you are going to see in April and not March. • Paul Kosto: Who is going to define an antlered bull. We don't want to set people up to for failure. • Tom Gray: I think if the department was concerned, I would say restrict it, but if not open it up. • I think Tom's amendment has some weight to it.



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roy Ashenfelter: I make a motion to amend to have the season extend Jan 1st –March 15th. The bag limit would be one antlered bull. • Nate Perkins: I would like to make it obvious that people should get their moose in February and not wait till March. • Tom Gray: the amendment only has to do with the change of dates. • Charlie Lean: There needs to be hunter safety discussion about antlered bulls. • Nate Perkins: I would add to the discussion in that area that if people do get good weather earlier on that they should try to get out because the probability of getting an antlered bull is going to go down as you get later in the season. • Tom Gray: The amendment was only addressing the dates being changed.
BOG	14		Establish an antlered bull season in Unit 22A Unalakelet River drainage.
Support	11	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I believe that is to address the sort fall in the December season. of harvest. • The dates were recommended by the Southern Norton Sound AC of December 1st through December 31st. This will help to get rid of the season extension requests for the last three falls. It would allow us to make to be announced season like we do in 22 C and 22D West. The dates were proposed by Stebbins and St. Michael. • Charlie Lean: Many times in the past this AC has not taken up proposals for 22A because there is a different AC that overseas this area. This has been proposed by Southern Norton Sound. Normally we defer to them. • Kevin Knowlton: This would also reduce the possibility of the hunt getting into the rut. An extension of bringing it into the rut, this winter hunt would be after the rut. • Letty: We are hoping to protect our breeding bulls. • Roy Ashenfelter: I vote we take no action based on the Southern Norton Sound area. They have to deal with the consequences. • Nate Perkins: This was written by them. How did SNS vote on this proposal? It might provide some weight to this proposal. I have no problem supporting them. • Carmen Daggett: They supported it unanimously. • Motion to support • All support
BOG	15		Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 22C and the Remainder of Unit 22D.
Support	11	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Gray: I thought we weren't going to do support in 22C. • Paul Kosto: Explains the department can choose this. Tony has assured us that in 22C he is not going to have the hunt in 22C. As the department has said Unit 22C is not going to allow the hunt take place at



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			<p>22C. Tony is supporting 22D Remainder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tony Gorn: If proposal 15 passes, there could technically be an antlerless hunt available in 22C and 22D. We are not going to have an antlerless moose hunt until at least we can do another survey that is 3-4 years from now in 22C. It is a big deal to get this code change. It is an option and it is nice that it is in there. We might need this down the road if the moose density gets to be really high again. • I would like to keep this as a tool in the tool box, but I won't have a hunt open now.
BOG	16	Modify the season and bag limit for brown bear in Unit 22.	
Support	11	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roy Ashenfelter: Reads the department comments for this proposal. • Letty Hughes: this is a public proposal by the Sitnausauk organization. • The department opposes the combination of the change in bag limit and the change in season. When we had the last board of game in 2011 the spring season was May 10th-25th, but it got extended the entire month of May. We only have one year of data to figure out what the season extension has done. Our spring was a little awkward to just getting out. We would like to evaluate the new regulation has done. We don't mind taking more bears in Unit 22C especially in regards to 22C moose population. What harvests are going on based on the bag limit change on top of the season extension? We only have one data point right now. It is now May 1st- 31st. • Paul Kosto: You are opposed to fully extending the season? • Letty Hughes: Explains wanting to increase bear hunting to reduce the bears so that we can help the moose population. • Kevin Knowlton: One of the biggest factors of when the bears are taken in the spring is the snow conditions; you are only going to have a 10 day period in May, when the snow conditions are good where you are putting hunters at risk. I would like to see if could be open to the 15 of April. You can see the snow conditions deteriorate over a period of a couple of days. • Peter Buck: They traditionally always oppose bears, if they do find bears they track it down and kill it. Any opportunity to get bears I always want to support it. • Paul Kosto: You hit the nail on the head that people couldn't get out because spring is messed up, we need to deal with the predation problem. The musk ox are going down and the moose are going down. • Public Member Amasuk: I helped write this proposal we are specifically are asking for the changes of dates there were reports of bears being out as early as March. Spring isn't a calendar date. Spring happens at different times it is better to have flexibility of dates of getting bears. It is possible that spring happens in June instead of May it changes



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			<p>people’s chances of getting bears. 1:53</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Knowlton: The bears are coming out in April and March the only food that is available is the moose and the freshly dropped calves. • Nate Perkins: I would like to see the entire season aligned with 22B and 22D and is open all winter long. I am not opposed to the bag limit. • When we wrote this proposal 22C is the only unit north of Anchorage, that has one bear every four years and shorter season. I guarantee if you knock these bears down the moose population will drop. • Tony Gorn: This is really interesting discussion. To further articulate the 22C dates didn’t change. Two years ago that the board changed it. We are going to see high bear harvests. We are going to kill more bears in 22C. We don’t know how effective it is going to be. The bag limit change is what the department is supporting the bag limit change. We are hunting the first half of May and we are going to have an increase in bag limit. We have two things that we have done anything over a period of 20 years, in 2 years we have liberalized brown bear harvests at the last two board of game meetings. • I don’t want to see brown bear hunters not go 22B or 22D because they are getting • Tom Sparks: There was liberalization in 22C in the subsistence regulations. This was one of things they wanted to protect in 22C because of the road system. • Roy Ashenfelter: if it is too much of liberalization at the board of game. I am going to agree with the department. I have gone to all of these game and fish meetings. It is tooth nail. We do great on moose and musk ox. We demanded liberalization on bears and we got shot out the door. • Nate Perkins: I think we should support the department. I would hate to see the whole thing get thrown out because it is too liberal. • Peter Buck: Moved to adopt original proposal as written. • Tom Gray: What happens if this proposal goes in front of the board and they don’t want to change dates is it possible for them to do that. Especially because the proposal
BOG	17	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 22A.	
Support	11	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did Southern Norton Sound support this proposal • Yes
BOG	18	Extend the wolf hunting season in Unit 22.	
Opposed	3	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Gray: This is a guide to try to get cliental I feel wolves are a big big problem. Any opportunity to take down the number wolves is a good thing. • Letty Hughes: The department opposes it because the wolf regs are



Noatak and Kivalina AC
12/18/13
Noatak IRA
DRAFT MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Time 11:16 am by Enoch Mitchell
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Stanley Hawley, Thurston Booth, Janet Mills, Enoch Mitchell, Joe Luther, Janet Mills, Frank Onalik
Members Absent: Melford Booth, Austin Swan Sr. and Enoch Adams Jr.
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:5

List of User Groups Present: NPS, Noatak IRA, subsistence hunters
- III. Approval of Agenda:
Add three new proposals on the agenda and have Nicole Braem and Jim Dau's report's omitted.
Agenda Approval
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 10/8/13
Minutes approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carmen Daggett-Boards Support, Brandon Saito-Unit 23 Area Biologist, Jim Dau-Caribou Biologist
- VI. Guests Present:
- VII. Willie Goodwin, Hilda (Booth?), Vernon Adams
- VIII. Old Business:
IRA letter regarding transporters and restriction of hunting practices on the Noatak River.
- IX. New Business:
- X. Department Reports
Enoch Mitchell – Is going to the Arctic BOG Meeting
(This space may be used for them to record minutes.)



