ALASKA BOARD OF GAME

Interior Region Meeting Fairbanks, Alaska February 14 – 23, 2014

Final Actions Taken

C = Carried; CA = Carried as amended; F = Failed; D = Deferred; NA = No Action

Regional & Multiple Units

<u>_F</u>	39	Allocate 90 of drawing permits to residents in Region III.
NA	45	Allocate 90 percent of drawing permits to residents of big game hunts and distribute remaining permits in Region III. (Due to action on proposal 39.)
NA	40	Allocate a small percent of game harvest for nonresidents in Units 24, 25, and 26B. (<i>Due to action on proposal 39.</i>)
<u>D</u>	41	Modify the season dates for Dall sheep in Region III. (Deferred to the Southcentral Region meeting scheduled for March 2015.)
D	42	Open resident sheep hunting seasons seven days before nonresident seasons in Region III. (Deferred to the Southcentral Region meeting scheduled for March 2015.)
<u>D</u>	43	Open resident sheep hunting seasons ten days before nonresident seasons in Region III. (Deferred to the Southcentral Region meeting scheduled for March 2015.)
D	44	Change the nonresident general sheep hunts to draw hunts and cap the number of permits in Region III. (<i>Deferred to the Southcentral Region meeting scheduled for March 2015</i> .)
<u>D</u>	46	Change the nonresident sheep hunts to drawing permit hunts and limit permit distribution to ten percent of the annual ten-year average for Region III. (<i>Deferred to the Southcentral Region meeting scheduled for March 2015.</i>)
<u>D</u>	47	Create a bowhunting-only season for Dall sheep in Region III. (Deferred to the Southcentral Region meeting scheduled for March 2015.)
<u>D</u>	48	Change all nonresident general season Dall sheep hunts in Unit 20 to drawing permit hunts. (<i>Deferred to the Southcentral Region meeting scheduled for March 2015.</i>)
<u>D</u>	49	Open resident sheep seasons one week prior to nonresidents in Units 25 and 26. (Deferred to the Southcentral Region meeting scheduled for March 2015.)

- 113 Create a drawing youth sheep hunt in Unit 20 Remainder. (Deferred to the D Southcentral Region meeting scheduled for March 2015.) 50 CA Review the customary and traditional use worksheet for the Teshekpuk Lake caribou herd and determine whether there are customary and traditional uses; if so, establish amounts reasonably necessary (ANS) for subsistence. (The board adopted a positive finding for customary and traditional use of the Teshekpuk Lake caribou herd in Unit 24 and determined the ANS for the herd is included in the 8,000-12,000 ANS for the Western Arctic caribou herd.) $\mathsf{C}\mathsf{A}$ 51 Lengthen the wolf season in Units 12, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25. (Amended the season dates to be August 10–May 31, with a bag limit of ten wolves.) C Reauthorize resident grizzly bear tag fee exemptions throughout Interior and 52 Eastern Arctic Alaska. C 53 Change the bag limit for black bear in Units 25C and 25D. $_{\rm F}$ 54 Allow the Department of Fish and Game to offer permits for trapping bears under their discretionary authority in Region III. F Prohibit the use of snares to take bears in Region III. 55 56 Remove salvage requirements for brown bear meat when taken over a bait station _D_ in Region III. (Deferred to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for *March 2014.*) 57 Remove the salvage requirements for brown bears taken at bait stations in Units D 12, 20C, 20E and 20D. (Deferred to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled *for March 2014.*) 58 Remove salvage requirements for brown bear meat when taken over a bait station D in Units 12, 20C, 20E, and 21D. (Deferred to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2014.) McGrath Area – Units 19, 21A, & 21E
- <u>C</u> 59 Lengthen the nonresident moose season in Unit 21A.
- <u>C</u> 60 Modify moose hunt requirements in 21E.
- <u>C</u> 61 Reallocation moose drawing permits in Unit 21E.
- CA 62 Reauthorize the Unit 19A predation control program. (Amended with substitute language, RC 47, which changed the annual moose harvest objective for the wolf control focus area (WCFA) to 120 moose.)

- CA 63 Reauthorize the Unit 19D-East predation control program. (Amended with substitute language, RC 48, which changed the annual moose harvest objective for the WCFA to 180 moose.)
- CA 64 Extend the lynx trapping season in Unit 19. (Amended to include all of Unit 21 and to change the season end date to March 15.)
- <u>CA</u> 65 Establish a registration sheep hunt for residents in Unit 19C. (*Amended to remove the proxy hunting provisions.*)
- <u>F</u> 66 Open a subsistence musk ox hunt in Units 18 & 19.
- NA Modify the game management unit boundaries for Units 18, 19, and 21. (The board took no action due to pending action on proposal 10 scheduled for the Statewide Regulations meeting in March 2014.)