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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	25	Change the Noatak River musk ox hunt area boundary to include the entire Noatak drainage and all areas north and west of the Kobuk River drainage.	
Support	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no changes in musk ox numbers, concern over increase in the number of sport hunters. Brandon Saito: Explains that it is a Tier II hunt, this is not available to out of state hunters, and there are only six permits available.
BOG	26	Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.	
Support	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brandon Saito: We have been hearing that we have been losing a lot of moose. Every year the average number cows that were taken is 10 cows per year. The department doesn't feel that 10 cows is big enough impact on population. The moose population declining at the moment might, we might have to change this in the future.
BOG	27	Modify brown bear harvest in Unit 23 on lands managed by the National Park Service.	
Support as amended	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brandon Saito: We don't have an estimate from the Park Service for the bears in this area. What we have been hearing residents, guides and hunters that brown bears are increasing. We have one study from 1987 from Red Dog we had 1 bear for every 26 miles in 2008 we resurvey the area and it is over three bears in 2008. There are already lots of cabins being broken into. The skull size has not decreased, if anything it has increased. Over the last several years the average bear take has been kept the same. Inquiry about who the proposing group is. There are too many bears. Brandon Saito: Explains this proposal opens up the code for amendments. Gives examples of amendments to this proposal. The Upper Kobuk wanted to see a higher take of bears per year by residents. The Lower Kobuk AC wanted to see an increase in the number of non-resident hunters. Jim Dau: One of the things we have talked about here, there is really only one group of hunters that want to take more bears. Right now non-residents hunters want to get more bears. Talks about having non-resident hunters to have a registration permit versus having a drawing permit system. Would you guys support something like that? There would be still a quota for the higher number of bears to take. We would put it on a two year sunset, which will expire in two years if there were too many bears taken or too many hunters in this area. Amendment: To put non-resident hunts on a registration hunts, have non-resident quotas, with a two year sunset. Enoch Mitchell: That sounds good. Stanley Hawley: There are too many bears on the Kivalina side too.



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Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	28	Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 23 to a no closed season and no limit	
Support	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Upper Kobuk and Lower Kobuk ACs have seen a few. We never see coyotes here. Brandon Saito: The department supports this proposal. They are not prevalent in this area. They don't want them to be established up here. They have been known to kill sheep and caribou.
BOG	29	Allow the sale of caribou antlers harvested in Unit 23.	
Opposed	0	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim Dau: Explains current regulation that you can sell caribou antlers that have been naturally set or made into a handcraft. The Kotzebue Sound AC in the late '80s and early '90s proposed to make the sale of antlers to be illegal. There was a lot of concern about wanton waste. There were people taking the antlers and leaving the meat. We talked to the troopers about it and they wanted to bust people for wasting meat, but it is largely unenforceable. The guy that is proposing this wants to get back into the business of selling antlers. All of the other ACs oppose and the department is neutral, when I wrote the analysis of this proposal. Janet Mills: I make a motion to oppose this proposal
BOG	30	Open resident sheep seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in Region V.	
Opposed	0	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The department doesn't have a stance on this proposal. Inquiry about who the people are. Inquiry about how the other ACs voted. Carmen Daggett: They all took no action on this proposal
BOG	31	Open resident sheep seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in Region V	
Support	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
BOG	38	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
Support	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brandon Saito: The department supports this proposal.



Jim Dau: Explains the evening work session with the BOG and a progress report and give information about the closeness of the hunters and issues. This meeting would give discussion with board members. People could ride down on their own dime.

Stanley Hawley: I will be open to attend, if we are socked in I won't be able to go.

Frank Onalik: might go via snow machine.

Adjournment: 12:42 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett & Janet Mills

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



**Northern Seward Peninsula Advisory Committee
11/27/13
Telephonic
DRAFT MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order: Time 11:15 am by Percy Ballot
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Percy Ballot (Interim chairman), Mona Washington (Interim Secretary), Marlene Moto-Karl, Nathan Hadley
Members Absent: Ron Moto Sr. (Chairman) and Taylor Moto
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 4
List of User Groups Present: ADFG and subsistence users
- III. Approval of Agenda-Add the discussion of elections under new business
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 9/25/13
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jim Dau-Unit 23 Caribou Biologist, Brandon Saito-Unit 23 Area Biologist
- VI. Guests Present: None telephonic meeting
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business

This space may be used for Advisory Committee to record comments on proposals.

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Supports or Opposes?	No. For	No. Against	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	25		Change the Noatak River musk ox hunt area boundary to include the entire Noatak drainage and all areas north and west of the Kobuk River drainage.
<i>Supports</i>	4	0	Mona Washington: Motion to Approve Proposal 25 Marlene Moto: Seconded Question Called
BOG	26		Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.
<i>Supports</i>	4	0	Marlene Moto-Karl Mona Washington: Make a motion to approve proposal 26 Seconded: Nathan Hadley All support None opposed
BOG	27		Modify brown bear harvest in Unit 23 on lands managed by the National Park Service.
<i>Opposes</i>	0	4	Marlene Moto Karl: Inquires if this proposal, we don't want more hunters in this area. We don't see bears in our area.



			<p>Hunters must be getting them.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: Inquires if Marlene Moto-Karl wants to support this proposal.</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: Wants to go with the proposal because she wants less sport hunters in this area.</p> <p>Brandon Saito: We feel we would be opposed to this proposal. When we were talking with the Upper Kobuk and Lower Kobuk ACs we had talked about having more bears taken instead of less.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: How would this effect the Elephant Point area. This would affect Kobuk River drainage and the Bering Land Bridge Area. We can support.</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: We are going to have some sort of people coming in.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: We are seeing too many bears in Buckland. We are seeing too many bears. We want to keep once a year hunt up?</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: Don't they get them with their subsistence permits? Local people.</p> <p>Nathan Hadley: I just know that the bears look for moose calves in the spring time.</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: They go after the caribou too.</p> <p>Brandon Saito: This proposal says we want one bear every four years. The Upper Kobuk and Lower Kobuk ACs did not support this proposal as it is. All three of the councils wanted to see a higher number of bears taken in.</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: Local people were bringing people to hunt bears. Different people get paid to go hunting under the</p>
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			<p>counter.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: We need him here to take bears. Shall we take no action on this proposal?</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: Expresses concern over having.</p> <p>Jim Dau: Explains the effects of this proposal on other individuals.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: We don't want more brown bears. People were not having people hunting they were filming.</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: They were hunting.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: We want less bears in Buckland. There is a way to deal with hunters that are breaking the law.</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: They were hunting and they had dark skins.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: You need to contact Jim Dau and the troopers when that happens.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: We do not want to support this proposal, we are not worried about sport hunters. This is what we want to do.</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: They are sport hunting them people.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: We respect your concern over sport hunters. We would like people to hunt bears.</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: I will go with your guys, but I am going to say I told you so.</p> <p>Brandon Saito: Just having this proposal in the book, this opens up the code what was proposed by the other ACs was to make an amendment to the proposal. For example you could change the proposal.</p>
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			<p>Percy Ballot: On the Buckland side we don't want to support this proposal at all. What is the wish of the committee?</p> <p>Nathan Handley: One bear is good every year.</p> <p>Mona Washington: I make a motion to not support proposal 27.</p> <p>Nathan Hadley: I make a motion not support.</p> <p>Discussion: When we had reindeer the bears used to be good because we put them away.</p>
BOG	28	Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 23 to a no closed season and no limit	
<i>Supports</i>	4	0	<p>Percy Ballot: Are there people seeing coyotes around?</p> <p>Brandon Saito: There have been occasional sightings. This proposal was put forward by the Kotzebue Sound AC. People have put these forward as another predator towards sheep, caribou and moose.</p> <p>Percy Ballot: If this is put forth by the Kotzebue Sound AC we would like to support their efforts.</p> <p>Nathan Hadley: Motion to support the proposal</p>
BOG	29	Allow the sale of caribou antlers harvested in Unit 23.	
<i>Opposes</i>	0	4	<p>Jim Dau: Explains the proposal. This would make it legal for people to shoot caribou you would still have to salvage the meat but you could saw off the antlers and sell them. Jim Dau explains what happened in the 80s and 90s, the antlers added up into real money. Subsistence hunters could make money doing this because they don't want the antlers and we just want the money. Explained what happened in the late 80s and early 90s there were people taking animals while the bulls were stink people were killing caribou and wasting the meat. People were really divided about this issue between money and waste of caribou meat. Kotzebue Sound AC created this proposal.</p>



			<p>Marlene Moto-Karl: There are still people trading them for alcohol and drugs. We have heard a lot of money that come into antler sales went into bootlegging.</p> <p>Jim Dau: We have heard that from other ACs.</p> <p>Nathan Hadley: The reason we leave the antlers up river is because the boat is too heavy. Other people go up the river to get the antlers. I don't think they are killing.</p> <p>Mona Washington: I am concerned about the decline of the caribou herd.</p> <p>Jim Dau: That is what is different about the 80s and 90s where the population was increasing, now they are declining. Tougher times are now happening.</p> <p>Marlene Moto-Karl: The Canadian Herds have really declined.</p> <p>Jim Dau: Explains the large caribou herds have really have decline from 900,000 to 20,000 to 30,000. Most of herds of caribou in North American.</p> <p>Mona Washington: I make a motion not to support proposal 29 Marlene Moto-Karl: I second that proposal All Oppose proposal 29 None support</p>
BOG	35	Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region V.	
<i>Supports</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<p>Percy Ballot: I don't know of anyone who snared a bear in Buckland and Deering. Marlene Moto-Karl: Wants a clarification. Motion to support proposal 35. Seconded: Nathan Handley Motion unanimously carries.</p>
BOG	36	Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents in Region V.	
<i>Opposes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4</i>	<p>Percy Ballot: What do you guys think? Brandon Saito: The department doesn't have a position on this issue.</p>



			<p>Percy Ballot: Anyone from the committee? Marlene Moto-Karl: This is for hunting sheep? Percy Ballot: for all big game Brandon Saito: There is only one hunt where people compete for hunts and that is the sheep hunt. Otherwise we have separate hunts. Percy Ballot: I can see not supporting this proposal. Brandon Saito:..... Percy Ballot: I guess the general feel is not to support this proposal. Nathan Hadley: not to support proposals 36 and 37. Mona Washington: seconded</p>
<i>BOG</i>	37	Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents in Region V.	
<i>Opposes</i>	0	4	<p>Percy Ballot: What do you guys think? Brandon Saito: The department doesn't have a position on this issue. Percy Ballot: Anyone from the committee? Marlene Moto-Karl: This is for hunting sheep? Percy Ballot: for all big game Brandon Saito: There is only one hunt where people compete for hunts and that is the sheep hunt. Otherwise we have separate hunts. Percy Ballot: I can see not supporting this proposal. Brandon Saito:..... Percy Ballot: I guess the general feel is not to support this proposal. Nathan Hadley: not to support proposals 36 and 37. Mona Washington: seconded</p>
<i>BOG</i>	38	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
<i>Supports</i>	4	0	<p>Mona Washington: Motion to support proposal 38. Nathan Hadley: Seconded All Support this proposal</p> <p>Elect Members for the Board Meeting: Nathan Hadley volunteers to attend the BOG meeting</p>



			<p>Percy Ballot and Marlene Moto-Karl-alternates.</p> <p>Nathan Hadley: I talked with Merlin Henry at the reindeer herders meeting there have been a lot of reindeer caribou that are being kept around Granite Mountain by a group of wolves.</p>
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Adjournment: 12:38 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



**Upper Kobuk AC
12/13/13
Shungnak IRA
DRAFT MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order: Time 11:30 am by Marvin Joe Cleveland

- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Marvin Joe Cleveland, Frank Downey, Elmer Ward, Warren Douglas, Louie Commack (unelected alternate)
Members Absent: Henry Horner, Billy Custer, and Melvin Lee
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:4

List of User Groups Present:
Subsistence hunters and trappers

- III. Approval of Agenda: Approved

- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes DATE: Approved
Carmen Daggett: There were minutes from a Joint AC meeting between the Upper Kobuk and Lower Kobuk AC that will be included in the discussion from a meeting that was not a quorum meeting. Nothing was voted on at that meeting. It was just informational.

Carmen Daggett: The Shungnak IRA needs to have elections for individuals. Explains elections procedures.

Joe Cleveland: Inquires about having alternates.

Carmen Daggett: Explains elections for alternates in Ambler.

- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Carmen Daggett-Boards Support, Brandon Saito-Unit 23 Area Biologist

- VI. Guests Present:
Billy Lee-Shugnak IRA
Commack
Sally Custer
Kathy Custer
George Douglas
Darin Cleveland

- VII. New Business:
Public Comments and Concerns:
Louie Commack: My concern about beaver population, it is starting to effect below Noorvik and Noatak. Beaver population is going above Point Hope. There is an over population of beavers in this area. They are daming up the rivers and the creeks and keeping the fish from being able to



move up the rivers. They have increased through Selawik, Noorvik, Kiana all the way to Point Hope. What are the regulations on beavers.

Brandon Saito: There are no limits on beavers.

Louie Commack: Ten years ago a we talked about ancestral lands, when the old chief was alive and we identified hunting grounds and rivers and creeks. These documents about the hunting grounds we have at the IRA. Every village should have their own, where they hunt, fish and cut wood.

Carmen Daggett: The Northwest Arctic Borough is doing a mapping project and they are trying to get funding to expand the subsistence mapping project to the Upper Kobuk.

Louie Commack: We don't look to the Borough for doing that project. We go to our elders to ask that information. We are pretty much done with ours up here. It is amazing how far our people have gone to hunt. From here to the Alatna River even further up North towards Anaktuvuk. The three up river villages we need to start to put them together.

Joe Cleveland: Remember we had a map they brought it down to Kotzebue and we were supposed to be copied, but it got destroyed or something.

Louie Commack: That is why we don't want to share it with the Borough we don't have to share that information with no one. That is our information; we don't have to share that information with the Kotzebue area. They got their own. It is the private property of the tribal members. When those people were alive they shared that information. That is our property.

Warren Douglas: I believe it is a problem in our village, the beavers are damning up all of the creeks and sloughs and tributaries and are not getting to their spawning grounds the fish are migrating up the rivers through the dams. A couple went to put in a net where they normally go to fish and there was a beaver dam there. The only fish they got were the ones that were tangled up in the beaver dam. We should come up with some funding to destroy those dams that are stopping the fish.

Carmen Daggett: Brandon what are the regulations for destroying beaver dams.

Brandon Saito: Explains that if the dam is in a navigable water way you can destroy the dam. There have been studies on beaver dams and fish and they have found that dams do not affect fish in fact they actually help white fish. That study was by Randy Brown one of the most notable whitefish biologists and that is what his he says.

Warren Douglas: The beaver flu, the water source is the river and there is a beaver dam just a few hundred yards. It is a concern for me.

Brandon Saito: Explains his experience with Selawik Wildlife Refuge where the village likes to get the water there were lots of beavers up river. One of the concerns was the Fish River where a lot of people get their drinking water and there are about 80 to 90 dams. One of the things we



did, since Fish and Wildlife cannot go out and kill beavers, and there weren't people taking a lot of beavers from the river. We put on a trap class at the school. People can trap them and use the fur and sell them.

Frank Downey: My concern our last meeting was the discussion of population of caribou and moose. They were declining. My concern is how can we help the population to go back up to where it should be. It would be good to increase the killing of wolves and bears. Cause bears and wolves they take out quite a bit. The grizzlies and black bears are really hard on moose, and the wolf is hard on both moose and caribou. In order to make our populations grow, we have to do something about those two areas.

Billy Lee: The migration of caribou is getting later and later in the season with the hard times coming upon us and climate change and everything that goes with. Is that effecting the migration of the caribou herd?