Galena Area – Units 21B, 21C, 21D, & 24

- <u>F</u> 68 Change the Unit 21D moose permit hunt, DM818, to a general season hunt.
- <u>F</u> 69 Allow moose hunting guides in Units 21D and 24 to select a replacement client.
- <u>CA</u> 70 Reauthorize the winter moose registration hunt in Unit 24B, RM 833. (*Amended to include Unit 24C.*)
- <u>F</u> 71 Reinstate the previous dimensions of the Kanuti Controlled Use Area.
- <u>C</u> 72 Allow the taking of brown bears at black bear bait stations in Units 24C and 24D.
- NA 73 Extend the lynx trapping season in Unit 21. (Due to action on proposal 64.)

Northeast Alaska – Units 25A, 25B, 25D, 26B & 26C

- <u>F</u> 74 Increase resident-only hunting in the Dalton Highway Management Corridor Area caribou season and create a youth hunt.
- NA 75 Change the resident-only hunting periods in the Dalton Highway Management Corridor Area caribou season and create a youth hunt. (*Due to action on proposal 74.*)
- NA 76 Allow slidelock muzzleloading rifles using round ball only in Dalton Highway Management Corridor Area. (*The board does not have authority per Alaska Statute 16.05.789(a) which prohibits use of firearms within five miles of the Dalton Highway between the Yukon River and the Arctic Ocean.*)
- <u>C</u> 77 Clarify the subunit boundary between Unit 26B and 26C.
- <u>F</u> 78 Modify antler restriction bag limit for moose in Unit 25.

- <u>F</u> 79 Create a new hunt area for moose in Unit 25A and establish season dates and bag limits.
- <u>C</u> 80 Allow harvest of brown bears over black bear bait in Unit 25D.

Tok Area – Units 12 & 20E

- CA 81 Establish a nonresident Dall sheep drawing permit hunt for the Tok Management Area in Units 12, 13C, and 20D, with conditions. (Amended to retain the proposed allocation for 10% and separate draws for residents and nonresidents. The remaining proposed changes were deferred to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled for March 2014.)
- <u>F</u> 82 Limit Glacier Valley Mountain Controlled Use Area to walk-in only for sheep hunting.
- <u>F</u> 83 Limit guides to two black bear bait stands in Units 12 and 20E.
- F 84 Allow permits to use inedible game meat for bear bait.
- NA 85 Establish a registration hunt Nelchina caribou in Unit 12. (*Due to a request from the author to withdraw it.*)
- NA Modify resident bag limit for moose in portions of Units 12 and 20D. (*Due to a request by author to withdraw it.*)
- C 87 Reauthorize the Upper Yukon/Tanana Predation Control Program.
- <u>F</u> 88 Modify the Upper Yukon/Tanana Predation Control Program.
- <u>F</u> 89 Establish a wolf control program in Unit 12.

Delta Area-Unit 20D

- C 90 Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20D.
- CA 91 Modify the season and bag limits for DM795 in Unit 20D and change the qualification for disabled hunters. (*The board removed the proxy provision for the DM795 hunt and changed the nonresident season date to September 1–15, to align with the resident seasons.*)
- F 92 Modify the bag limit for bison in Unit 20D to one per lifetime; limit one permit per household.
- <u>C</u> 93 Correct a discrepancy in bag limits for the Macomb caribou herd in Unit 12.
- <u>F</u> 94 Modify the season and bag limits for the Macomb caribou herd registration hunt in 20D.

- NA 95 Modify the Macomb caribou registration hunt season and bag limits in Units 12 and 20D and require locking tags. (*Due to a request from the author to withdraw it.*)
- <u>F</u> 96 Include Johnson Slough Island Unit in a portion of Unit 20D moose hunt boundary.