Brandon Saito: It is hard to say if climate change is affecting us. There are normal cycles of warming and cooling and it is possible. How the caribou are going to change from year to year.

Carmen Daggett: Refers everyone to minutes from the Upper Kobuk and Lower Kobuk AC where Jim Dau said, that he thought what held up the migration this year was the bugs.

Warren Douglas: I am concerned about new diseases come out recently. In almost every caribou that I have shot, you cut through the fat and there are cysts in the fat. The cyst grows on the fat only, it is not on the skin or on the meat it is only in the fat with a grey lump. Wonders if it is a new disease or if it is getting worse or was it always there.

Brandon Saito: I would imagine you are very familiar with what is normally there. Can you send us a sample of it or take a picture of it? I haven't heard of anything new.

Warren Douglas: The cyst only grows on the fat, not on the skin and not in the meat.

Brandon Saito: Please send us pictures or samples if you find anything weird. It is best if it is fresh and not frozen. That is the best way to get it to us.

Louie Commack: Last month the 40 mile caribou herd which is above Bettles there was an emergency closure the Fish and Game put a closure of that herd, now that the Dalton Highway is open to hunters. There were thousands of hunters on the Dalton Highway. A month ago there was an emergency closure on that caribou herd.

Joe Cleveland elected for the BOG and Frank Downey alternate.

VIII. Department Reports

Carmen Daggett: Gave presentation about Joint Board Proposals and changes that have occurred.

Louie Commack: I could help to minutes.

Carmen Daggett: I need someone who is going help me in the next week and a half.



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All motions must be made in the affirmative.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	25	Change the Noatak River musk ox hunt area boundary to include the entire Noatak drainage and all areas north and west of the Kobuk River drainage.	
Support	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billy Lee: Concern if the musk ox population can support that. • Brandon Saito: The whole population has about 500 musk ox. We only have six permits available, because we don't have enough musk ox to have a bigger hunt. We are on Tier II. This isn't to increase the number of permits. It is to only increase the range of the hunt to fit the herd's expansion of range.
BOG	26	Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.	
Support	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billy Lee: Under this proposal hunting for antlerless moose, is it all in Unit 23 even the moose has shed antlers? You are opening it up a moose hunting season. Are we just going to hunt moose till they are wiped out? Aren't you concerned about moose population declining? • Brandon Saito: Under state regulations you can take a moose from November 1st to December 31st, the hunt is not year round. It just allows people to fill their freezers if they don't get caribou. There have only had 10 cows on average taken every year. People just don't hunt a lot of moose during that season. • The population can sustain 10 cow moose can be detrimental. The population isn't that low yet that 10 cows will make a big difference. • Billy Lee: The predators are taking the calves your decline is getting worse. The predators are going to make the decline worse. You don't think it is going to effect the moose population at all? • Brandon Saito: It averages about 10 per year and about 3 moose per region on the Noatak and 3 moose on the Kobuk. It provides some opportunity • I think this discussion happened 5-6 years ago that question was asked. This discussion was held for a ceremonial potlatch. It really helps people during the winter. • Carmen Daggett: Explains there is a separate regulation for potlatch moose. • Louie Commack: So this would just be for people could get moose during the winter. • Warren Douglas: So will it be legal to shoot a bull moose that shed its antlers. • Brandon Saito: Explains federal and state regulations for taking an antlerless moose. • Joe Cleveland: I support this proposal.



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All motions must be made in the affirmative.

BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	27	Modify brown bear harvest in Unit 23 on lands managed by the National Park Service.	
Oppose	0	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Downey: Is this for subsistence and sport hunting? • Brandon Saito: Explains this would make residents pay a tag fee. • Does this affect subsistence hunters? • Everyone is saying that they are seeing more bears in this region. • ADFG would like to see more bears taken in this area. • Inquiry about brown bears versus grizzlies. • That will affect the caribou and our moose. • The population of grizzly bears is so high it is affecting the moose and caribou calves I am going against this.
BOG	28	Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 23 to a no closed season and no limit	
Support	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I didn't know coyotes come up this far, I didn't think we have coyotes up here I just thought know we had wolves. • Joe Cleveland: I saw one up river.
BOG	29	Allow the sale of caribou antlers harvested in Unit 23.	
Oppose	0	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warren Douglas: Does this proposal mean that we can't sell shed antlers? • Carmen Daggett: This proposal would make it legal to sell cut antlers that haven't been worked. • Warren Douglas: I use caribou antlers to make ulus and knives. • Frank Downey: You can sell what you make from antlers legally. • We discussed this six years, people were getting more bulls than what they need for just the antlers. It was a problem. People could make crafts with those antlers and sell them. • Brandon Saito: The proposal was proposed by the buyer. There is a law making it illegal to kill a bull and take the antlers. It is hard to enforce. There is only one trooper for this whole area. The department is neutral. We had heard a lot of people having antler sale was getting out of control and antlers were being stolen. • I believe if we allow the sale of antlers it will become a problem that will just getting worse. They will kill caribou just for antlers. • If we do support this, it is possible for us to have an emergency meeting to shut this down if it becomes a problem? • Carmen Daggett: Explains none of the ACs in this region have supported this proposal. You should voice those concerns in front of the board at the Board of Game. •



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BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	30	Open resident sheep seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in Region V.	
Support	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The department is neutral on all of these allocation issues. We don't really hunt sheep, so I would support these proposals. Billy Lee: If you support proposal 30 you can't really support proposal 31. We don't really hunt sheep, so I would support these proposals 30, 32, and 33.
BOG	31	Open resident sheep seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in Region V	
Opposed	0	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision based on what was decided on proposal 30.
BOG	32	Create a bow hunting only season for Dall sheep in Region V.	
Support	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We don't really hunt sheep, so I would support these proposals.
BOG	33	Change nonresident sheep hunts to drawing hunts and limit permit distribution to ten percent of the annual ten year average in Region V	
Support	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We don't really hunt sheep, so I would support these proposals.
BOG	35	Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region V.	
Opposed	1	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some people don't check their traps/snares, that is where people get their subsistence food. Frank Downey: What is the difference between baiting bears, trapping or snaring. Brandon Saito: Explains that this proposal doesn't really pertain to us. Warren Douglas: I want to oppose snaring bears, some of the bears will snap the trap or the snares and if they do they will be walking around with that snare or trap on it.
BOG	38	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
Support	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Old Business: Next meeting in Ambler

Adjournment: 1:47 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Carmen Daggett

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



Southern Norton Sound AC
12/10/13
Koyuk Community Hall
DRAFT MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Time 11:20 am by Art Ivanoff
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Art Ivanoff-Chair, Milton Cheemuk, Henry Oyoumick, Merlin Henry, Michael Sookiayak, Wade Ryan-Vice Chair, Allen Atchak
Members Absent: Peter Martin, Nicole Bruckner
Number Needed for Quorum on AC:6

List of User Groups Present:

10th Grade Class from the school, Subsistence Users, Brown Bear Guide and Outfitter Service

- III. Approval of Agenda: Agenda Approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 4/2/13
Minutes Approved
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Letty Hughes, Jim Menard, Carmen Daggett, Peter Bente, Brendan Scanlon, Nicole Braem, Scott Kent
- VI. Guests Present:
Morris Nassuk
Jason Essler
Lane Douglas
Wayne Nassuk
Jacob Hannon
John Kavairlook Sr.
Michael Sookiayak Sr.
Art Ivanoff
Merlin Henry
10th grade class at the Koyuk School
Ella Henry
Jesse

- VII. New Business:
Public Comments and Concerns:

Jason: Reality of Subsistence and non-subsistence areas up for removal from subsistence status. Is there a way that a proposal could be submitted to take the power away from the Joint Board to designate areas as non-subsistence areas? Would it be possible to have a proposal that would restrict the Joint Board's ability to determine a subsistence area kind of like a CDQ, where it would be based on the size of the community?

Art Ivanoff: Peter are you on the phone?



Peter Bente: Explains the authority of the Joint Board and that authority is defined through legislature. So you will have to change legislature if you want to change that authority.

Jesse: So if people want to establish new advisory committees that was under the Joint Boards authority? Inquires about a potential proposal to have communities under 750 people to not allow the Joint Board to repeal the subsistence status of the area.

Peter Bente: Administrative code gives the board authority.

Morris Nassuk: Inquires about subsistence and non-subsistence areas and honoring the no fly zone?

Peter Bente: The caribou herd working group meeting had a discussion about the controlled use area and that is a different authority and the controlled used areas. The Board of Game deals with Board of Game.

Morris Nassuk: I see a conflict there.

Peter Bente: The controlled use area in Anaktuuvuk Pass was developed because of user conflicts and not from subsistence issues.

Morris Nassuk: Explains the definition of subsistence at the state level versus the village level.

Scott Kent: The board has the authority to develop subsistence areas and non-subsistence use areas. There would be have to be a positive C&T finding in order to determine a place to subsistence use area. And there would have to be a reverse C&T finding in order to designate an area as a non-subsistence area and that have never been done.

Carmen Daggett: Explains that C&T means subsistence. There was a lot of discussion at the Joint Board meeting about both Bethel and Kodiak and board listened to the public's comments and testimony. Heard those comments and then turned down the proposal at the Joint Board meeting. You can listen a recording of the meeting on the State of Alaska website.

Henry Oyounick: Is glad to see students here. We would like to encourage and embrace young people to participate in this process. I feel like I am still learning the role of the advisory committee. The best I can come up with is that we are the conduit for the villages to get information to the boards. This is an advisory committee and we want to express the resources that we want to see.

Milton Cheemuk: Agrees with Henry Oyounick, I am glad to see students are going to areas where there livelihood is affected.

VIII. Department Reports

- a. Letty Hughes BOG report-In Unit 22A there was a quota of 22 moose and 21 were harvested. 3 of them were on federal land and 18 were harvested on the state permit. The emergency order request was extended to September 20th that was put in by the Southern Norton Sound. 138 state permits were issues for the state permit from residents of Unalakleet. 22B West of the Darby Mountain, we have a scheduled a winter moose hunt. If any of you want to hunt in Golovin and White Mountain you have to go to Golovin and White Mountain to get a permit for a winter hunt that starts January 1st. Same with 22D we still need to issue an emergency order to open a hunt for one antlered bull that starts January 1st.
- b. Musk Ox: We do have the TX105 hunt in this area. This hunt has been open since August and it hasn't been taken. I was here a while ago in Koyuk helping people fill out the Tier II hunts. You can fill it out online till the 16th. If you have any questions about



that hunt give me call, that hunt is for next August. Overall between Golovin, Council, White Mountain Elim and Koyuk there are 8 and for west of the Darby mountains there are 7.

Art Ivanoff: I know we had talked about having a musk ox hunt out of Unalakleet, I know we are looking for 2-3 musk ox that would be available.

Letty Hughes: I know Wade Ryan was talking about submitting a proposal for that, but I haven't see anything on that. We are going to the distance sampling this spring and we will go back to the drawing board for musk ox hunts.

Henry Oyoumick inquires about Tier II hunt-Letty Hughes explains C&T findings, musk ox and how that relates to Tier II hunts.

Morris Nassuk: Inquires about proxy hunting and Tier II applications.

Letty Hughes: Explains the lack of proxy for musk ox.

Peter Bente: There is a regulation in statue that says that proxy hunting is established for moose, caribou and deer. No other species are identified for proxy hunting, until that regulation is changed.

Merlin Henry: If I were to get a musk ox, I don't know the difference between a male and female. How do I know the difference between males and females.

Letty Hughes: Explains that there is a musk ox identification book that helps discern the differences between males and females. If you were to accidentally shoot a female musk ox you should let us know right away and we will pass it on. It is a lot easier to deal with it. I don't know if the musk ox book has been distributed out in this area. Explains the differences in the musk ox boss horn in mature males or females and distinguishing them. If you want to take a younger animal for the meat is when you really need to study the group. I can send a copy of the book and a few to Koyuk for people.

Peter Bente: The permanent hunting license the age of 60 to qualify.

Letty Hughes: Brown bear harvests overall last year we took 100 bears in Unit 22 for all reported bears.

Jacob Hannon: Wants to present amendment to proposal 16.

Henry Oyoumick: Offers having the city or the IRA to have musk ox hunts discussed. It is necessary to ask people to apply for the permit. If we could extend the advisory committee member's role to notify people about the musk ox hunt.

Letty Hughes: I send out flyers and go to the IRA. I am open to suggestions for having the AC take a more active role as well as more ways to advertise the Tier II hunts.

Art Ivanoff: I think we can have a meeting with the Native Village of Unalakleet to present information about Tier II permits.



Carmen Daggett: Gives an overview of the Joint Board findings pertinent to the region.

Art Ivanoff: It is important that we stay engaged in the process because the issues that happened with Bethel could be coming our way soon. On the training session I think we need to have more resources to get more engaged in the process. We met with 20-25 ACs to discuss AC process and funding to allow the direct discussion with legislature. It is insulting to have ACs to do fundraisers to attend meetings. There needs to be more funding to attend AC meetings, more training opportunity. Conference call does not have the same impact as a face to face meeting.

Carmen Daggett: There is training on Alaska Administrative Code is coming to the training session for the Arctic Board of Game meeting.

Art Ivanoff: I think it is important to have more than one person going to an AC meeting.

Henry Oyoumick: Motion to have Michael Sookiayak an alternate secretary and Nikki Bruckner for the interim. Unanimous consent.

Michael Sookiayak: I agree to be the secretary in the interim.

Carmen Daggett: Explains the minutes and the parts of the discussion about non-proposal related discussion. I think that not all of the information that is included in the meeting minutes is proposal driven. It is still important.

Henry Oyoumick: We need to be stronger in points.

Scott Kent: You want to build a record that is what they are looking for.

Chinook Salmon

Scott Kent: Commercial salmon season we had our third ex-vessel value of 1.183 million not counting inflation.

124 permit holders in Norton Sound in the salmon fishery. Effort is high. Unalakleet had the third best ex-vessel value for 54 years. There was 36,000 tons of Chum in Koyuk. Shaktoolik was 14th best in 52 years of fishing. The weather was not good. Shaktoolik the winds were too high to go fishing, we are going to rethink how manage Shaktoolik.

Michael Sookiayak: There were several questions and concerns about a lot of dangerous conditions in the Southern Norton Sound.

Scott Kent: I have thought about talking with Wade Ryan and Art Ivanoff for getting beach seining going. The Yukon had test fishery started out with test net with the CDQ. On the Yukon a permit CFEC gill net holder can fish with a purse seiner can fish with a beach seine. It wouldn't allow the big boats to come in and it wouldn't have a cap unless it was emergency order closed. There is about 114,000 is the escapement for the lower stem. There was about 270,000 thousand for the aggregate escapement. With 150,000 escapement from the Unalakleet River. This was a pretty tremendous year for the year as far as chum salmon goes all escapement goals were achieved. Pink Salmon was an odd year, low abundance, all escapement goals were achieved, but people had to work for their humpies this year all



escapements were achieved. Unalakleet was the 20th best year. I think weather was what was to blame for low harvests in Shaktoolik.

Michael Sookiyak: We didn't get to fish very much this last year and the year before. There were a lot of fishermen sitting at home because of bad weather wondering how they are going to make money.