Fairbanks Area - Units 20A, 20B, 20C, 20F & 25C

- C 97 Reauthorize antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20A.
- F 98 Change bag limit for moose in Unit 20A to any bull.
- F 99 Eliminate the Wood River Controlled Use Area.
- <u>F</u> 100 Modify the boundaries of the Wood River Controlled Use Area.
- <u>C</u> 101 Create targeted moose hunts in Units 20A and 20B.
- F 102 Allow the taking of any bull by utilizing two harvest tickets in Unit 20A and portions of Unit 20B.
- <u>C</u> 103 Allow a hunter to proxy hunt only once per year for moose in Units 20A and 20B.
- C 104 Allow incidental brown bear harvest over black bear bait in Units 20A and 20B.
- NA 105 Allow brown bear harvest over black bear bait in Units 20A and 20B. (*Due to action on proposal 104.*)
- C 106 Reauthorize the antlerless moose seasons in Unit 20B.
- CA 107 Create a nonresident moose season in Unit 20B within the Minto Flats
 Management Area. (Amended to eliminate the provision allocating half the
 permits to hunters with guide agreements and change the bag limit for the
 resident general hunt from four brow tines to three brow tines.)
- <u>F</u> 108 Allow the use of air boats for moose hunting in the Minto Flats Management Area.
- CA 109 Create a muzzleloader registration hunt DM 782, Unit 20B and modify season dates and hunt area. (The board adopted RC 55 which provided regulatory language for a registration muzzleloader hunt, November 10–December 10, with a hunt area including Butte Creek. The board clarified the boundary and season dates will be effective 2014/2015, while the registration hunt will be delayed until 2015/2016.)
- NA 110 Eliminate the muzzleloader hunt for bull moose in the Middle Fork of the Chena River and upper Salcha River in Unit 20B. (*Due to action on proposal 109.*)

- CA 111 Lengthen the moose season in Salcha River Drainage upstream from and including Goose Creek in Unit 20B. (Amended with substitute language, RC 60 which expands the hunt area to include the Middlefork of the Chena River and Goose Creek, and sets the season dates as September 1–25, and September 26–30 for archery.)
- CA 112 Create a youth hunt drawing permit for antlerless moose in Unit 20B and a create a Unit 20B Youth Hunt Management Area. (Amended with substitute language, RC 59, which removes the youth management area provisions. The board deferred the statewide regulatory language (92.003, 92.130, and 92.990 to the Statewide Regulations meeting scheduled in March 2014.)
- <u>F</u> 114 Repeal the requirement for leaving evidence of sex (gender) on black bear until sealing has taken place in Unit 20B.
- <u>CA</u> 115 Change bag limit and season for moose in Unit 20C. (*Amended by eliminating the antler restriction for the resident hunt.*)
- <u>F</u> 116 Establish a Controlled Use Area for the Nenana-Totchaket Resource Development Corridor.
- <u>F</u> 117 Reinstate the Nenana Controlled Use Area.
- CA Change season dates for fall moose in Unit 20F Yukon River and Tanana River Drainages. (Amended with substitute language, RC 57, which sets the resident season dates as September 5–25.)
- <u>C</u> 119 Change season dates for winter moose in Unit 20F Yukon River and Tanana River Drainages.
- F 120 Require trophy value of moose to be destroyed in Unit 20F Yukon River and Tanana River Drainages.
- <u>F</u> 121 Create a Controlled Use Area along the Manley to Tanana road.

Antlerless Moose and Brown Bear Tags Outside of Regions III & V

- <u>C</u> 122 Reauthorize the brown bear tag fee exemption for Region IV.
- <u>C</u> 123 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Berners Bay and Gustavus in Unit 1C.
- <u>C</u> 124 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 5A.
- <u>C</u> 125 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 6C.
- <u>C</u> 126 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in the Twentymile/Portage/Place hunt area in Units 7 and 14C.
- <u>C</u> 127 Reauthorize the drawing permit hunts for antlerless moose in Unit 13.

- <u>C</u> 128 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in Unit 14C.
- <u>C</u> 129 Reauthorize the drawing permit hunt for antlerless moose in Unit 14A and the targeted winter hunt for antlerless moose in Units 14A and 14B.
- <u>C</u> 130 Reauthorize the antlerless moose season in a portion of Unit 15C.
- <u>C</u> 131 Reauthorize the antlerless moose hunt on Kalgin Island in Unit 16B.
- C 132 Reauthorize the winter antlerless moose hunt in Unit 17A.

Miscellaneous Actions

The board requested two board generated proposals be scheduled for the Statewide Regulations meeting in March 2014. The topics concerned: 1.) the issuance of musk ox bull permits on Nunivak Island, Unit 18, and 2.) restricting remote controlled, airborne devices to assist with take of game.

The board adopted findings (RC 62 amended) regarding customary and traditional uses of the Teshekpuk caribou herd.

The board appointed members Ted Spraker and Stosh Hoffman to review the regulations and management plan for the McNeil River State Game Refuge and Sanctuary. This action was in response to a request from the director of the Division of Habitat, seeking board input during an agency review process.

The board nominated member Bob Mumford to attend the Thinhorn Sheep Summit scheduled for April 2014 in Vancouver, B.C.