Scott Kent: Norton Bay had a record coho harvest. Shaktoolik hasn't been able to take advantage of the harvestable surpluses. What seems to happen in Shaktoolik is that fishermen have a couple of times where the weather keeps them from getting out and it makes them really frustrated and they stop trying. One of the things I am thinking about is a super period based upon the weather. Instead of two 48s have one long period of 72 hours instead of the two shorter 48 periods.

Michael Sookiyak: I think that might work for some of the fishermen. Explains the current fishing periods and how they are timed especially because some of the fishermen don't want to work on Sundays.

Scott Kent: One of the reasons we had the schedule set because of the Everetts and NAC cargo flights. That is why we changed the flight schedule. If people want to go to church on Sundays I can factor that in.

Michael Sookiyak: There are a lot of commercial fishermen who don't want to do anything on Sunday.

Michael Sookiyak: The 72 hour opener sounds good

Merlin Henry: First time I fished last summer, the fish were looking really good. If I catch a king I have no time to go home to get my king salmon home to get them to the freezer. I have to stay with my net to keep it clean. I check my net sometimes you get a dead king in the net so you throw them in the boat. Sometimes the king is alive so you release it back into the water cause I can't sell them. I can't take them back to Koyuk because it costs gas and I can't sell them so they spoil. I am wasting King Salmon. I don't know how many king salmon I had to throw away. I heard about not much king going through Norton Bay, but we were stuck with King salmon that are stuck in chum nets. I want to take it back to camp and cook it, but I can't because it costs gas to get back to Koyuk.

Scott Kent: The personal keep amount didn't exceed 20 fish. Technically the buyer could have bought the king salmon from Norton Bay, just not Shaktoolik and Unalakleet because of a specific regulation.

Merlin Henry: The buyer was asking how many kings and humpies were asking how many humpies and kings I get, but they stopped asking how many kings and humpies that kept asking about incidental harvest.

Merlin Henry: can the tender boat keep the kings and donate the by catch and not wasted.

Scott Kent: Gives an option of giving the fish on ice as a donation in Unalakleet to the elders.

Milton Cheemuk: That was brought up at our NSEDC meeting. The donation of the by catch.

Scott Kent: Explains the possibility of donating the by-catch.



Art Ivanoff: The fish don't congregate at the beach. I like the idea of thinking about fishing outside the box.

Scott Kent: In Norton Bay most of things have been limited by the buyer.

Morris Nassuk: It is not always calm here.

Merlin Henry: There was a tender boat that leaked gas. The nets were contaminated.

Scott Kent: There was variability in reports of how much oil had spilled. The nets were filled with eel grass in this area.

Morris: What sort of heavy restrictions should we expect to see?

I would like to nominate Wade Ryan.

Scott Kent: the Igutalik speciation count was not good. We think we had approximately 600 fish my aerial flight on the Ingallik was 33 fish. It was a low number of Chinook. It was evident in 2012, that the brood was good, but the actual numbers of fish was low. We heard and honored the wishes of the communities. Unalakleet went to two 24 hour periods per week, but they could use king salmon fishing gear. Shaktoolik stayed on two 48 hour periods, but used chum salmon fishing gear. Once the fish got in the river we protected them at all costs. We had to close the fishery early on July 5th.

Brandon Scanlon: We closed on July 11th.

Scott Kent: We had the worst escapement ever we had 767 fish up the main stem of the Unalakleet River. 564 up the North River Tributary. The Shaktoolik was 1100 to 1300 which was a major improvement from the previous two years. We don't know what the sonar numbers. My feeling is that this will be the worst harvest ever. What are we going to do next year. Norton Sound is going to be even with the rest of Western Alaska. The projections are that they are going to start out with whitefish gear to protect fish once they get in the river. In Unalakleet, it might not be that severe. We can probably allow pink salmon gear. We might hold off on beach seining once we get to July. It is going to be severe this year. That has implications for commercial. The last two weeks in June we are going to be letting fish through. The age competition data was much lower this year for age 4 females, it was 15% of what it was in 2009. We don't think there are going be many fish returning. There are going to be a larger number of Jacks in the run. I think mother nature is kicking the crap out of these fish. There is a bottle neck somewhere and we expect it in the ocean.

Milton Cheemuk: Expresses frustration over getting tickets for not wearing life jackets.

Scott Kent: They are cracking down on that.

Michael Sookiayak: I was happy to see law enforcement out doing their thing. Making sure fisherman are properly equipped. I know they are going to fine some people, but it brings out safety alarms. We are seeing more and more card holders that are very young. There should be a dos and don'ts for young fisherman about what to do.

Scott Kent: We can disseminate that information through the fish plant.

Morris Nassuk: Inquires about the number of permits for Norton Bay.

Scott Kent: There are six or seven permit holders.



Henry Oyoumick: Inquires about contamination of salmon out in the ocean from the power plant in Japan.

Scott Kent: I don't know about the impacts on the salmon. Perhaps Gay Sheffield and the University system.

Morris Nassuk: Is there any data on the earliest time of year of migration of king salmon.

Scott Kent: Explains that May 1st is the earliest recorded. You try to get the tower or the weir as early as you can in the year to capture the whole run. The spawning surveys that we fly there is a peak spawning survey in the middle of the period. With King salmon is July 30th-31st.

Art Ivanoff: There are low numbers of return, the commercial fishery has bearing the brunt of the conservation. There are still sport fisherman out there catching fish when we haven't made escapement. NSEDC has not been able to engage because of escapement hasn't been met. There has been a lot of opportunity that has been lost because of not making escapement goals.

Brandon Scanlon: The bag limit is already the most restrictive on kings in the Unalakleet sub district. There are many more fish caught in subsistence nets than caught by sport fishing. Unalakleet kings is what Scott and I spend the most time on kings.

Art Ivanoff: We haven't had a targeted taken since 1998 and it seems like what we are up against. All I am asking is if we don't make escapement is to keep the sport fishing closed. The catch and release by non-residents was very high. There is a mortality rate associated with catch and release. Right now we don't have enough food to play with it. We want to get to the 1200 escapement for future runs and to no restrict subsistence fishing.

Brandon Scanlon: We only had 43 fish taken from guided sport fishing. That is not going to make a dent in escapement.

Art Ivanoff: We don't know how many fishermen have transporters.

Brandon Scanlon: The unguided take of 214 fish is mostly people that live in the Unalakleet region.

Art Ivanoff: Expresses concern over unguided take. Every fish does count. It is billion dollar fishery but there is a handful of people who can't put fish on the table.

Brendan Scanlon: Maybe they can't put kings on the table, there were terrific coho and silver run.

Art Ivanoff: There is no substitute for the King

Morris: I would encourage you to look at the Koyuk river too for spawning ground. I was hunting moose, I saw king salmon spawning on the Koyuk River on the East fork. It would be good to figure out what is there or not there and cover all of the rivers.

Scott Kent: Explains that if they get good numbers on the Igutallik I will take the money that I would take to fly the Igutallik and fly the Koyuk River.



Jim Menard: One thing we are thinking about doing is pulling the nets from the Unalakleet River, we close the king salmon and it would pull the sport fishing out the Unalakleet River.

Art Ivanoff: There was a request submitted to Cora Campbell to emergency order close. Fish and Game should come to Unalakleet to discuss conservation of Chinook salmon.

Scott Kent: We are willing to meet with you and the regional staff. We are not getting the returns back. There is a lot of local knowledge and reports. Chinook salmon have experienced bottlenecks in the population. They are at the Northern extent of the range. They will come back. All that we can do is try to not make things worse. They are environmentally distressed; they are at the northern extent of their range.

Art Ivanoff: We did are not meeting escapements.

Jason: There are other areas like the Kuskokwim that are facing the same problems with Chinook and you should look to them for tribal leadership. They are shutting down their fisheries to allow Chinook to come back. This regulatory and management system there has been a shift in tribal leadership to push conservation of fish in these areas. The Upper Kuskokwim has decided that maybe we need to leave the stock alone.

Morris: If they close their river, it doesn't necessarily mean that we want to close ours.

Merlin Henry: A king salmon was caught in the Koyuk River and it had three pouches of eggs. That is the first time I have ever heard of that.

Nicole Braem: Gave subsistence report. In 2013 we conducted research in Golovin. We did a comprehensive survey, which is an exhaustive lengthy survey. This coming year we are hopefully going to do work in Stebbins, which was before the floods, we had approached Stebbins. We are going to do a subsistence harvest survey in Diomedea. In your part of the Peninsula will be in St. Michael and White Mountain. We hire local people to do these surveys, we get better information. We are working on a project looking at salmon and the history of salmon and the change in availability of fish. We are interested in approaching Unalakleet about the salmon project.

Michael Sookiayak: Nominates Art Ivanoff to attend the BOG meeting.

Art Ivanoff: Explains the by catch of Chinook in relationship of the Pollock industry. It has been 10-25,000 fish to restrict the by catch of Chinook salmon. There was a letter from the secretary of commerce for a disaster declaration.

Art Ivanoff: We like to have more than one person to attend the board meeting. We had Wade Ryan to attend the Board meeting. Wade has built a relationship with the board of game. I would like to nominate Wade Ryan to attend the BOG meeting.

Michael Sookiayak: I nominate Art as an alternate.

Michael Sookiayak: I think it is good to have both Art and Wade to attend the AC meeting.

Art Ivanoff: All in favor of having Wade Ryan and Art Ivanoff to attend the BOG meeting

Henry Oyounick: I think it is important to have Wade as the representative. 2:12



BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	13	Change the winter moose season in Unit 22E from January to March.	
Support	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to support proposal 13. • Art Ivanoff: This is not in our area, but it is good to support the Northern Norton Sound AC.
BOG	14	Establish an antlered bull season in Unit 22A Unalakleet River drainage.	
Support	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department Supports it would allow us to not have to continue to do the fall extension requests that we have done the last three years to meet the unfulfilled harvest quota. The dates December 1st-31st were suggested by the Southern Norton Sound AC. • Henry Oyoumick: Motion to support proposal 14. • It is really important the bulls communicate with their friends to get a higher numbers. I think this could change this over time. I like the idea it gives opportunity for success. Even though we didn't see a lot of people at the regular opening period, a lot of people went out after. • Agreement
BOG	15	Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 22C and the Remainder of Unit 22D.	
Support	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move to support proposal 15 • I supports the Department's proposal on this. • Peter Bente: This has to be supported by the department and the AC if either group doesn't support it then the board cannot take action. • Wade Ryan: I think we should go with the department on this.
BOG	16	Modify the season and bag limit for brown bear in Unit 22.	
Supports as amended in attached doc	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached offered amendment for proposal 16 by Bob Hannon. • Department supports proposal of having a bag limit increase and not the extension of season. • Henry Oyoumick: The 22B would be June 15th extension and include 22B I think 22 would include 22B? He wants extended for May 21st to June 15th. Inquires how the original regulation bag limit. • Letty Hughes: The original bag limit is one bear every four years. There is a drawing permit for non-residents and they need a guide or immediate family member. • Jacob: It would get another 15 days on the season and make it one bear every year in 22B. • There is just a request to extend it another 15 days to the season. • Morris: I would encourage the AC to extend the season because I think our population can support it. • Morris: There was a plane flying around when I was hunting and I spent the last of my gas during the duck hunting season and I didn't get any meat because it scouting for bears. • Merlin Henry: I agree with the extension (amendment). I make a motion



BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
			<p>to support the extension of the season.</p> <p>AC Reviewed simple proposal un amended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department opposes a spring season extension AND bag limit change. • Motion carries 7-0 to support the un-amended version
BOG	17	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 22A.	
Supports	5	0 One abstained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department recommendation is to oppose this proposal. • Why is the department opposed to this proposal? • Letty Hughes: This is not the first time this has brought before the board, the brown bears gather along the shore in one portion of this region Galsovia-Kilgoteric area, for a high harvest possibility. The moose harvest patterns are different in this region too. • Milton Cheemuk: I would support it. • Milton Cheemuk: I support the proposal; there are too many brown bears. A lot of bears come into town at the time of the year too. • Clarification that you cannot take sows with cubs. • Peter Bente- The aggregated bears on the coast, we don't have permits and there is a bag limit for two per person, we don't have a quota. There is a chance for over harvest. • Motion carries 5-0, one abstention
BOG	18	Extend the wolf hunting season in Unit 22.	
Supports	6	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Sookiayak: I have been hearing more and wolf stories about wolves coming into the villages and there have been a lot of them coming into the town. The wolf issue is not going to go away. It is going to be going on for a while. Despite how the Board of Game feels about this I would support this proposal. • Merlin Henry: I would support this there are a lot of wolves all of the way up the Koyuk River and then Ingallik River. I had reindeer too and to increase the caribou I think proposal 18 is alright. • Peter Bente: The proposal would extend the season in to the wolf pupping season, the Department normally avoid harvest if it would leave the pups alone in the den, the position would be to keep the season closing April 30th into the month of May. • Art Ivanoff: I am listening to local residents and something is totally different. I would support them. • Morris: I am concerned about intruding into the pupping period, I am not against harvesting wolves, but I think you might be intruding a bit by extending the season. No disrespect for the representatives, I don't think we shouldn't be extending to the point getting into the pupping season when we don't have good populations • Michael Sookiayak: Motion to support.

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- Fishing Area
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- Advisory Committee
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BOARD OF GAME REGULATIONS

Game Management Unit (GMU) 22-B

- Hunting
 Trapping
 Subsistence
 Other
 Resident
 Nonresident

1. Alaska Administrative Code Number 5 AAC 85.020 Regulation Book Page No. 111

2. What is the problem you would like the Board to address? SEE ATTACHED LETTER PROPOSAL 16 (SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE/AMENDMENT/ADDITION) EXTEND THE BROWN/GRIZZLY BEAR SEASON IN UNIT 22-B AUGUST 1 - JUNE 15 [MAY 3]

3. What will happen if this problem is not solved? SEVERAL TROPHY QUALITY BEARS WILL NOT BE HARVESTED AND WILL CONTINUE PREDATION UPON THE MOOSE POPULATION PARTICULARLY THE MOOSE CALF POPULATION

4. What solution do you prefer? In other words, if the Board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?
R ONE BEAR every regulatory year AUG 1 - JUNE 15
NR ONE BEAR every regulatory year by permit DB685 AUG. 1 - JUNE 15

5. Does your proposal address improving the quality of the resource harvested or products produced? If so, how?
THIS PROPOSAL WOULD INCREASE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR HUNTERS TO HARVEST A TROPHY QUALITY BEAR AND ENHANCE THE MOOSE POPULATION

6. Solutions to difficult problems benefit some people and hurt others:
 A. Who is likely to benefit if your solution is adopted? BEAR HUNTERS, MOOSE HUNTERS, BIRD HUNTERS, CAMPERS AND BEAR PICKERS
 B. Who is likely to suffer if your solution is adopted? NO ONE

7. List any other solutions you considered and why you rejected them. NONE DO NOT WRITE HERE

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PROPOSAL 16 (substitute language/amendment) - 5 AAC 85.020. Hunting seasons and bag limits for brown bear. Extend the brown bear season in Unit 22 as follows;

All of Unit 22B: brown/grizzly bear, August 1-**June 15** [MAY 31].

ISSUE: I am a full-time master guide and outfitter and I live in the village of Koyuk. I have produced guided hunts in this area since 1979 and I have watched the weather patterns in this area change very dramatically. Numerous times over the last 20 years the spring has been so early that most of the snow is gone and the creeks are flooding by the time the bears are emerging from their dens. These conditions make travel in the back country impossible and force us to try to hunt by boat in Norton Bay.

Norton Bay is very shallow and is almost always iced in until May 31. The 22-A portion of Norton Bay (which is open until June 15) is on the southeastern corner of the Bay and is very difficult to get to in early breakup. The Koyuk channel is on the western side of the Bay and is always the first water to open up in the Bay. Changing the closing date of the bear hunting season in 22-B to June 15 would align the closing dates in Norton Bay and would give hunters in 22-B an opportunity to hunt by boat in Norton Bay.

Hopefully this extension of the hunting season would result in some additional harvest of bears in this area, it should be noted however that the Non-Resident Harvest in 22-B would still be regulated by the Drawing Permit System **DB-685** which has been in place in this area for the last 30 years. Furthermore any bears that were harvested in this area would be "timber dwelling" bears that are very difficult to hunt in the fall and have a major impact on the moose population in the timber covered hills on the west side of Norton Bay.



**Kotzebue Sound Advisory Committee
11/26/13
Northwest Arctic Borough-Kotzebue**

- I. Call to Order: Time 7:02 pm by Pete Schaeffer
- II. Roll Call:
Members Present: Pete Schaeffer (Chairman), Alex Whiting (Vice Chairman and Secretary), Karmen Monigold, Enoch Shiedt, Pierre Lonewolf, Michael Kraemer, Victor Karmun, and Cyrus Harris
Members Absent: Eugene Smith
Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 5
List of User Groups Present: ADFG, NPS, USFWS, Northwest Arctic Borough, Alaska State Troopers and subsistence users
- III. Approval of Agenda-agenda approved
- IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: From meeting date 3/21/13
- V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Jim Dau-Unit 23 Caribou Biologist, Brandon Saito-Unit 23 Area Biologist, Carmen Daggett-Boards Support, Meghan Nedwick-Wildlife Conservation
- VI. Guests Present: Charlie Gregg, Tina Moran-USFWS, Frank Hayes-NPS, Justin McGinnis-Wildlife Trooper
- VII. Old Business:
- VIII. New Business

This space may be used for Advisory Committee to record comments on proposals.

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number		Proposal Description
Supports or Opposes?	No. For	No. Against	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	25		Change the Noatak River musk ox hunt area boundary to include the entire Noatak drainage and all areas north and west of the Kobuk River drainage.
<i>Supports</i>	8	0	Would allow people hunting near the Noatak River to cross the river and hunt animals on the other side, which would be especially relevant to the main hunting area near Sikusuliaq Hatchery where animals are commonly found on both sides of the river
BOG	26		Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 23.
<i>Supports</i>	8	0	ADF&G continues to support this opportunity, but as the moose numbers continue to decline will likely need to discuss changes to this in the near future.
BOG	27		Modify brown bear harvest in Unit 23 on lands managed by the National Park Service.
<i>Opposes</i>	1	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many AC members discussed the increase in brown bears over the last 5 years, including commonly showing up now in camping areas where they never used to be (e.g.



			<p>Sisualik and Ivik).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Kramer suggested we support the proposal but for the purpose of amending it to include 2 bears a year allowed one in spring and one in fall, change non-resident drawing hunt into a registration hunt, and create the ability sell brown bear hides to encourage hunting. • The members were not ready at this time to support the proposal for the purposes of liberalizing bag limits and other increase to bear hunting opportunity, but did express interest in developing a proposal to do so by the next board cycle if no decline in the GMU 23 brown bear population is perceived by then. • The one declining to support opposition to the proposal based his decision on the desire to use the proposal to increase bear hunting opportunities as discussed above.
<i>BOG</i>	28	Change the hunting season and bag limit for coyote in Unit 23 to a no closed season and no limit	
<i>Supports</i>	8	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This proposal originated with the KSAC and all members continue to support maximum hunting opportunity for coyotes in the Region for the reasons expressed in the proposal. • There have been periodic sightings up of coyotes in the region
<i>BOG</i>	29	Allow the sale of caribou antlers harvested in Unit 23.	
<i>Opposes</i>	0	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADF&G is neutral, however they do note that when this practice originally ended in the early 90's in large part due to concerns of headhunting the herd was increasing and the migration occurred earlier which meant that bulls were not yet rutting when passing through the GMU. • The herd is declining and the migration now occurs later when



			<p>bulls are rutting and become essentially inedible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The AC members acknowledge these facts and also noted that the Kotzebue AC originally proposed ending this practice in 1992, which did become the regulation, which is still in place and the one being asked to be rescinded by a non-local through this proposal.
<i>BOG</i>	<i>35</i>	Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region V.	
<i>Opposes</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>8</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members support black bears being a furbearer and the taking of them with trap or snares.
<i>BOG</i>	<i>38</i>	Reauthorize the current resident tag fee exemptions for brown bear in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.	
<i>Supports</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The members all support continuing the tag fee exemption.

Adjournment: 8:30 pm

Minutes Recorded By: Alex Whiting

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____



**Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee
12/11/2013
Alpine Lodge, Fairbanks
DRAFT MINUTES**

I. Call to Order: 6:35 pm by Virgil Umphenour

II. Roll Call:
Skip Olson
Lee Hazen
Bob Moloney
Andrew Glasgow
Virgil Umphenour
Bill Larry
Warren Giuchici
Emma Lee Grennan
Al Barrette*
Debora Waugaman Curnow

Members Absent:

Dave Machacek
Mike Kramer
Vince Holton
Mark Albert
Larry Dalrymple

*Al Barrette left part way through the meeting, quorum was still maintained, but it will be reflected in the votes on the Arctic Western BOG proposals that there was a change in members present.

Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 8

List of User Groups Present: All seats undesignated

III. Approval of Agenda: yes

IV. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: November 13, 2013

V. Fish and Game Staff Present: Don Young, other?

VI. Guests Present:



VII. New Business: *Delta AC Letter: AC supports concepts, but will not support the last two sentences on supporting the antlerless hunts until we see the biological data for the 2013 season.*

Mandatory- Please Summarize Your Proposal Comments in this Form			
All motions must be made in the affirmative.			
BOG or BOF	Proposal Number	Proposal Description	
Supports or Opposes?	Number Support	Number Oppose	Comments/Discussion (list Pros and Cons)/Amendments to Proposal
BOG	17	Extend the brown bear season in Unit 22A.	
Support	10	0	We support the idea of having the season from aug-1 to June 15 instead of Aug. 1 to May 31 because of hunting condition and weather issues. That way there is a better chance of using a boat because of ice in the area.
BOG	18	Extend the wolf hunting season in Unit 22.	
Support	10	0	We support the idea of having the season open from Aug. 1 to May 31 instead of Aug. 1 to April 30, that way hunting season and trapping season match.
BOG	19	Extend the wolverine hunting season in Unit 22.	
Support	10	0	We support the idea of having the season open from sept 1- April 30 instead of Sept 1 – March 31 , that way hunting season and trapping season match.
BOG	27	Modify brown bear harvest in Unit 23 on lands managed by the National Park Service.	
Oppose	0	10	We think the Alaska Department of Fish and Game should manage, not the Park Service.
BOG	30	Open resident sheep seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in Region V.	
Oppose	4	4	1 member abstained
BOG	35	Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region V.	
Oppose	0	10	No support
BOG	36	Allocate 90% of drawing permits to residents in Region V.	
Oppose	3	6	We are not in favor of a separate hunting seasons between residents and non-residents

***Please note that the proposals were not taken up in numeric order, and proposal36 & 30were taken up after a member had left the meeting, as denoted in the ‘Roll Call’**

Old Business: none listed

Adjournment: none listed